



Halesowen C of E Primary School

Newsletter 6: 11.10.24

Hi,

This week has been very busy in school but such a great week.

On Tuesday, Year 6 went on their trip to Leicester Space Centre. I hear a great time was had by all. Thanks for getting forms done and money in so children could share this great experience. Thanks also to the staff who worked later than the usual school day.

On Wednesday and Thursday all the children had so much fun as they had a chance to do African drumming and dancing workshops. This tied in really nicely to our celebrations of "Black History Month". It was amazing to see all of our children celebrating the African culture and traditions together through the medium of music and dance. Later in the newsletter you can see a few sample photos and the thoughts of children and families who came to watch the after school showcases. We also want to say a huge thank you to Earls High School for loaning us the African drums.

I am also really busy at school at the moment showing around candidates for the Deputy Head job we have advertised. We look forward to sharing with you who has been successful in getting the job just after half term and welcoming them to join us in January.

Enjoy your weekend- Mrs Knowles x

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

My name is Mr Morgan and this is my 5th year at Halesowen C of E. This year, I will be teaching in Year 5. Outside of school, I am the kitman for Halesowen Town, which involves washing lots of smelly shirts and socks. I am very lucky that this allows me to watch lots of my favourite sport, football! In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and friends, finding new places that have delicious food to eat. This year, I'm looking forward to inspiring every child to do the best that they can and making this a fun year for everyone.



This week we are meeting Mr Morgan.

He is currently our year 5 teacher and PE co-ordinator.

HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up to today (11.10.24)

Lyttleton
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Hone
25

Grazebrook
25

Dudley
23

HOUSE EVENTS

The runners up and winners of the Black History month house competition are:

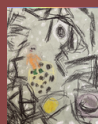
YEAR 1 AND 2

Runners up: Linah and Victoria
Winners: Ella Rose and Sophia



YEAR 3 AND 4

Runners up: Daniel and Lacey
Winners: Jevaiah and Jenny

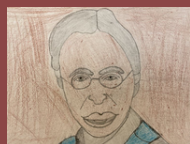


YEAR 5 AND 6

Runners up: Rejoyce
Winners: Solomon, Georgia and Ashley.



The overall house winners were **Hone**



Diary Dates

This list is correct at the time of publishing this newsletter. We will add to this as the term goes on so please keep checking.

Wednesday 16th October: Flu vaccinations.

Thursday 17th October: Harvest festival

Friday 18th October: School Photos (TBC)

Friday 25th October: Take over day and break up for one week half term holiday.

Monday 4th November: Children return to school

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November: Parental consultations

Thursday 19th December: Children break up

Friday 20th December and Monday 6th January: Staff training days

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

Christmas dates will be added soon.



CLUBS

Please let us remind you that if children miss a club without a valid reason e.g. illness they will lose their place and will not be allowed the next club offered for their class.
Please also ensure children are collected promptly.

Our Learning

In each edition of the newsletter we will share some of our learning with you.

This week Year 6 went on their really exciting trip to Leicester Space Centre.

They enjoyed all the exhibits, the workshop and the gift shop!!!



Year 5 have been looking at creating sentences for their write stuff unit 'Stig of the dump'. As part of their Experience Day, they were involved in a paper ball fight. This was to help them come up with different vocabulary for how they were throwing the ball. Unfortunately, Mrs Mills got caught up in it.

Flu

Flu vaccines are taking place in school Wednesday (16th October) afternoon. It is highly recommended that all children have their flu vaccine. If you have not signed up for your child to have it please speak to the school office and they can make sure you are sent the link to register

Annual General Consent Forms

Last week Mrs Dorrell sent out the annual general consent forms on school life (via email) please complete these as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty please go to the school office.

School Photos

We will be having our individual and sibling school photos on Friday 18th October. If you have a younger child(not school age) who you would like to have a photo with your school age children please arrive from 8.15. You will be given a ticket so we have a queuing system. This year the photos will be in the old year 1 classroom so we would ask you to form an orderly queue at the bottom on the steps just inside the gate to the little playground. All little ones will need to be removed from pushchairs and pushchairs will have to be left outside. We will only be able to let in a few families at a time and ask that you ensure your children are all ready as we need to stick to time to allow all classes in school to get their photo taken. Thanks for your support on this. All school age children will have photos during school time. Year 3 do have PE on Friday. For this day only please send PE kit in a bag and they can get changed after their photo as I am sure you will want them to have their photo in uniforms.

PE kits, jewellery and long hair

We have noticed that children are not always coming to school in their PE kit on their PE day. Please ensure they do this. If you are unsure of PE days they are as follows:

MONDAY- Year 2 PE

TUESDAY- Year 5 swimming and Year 4 PE

WEDNESDAY- Year 6 and Year 1 PE

THURSDAY- Year 5 PE

FRIDAY - Year 3

Please also ensure children do not wear jewellery on a PE day and that long hair is tied back. Also for children who wear head scarves these need to be the tight elasticated ones.

Laptops and reading books

Please ensure that all children bring their reading book to school every day. Children who take laptops home also need to bring these every day. We read books and use laptops everyday in school so this is essential to ensure learning is not lost.

Do you have a child who is due to start school next year?

In Dudley children start primary school the September after their 4th birthday. Applications are now open. The deadline is 15th January 2025. If you are unsure how to apply the school office have some paper application forms. If you want to look round reception let us know we would be happy to talk to you.

Headlice

We are having reports of children with headlice in lots of different classes. Please ensure all long hair is tied up for school. Please see the NHS information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Star of the week

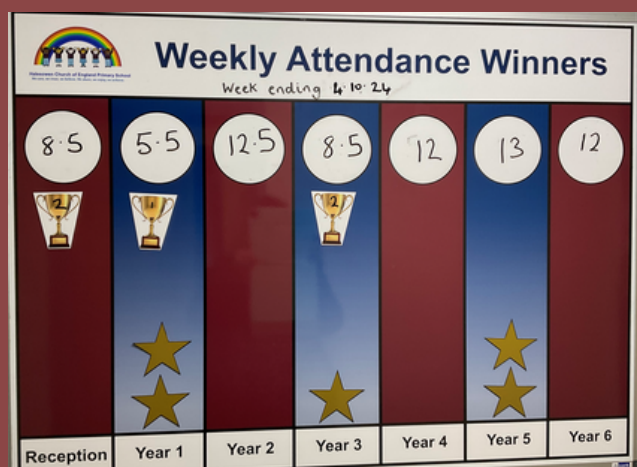


Well done to all of the children who were awarded star of the week this week- we are so proud of you

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

As you know we now have an attendance celebration board where each week we will count up per class how many days of learning have been missed. Each week there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. 1st place will earn a star. The class with the most stars at the end of a half term will earn a reward. Please help your children to have the best life chances by ensuring they attend school everyday they are well enough to do so.

Please see the results from week ending 4.10.24



WELL DONE TO YEAR 1 WHO WON THIS WEEK

AFRICAN DANCING AND DRUMMING!



*"I loved the different types of sounds from the drums.2
Poppy Joy- Year 3*

*"I enjoyed the dancing as it brought back memories of Nigeria2
Samuel year 5*



More photos and thoughts will be added to the school website soon



HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Thursday 17th October we will be holding our Harvest celebration in school.

This year we are again asking for donations for the foodbank. In school we have heard the story of Jesus and the feeding of the 5000. We realise collecting 5000 items of food is a challenge but we are hoping to collect 500 items from children and staff. Please give generously. Items do not need to be expensive but we will accept packets and tins and toiletries. Please make sure food is in date. Children really want to hit this 500 item target- help us to achieve this!!! We will have the shopping trolley round by the office to collect items but they can also be dropped at any gate.



We have also been learning about “Who is our neighbour?” In previous years we collected money for other countries such as Yemen. This year we are going to collect money to donate to “Save the Children's” campaign to help with the famine in Africa as we have many families with African heritage. This also gifts in really well with Black history month and our African dancing and drumming.



Children can wear autumn coloured clothes on Thursday in return for a donation. Any money will be greatly appreciated but we hope to make a “sea of silver” so 5ps, 10p,s 20ps and 50ps would be amazing. Please send money in with children on Thursday . We will collect in buckets on the gate.