



## Halesowen C of E Primary School

Dear families,

Thank you for your patience in the last few weeks. My knee is much better than it was- I am still using crutches some of the time and am awaiting a scan to determine if I need any more treatment but I have managed to be in work all week this week. I do have a risk assessment in place though that prevents me moving around too much so you still won't be seeing me on the gate just yet. I am missing chatting to you all.

This week has been an exciting one in school as we celebrated World Book Day. We do not dress up every year as we recognise this can be costly and not everyone enjoys it (look forward to dressing up next year!!!) Instead we have had an author visit, a whole school book focus on a book called "The Proudest Blue" and we have had a book fair! Thank you so much for supporting the book fair. We are so pleased that so many children came and chose books to read for pleasure. The school gets some free books as a thank you for all the sales which is amazing too.

This half term is a busy one- keep your eye on the dates section. Next week we have parents evenings- booking goes live later today. Please read information later on in newsletter.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures and sunshine this weekend!

Mrs Knowles

## STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



I'm Miss den Hartog and I've only been working at Halesowen C of E since November. I mainly support in Year 5 but also help out in Years 4 and 6. I really enjoy working here and have loved getting to know everyone! This isn't my first job in a school though - I've been working in other schools for nearly 28 years!

Outside of school, I enjoy playing board games with my family, cooking and going on long walks with my dog Coco. She is a 7 year old rescue lurcher who has been with us since October. I spend most of my weekends on various sports pitches as my son and daughter love playing rugby and netball,

This week we are meeting Miss den Hartog.

She has been working with our older children for a while now. She has been an excellent addition to our Key stage 2 team.

# HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up to 7.3.2025

**Lyttleton**  
78

**Hone**  
78

**Grazebrook**  
63

**Dudley**  
65

## HOUSE EVENT

**LAUNCHING NEXT WEEK:**

**POSTER COMPETITION - BIBLE STORIES OR  
STORIES WE CAN LEARN FROM**



## 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.

Week beginning 10th March- Parent Consultations. (TBC)

Tuesday 18th March- Rhyming bible workshop

Monday 24th March- Reception vision screening

Tuesday 25th March- Reception height and weight checks.

Friday 28th March- Mothers Day Service in church am

Week beginning Monday 31st March- RE week

Monday 7th April - Football matches

Wednesday 9th April- Easter Pilgrimage ( am details to follow)

Thursday 10th April - Eggs and bonnets- parade will be in the afternoon. Time TBC

Friday 11th April- Take over Day

Friday 11th April- Break up for Easter holidays ( no childcare - all children to be collected by 1pm)



## Clubs

Clubs are all now full.

Please note: There is no music and movement club on Monday ( as per original dates sent out)

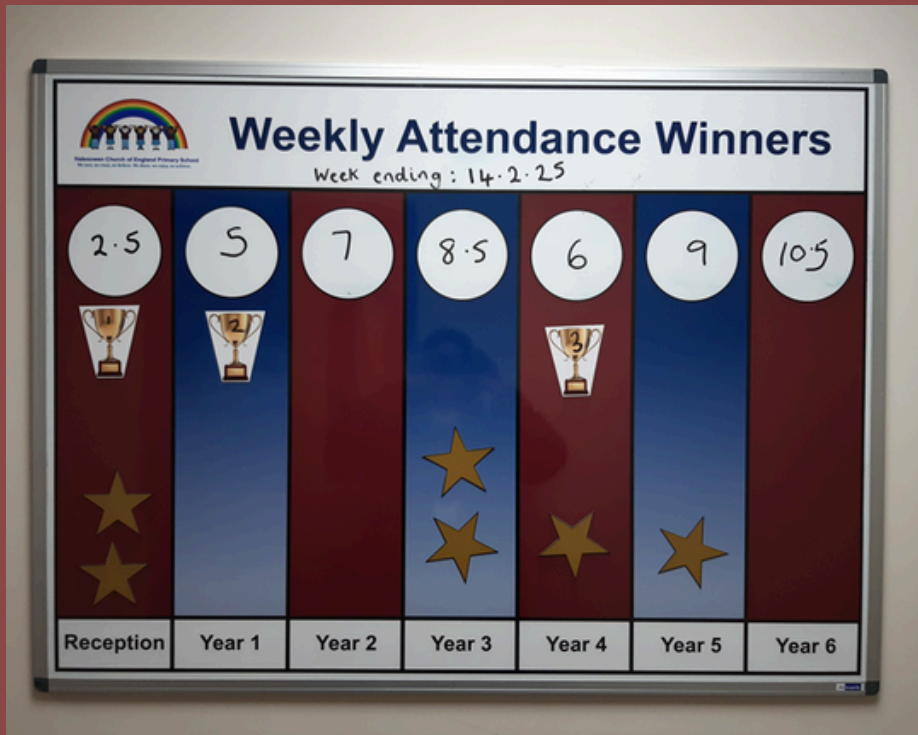
Our new value this half term is  
**Respect**

## LENT AND RAMADAN

This week we have learnt about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We thought about how Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. Christians use the period of Lent to say sorry for their sins and they often choose to give something up during the period of Lent.

Our Muslim families are currently in the period of Ramadan. There are some similarities as they are also asking for forgiveness for sins, trying to give up bad habits and do good deeds.

# ATTENDANCE REWARDS

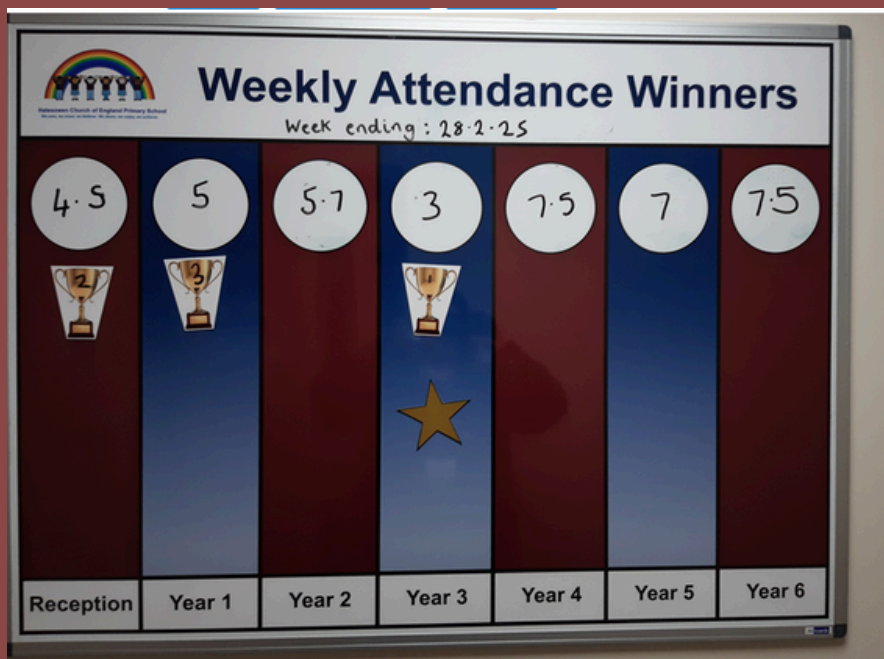


Well done to the weekly winners Reception.

Well done also to Year 1 in 2nd place and year 4 in 3rd place.

The half termly winners are Reception and Year 3!!!!  
WELL DONE!

# ATTENDANCE REWARDS



Well done to the weekly winners Year 3. Well done also to Reception in 2nd place and Year 1 in 3rd place.

We are changing slightly how we do the attendance board. This is to make it fairer as some classes have a lot more children than others so have the chance for more absences. This will now be an average of days missed.

# NOTICES AND REMINDERS

## **World Book Day**

Thank you for supporting our book fair. If your child bought a book at the book fair the token will have been used. If they did not attend the book fair they will come home with their token today. They can use this to get a £1 book or off the cost of a full price book in lots of places such as Asda, Tesco, WH Smiths and Lidl. Please note this needs to be used by 23rd March 2025. Book fair change is also coming home today.

## **Parents Evening**

Booking will go live later today. Please only book one appointment per child . You can attend Tuesday face to face between 3.40 and 6.10 or Wednesday face to face between 3.40 and 4.40 or have a phone call Wednesday between 5 and 6.20. Please note: Year 4 will not have any appointments on the Wednesday as Mrs Rumble is attending a funeral- their second session will be on Thursday instead ( with the same format)

## **Ear Piercing**

Can we politely ask you not to pierce children's ears during term time. Children often cannot remove earrings for at least 6 weeks and they cannot take part in PE during this time which means they are missing out on a curriculum subject. We do not do PE the first week in September or the last week in July- this allows 8 weeks( with the school summer holiday) for children to get them done. - Thanks.

## **Attendance/ punctuality**

Thank you to all of the families who ensure children arrive at school on time, are collected promptly at the end of the day, attend when they are well enough to do so or contact us to let us know if children are not in with a full and valid reason.

Can we ask that all families do try to do this. Children need to be at school-learning. Often reasons for absence/ lateness are not anything to do with the children. I am sure you do want to give your child the best chances in life- and being at school will do this. Children with attendance issues do fall behind in learning. Staff will let you know if this is the case at parents evenings next week.

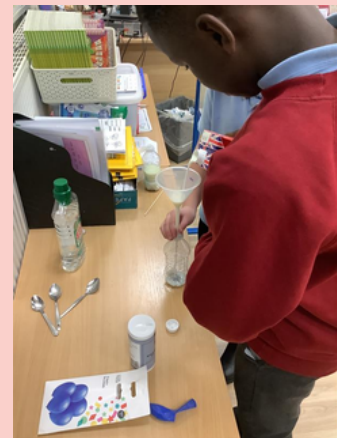
## OUR LEARNING



As part of our DT learning, Year 1 made bread. They worked really hard to knead the dough and then watched its progress to see it rising after it had been kept in a warm place. The bread was delicious and yummy!



In Science this week, Year 5 have been looking at reversible and irreversible changes. They did 2 experiments to see what would happen when you add white vinegar to milk and white vinegar to bicarbonate of soda. It got very messy at times!



We will add some photos for World Book Week next week. Please also remember to check out the section called children on the website where you can find lots of photos and information about what we get up to!



Mrs Mills would like to thank you all very much for the donations made during Children's mental health week. We raised over £200. Mrs Mills has started to put together the calm boxes with more stuff being added soon.

