



# Autumn 1 Half Termly Newsletter

**Reminder: Year 6 parents**  
**The deadline for Secondary School Applications is**  
**Thursday 31st October.**



**WELL DONE TO THE CHILDREN 100% ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM.**



**YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AFTER THE HOLIDAY**

It seems such a long time since we had a newsletter and I think on reflection next year we will make sure we send a "settling in" newsletter at the start of the Autumn term as well as our end of half term one we always do. I hope most things have been communicated to you via letter or text message. Remember to check the website as we try to update that too.

It has been a half term with lots of changes. As you all know we had quite a few staff changes this year and it has taken us some time to get used to not seeing people around the place. We have welcomed Mrs Wenlock and Mrs Green. We are also really please to say Miss Minogue will be back from maternity leave after the October holiday.

In the very first week we held our meet the teacher meetings. These are very informative as the staff share a powerpoint all about the class and year ahead.

We have started the year off well with some lovely events. Talent show was as amazing as ever, we enjoyed a lovely harvest festival delivered by Year 3 and 4 and Reception were welcomed into our school in their welcome assembly. Thank you to everyone who has attended an event.

Other events that have happened in this very busy half term are: Nursery have been settling in well to our school; Year 6 attended PGL and had lots of fun doing some challenging activities; we sent some year 1 and 2 children to a multi-skills event where they came third and our school football team played their first fixtures. Year 5 have been having forest school sessions and also went on a river walk. Year 4 had a visit from a Roman and Year 2 went on walk around Leasowes Park. Reception had a teddy bears picnic and now Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to Birmingham museum with Year 1 looking forward to their Victorian day.

Wow we have been busy and next term is jam packed too!

Again thanks for all of your support– our partnership together as parents and school is so important

*Mrs Knowles*

DATE	EVENT
4.11.19	Year 1's Victorian Day
5.11.19	Year 3's trip to the Birmingham Museum.
7.11.19	PGL Assembly (Year 6) 9am
11.11.19	Remembrance day
12.11.19	Parents' evening - More information to follow
15.11.19	Children in Need - 50p to dress up We will also do some activities– details to follow
18.11.19	Whole school RE week
29.11.19	Flu vaccines in school
2.12.19	Christingle in Church - AM
4.12.19	Provisional date for HTLC carol service for Years 5 and 6 (Unfortunately parents are unable to attend this)
11.12.19	Sing around the tree in Halesowen (Year 4 only) PM
11.12.19 and 12.12.19	Nativity performance - EYFS and KS1- More information to follow
16.12.19	Christmas parties TBC
17.12.19	Year 1 and 2 Trip to the Pantomime
18.12.19	Christmas Dinner TBC
19.12.19	School's Carol Service - PM
20.12.19	Last day of term
7.1.20	Start of Spring Term for children
15.1.20	Primary school applications deadline
16.1.20	Year 5 meeting about PGL (PM)
23.1.20	Year 4 residential meeting
14.2.20	Last day of half term.

Parents consultations are taking place after the holiday.

On Tuesday 12th November from 3:30-6:45pm. You will get a more information on how to book an appointment.



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## Attendance Policy

Regular attendance at school is crucial to a child's well being and academic achievement . We have just reviewed and updated our attendance policy. It is now on the policies section of the website . Please ensure you read and understand it.

Just a few reminders :

- School opens at 8.40 and the doors close at 8.48am ( a bell will ring) so children can be in class for the register at 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.48am please sign the children in at the office.
- If your child is off school due to illness, you need to ring the office and select option 1 to leave a message. Please ensure you give a detailed really for absence not just “not feeling well”
- We cannot authorise any family holidays in term time.

## HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our overall attendance figure is: 95.2%

Our target is 96%

Week 1	Year 3 and Year 5 100%
Week 2	Year 5 - 99.1%
Week 3	Year 3 - 98.9%
Week 4	Reception - 100%
Week 5	Year 1 - 98.5%
Week 6	Year 5 - 98.8%
Week 7	Year 5 - 98.4%

Well done to Year 5 who have won 3 times this half term. It is also good to see some 100% attendances.

Our assembly theme next  
half term is:  
**Peace**

## CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP



Children having a voice and being leaders is very important to everyone at Halesowen C of E . This term so far the children have voted for their house and vice captains. The children have also voted for school council representatives.

### House and Vice Captains:

Lyttleton– House Captain - Maya, Vice Captain - Sophie Dudley- House Captain - Rubyleigh, Vice Captain - Dylan  
Hone - House Captain - Vanessa Vice Captain - McKenzie Grazebrook– House Captain - Isobelle H, Vice Captain - Safi

**School Council :** Year 1 - Elijah and Beau Year 2 – Sonny and Tuliya Year 3 – Harvey and Summer  
Year 4 – Joban and Lorena Year 5 – Basam and Maram Year 6 – Tak and Tegan

## HOUSE POINTS

This year we are continuing to do lots of new House events.  
So far we have held our Talent Show and our Times table Challenge .

Houses are awarded double 'big' points for house events.

The winners of the talent show were : Grazebrook

The winners of the times table challenge were: Grazebrook

## House Points Autumn term 1

Lyttleton

21

Hone

22

Grazebrook

29

Dudley

32



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## Harvest

Can we say a big thank you to everyone that donated food for the Harvest festival. Our theme was Home and Away.

Year 3 and 4 led a wonderful celebration.

All food was donated to the Hope Centre which is based in Halesowen.

Our Sea of silver was donated to Oxfam.

We raised £87.00

## Half Term Challenge



We would like to set all of the children a challenge to create a piece of art on fireworks



This can be any size, can be made out of any material and can be 2d or 3d.

All firework art needs to be brought into school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November so we can display them.

We hope you can join in and complete our challenge.



## The little things

We strive to give your child the best education we can, but part of this is that they are ready for learning.

We have noticed some 'little things' not happening which effects your child's learning in the long term.

Please make sure:

- Your child has their PE kit and Forest School clothes in school for the days they need them.
- Your child has their school laptop (Year 4-6), Home Learning Diary and reading book in school everyday.
- Children have a good nights sleep before they come to school so they are not tired in class
- Children are in school uniform with appropriate footwear and coat
- Hair is appropriate so it doesn't distract your child or others around them. (No large hair bands etc)
- Children stick to the uniform policy - only one pair of stud earrings in the ear lobe (removed on PE days), No colour in their hair, no nail varnish.

## Flu

Please ensure that all flu consent forms are returned to the office by Friday 8th November.



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Please remember children return to school on Monday 4th November.  
We look forward to seeing them looking smart in their uniform and shoes (not trainers). Please remember no jewellery should be worn at school apart from a watch and stud earrings, which then must be removed for PE.

**Parking**

Can we remind all parents/ carers that the car parks at school are for staff and visitors only. We have recently had a lot of complaints regarding dangerous and illegal parking. The police/ traffic wardens have been notified and have been doing spot checks and giving out tickets. Please don't risk getting a fine. You can park on the High street and Andrew Road public car parks for 2 hours for free— please use them.

## Clubs Autumn Term 2

DAY/ YEAR GROUPS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning/ Lunchtimes		LUNCH TIME: Choir- years 3,4,5,6 Miss Davies			MORNING: Martial Arts SH Sports £5
After school	Construction Years 1 and 2 Mrs Rumble	Football Years 1, 2 and 3 Bibs and Balls (Cost £5)	Dodgeball Key stage 2 Pete Barks		Laser Tag Key Stage 2 SH Sports £5

**Leaves**

Whilst we try very hard to ensure the site is as safe as it can be, we are surrounded by many trees. At this time of the year it is almost impossible to be able to ensure there are no leaves on the ground. We therefore ask you to be careful when walking around the site so you don't slip on any leaves. We, as a school, cannot be held accountable for any injuries sustained by slipping on leaves.

Tuck

Please can we remind you that tuck should be a healthy snack so not chocolate, crisps or cakes.

Dinner

Thanks to those of you who are now set up on the Dolce dinner system on school grid. Please make sure you are pre-ordering meals at home with your child/ children. From after the holiday staff will only do ordering at school in exceptional circumstances.

If there is no pre-order— the children are given a jacket potato.

**There is a new parenting course run in partnership with the Sycamore Support Team. This will start on Thursday 7th November at 9am and run every week until Thursday 5th December. Please see the letter sent out for more information or speak to Mrs Carroll.**