



Hi,

As you all know I have been at Halesowen C of E a long time. It is easy when you have been somewhere a long time to not notice how amazing it is. As you know I have been showing around prospective candidates for the deputy head teacher job. As I have walked them around I have been so proud of all of the children and staff. I have noticed small things I often miss like how kind the children are, how welcoming the staff are and how the school has such a family feel. It was also lovely to show off all the lovely spaces we have at school. Over the past few years we have worked hard to improve the school such as new toilets for all children, new floors in all classrooms and small spaces for intervention groups. Our wonderful school must be an attractive place to work as we had an amazing 18 applications for the job. We start interviews on Wednesday!

As this week draws to a close I am sure the children (and staff) will welcome a rest over half term. This term has been a long 8 weeks. To finish it off this week the children will enjoy takeover day on Friday- please make sure they are all in school as they enjoy this very much.

Sorry this is a little late this week- Mrs Knowles x

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

I am currently enjoying my 13th year at Halesowen, during that time I have been lucky to work all over the school from Reception right up to Year 6, where I am this year. Over the last few years I have enjoyed my additional role as curriculum lead, helping to create an exciting curriculum full of fun and excitement for your children. Outside of school I love to spend time with my family. I will soon be celebrating my first wedding anniversary. And along with my husband and step daughter we look forward to meeting our first baby next month.



This week we are meeting Mrs Smith

She currently teaches year 6 alongside Miss Davies and is our curriculum leader.

HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up to today (18.10.24)

Lyttleton
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Hone
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Grazebrook
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Dudley
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HOUSE EVENTS

We try and run house events each month.

Planned events for the rest of year include:

November-Kindness (Details TBC)

December- Christmas (Details TBC)

January- Times tables challenge

February-Talent Show

March- RE bible stories

April-Easter bonnets and eggs

May- Science endangered species(Details TBC)

June- Sports week

July-Black Country Day- photo competition.

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.

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

Monday 4th November: Children return to school

Wednesday 6th November: Year 2 trip to Black country museum.

Monday 11th November: Remembrance

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November: Parental consultations (details sent soon)

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

Monday 25th November: Year 3 trip to Cadbury World.

5.11.24-29.11.24- RE week in school.

Monday 2nd December- Christingle

Wednesday 4th December: Halesowen schools carol concert

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December- Nativity years Reception, 1 and 2.

Thursday 19th December- Carol service in church(whole school) am

Thursday 19th December: Children break up

Friday 20th December and Monday 6th January: Staff training days
(Christmas dinner and parties TBC)

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

CLUBS

New clubs starting after half term include:

Sports Club- Year 1, 2 and 3

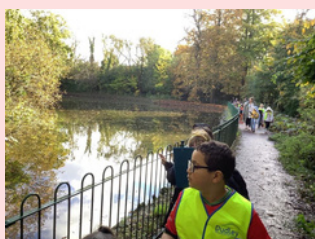
Choir- Year 4,5,6

RE club- open to years 1-6

We will also resume our football matches

Our Learning

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



Year 4 enjoyed a long , long walk to Haden Hill Park on Thursday as part of their Geography Topic where they were looking at why people visit tourist attractions. Although their legs hurt I think they enjoyed getting out in the fresh air on a lovely sunny Autumn day.



Flu

Flu vaccines happened in school last week. Sadly the nurses ran out of time and may not have vaccinated your child. The number to contact them on is: 01384 431712. The school office cannot help with queries regarding this. We simply offer a room for them to use.

Annual General Consent Forms

We are still chasing outstanding forms- please complete these asap.

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.

Please also remember the deadline for secondary school applications is 31.10.24 (which is during the school holiday)

Muddy feet

We understand on wet days the children will come into school with wet shoes. However, last week we had a lot of mud through school, particularly down where year 2 and 3 come in. Please ensure children wait safely by adults in the line and do not play by the old school house building on the grass - because of the mud through school but also because it is not a safe place to play.

Litter

Another issues I have noticed (down by the year 2 and 3 entrance) is litter being left like large cans of energy drinks. Please do not drop/ leave litter anywhere but particularly around the school site- thanks. We want the school site to be a safe, clean place for the children.

Gates

Please ensure (with the exception of year 6 who are authorised to walk on their own) that all children are brought right to the gate/ entrance with an parent/ carer. We work very hard to ensure school staff are available at all entrances but sometimes they are called away or are talking to another parent. We are not responsible for your children until they are inside the school building. Please make sure they are in school safely.

Cars/ parking

I know parking is a challenge around school and this has been made harder now the public car parks all have to be paid for. Please do not park illegally or in an unsafe way. We do not want anyone to get hurt. Near the high street entrance please do not park blocking the slop up to the year 2/3 entrance and on Hales Road please do not park on the yellow zig zags or block the school gate- thanks.

Autumn 2 Dates

This weeks newsletter includes some dates for next half term. This is so you have these in advance. Please note further information is not available at this stage but will be added to newsletters in the future.

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

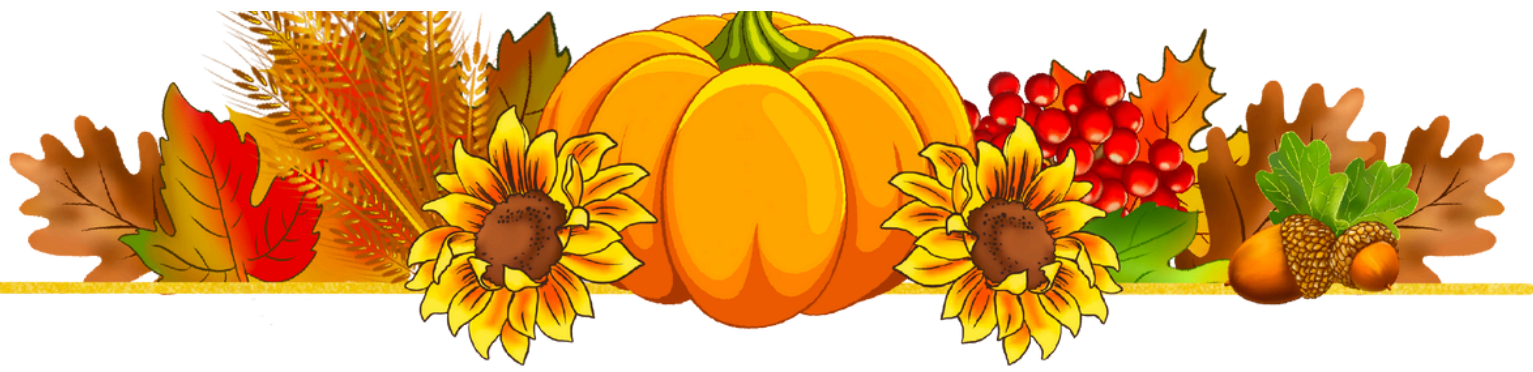
ATTENDANCE REWARDS

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 11.10.24



WELL DONE TO YEAR 6 WHO WON THIS WEEK



HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Thursday 17th October we held our harvest celebration in school.

This year we asked for donations for the foodbank. We wanted to aim for 500 items of food and WE DID IT!!!! On the morning of the harvest we counted 507 items!!! (and I think some more came in since)

We also collected silver coins to send to African children for the famine through Save the Children. We raised £127 .



"I enjoyed singing all the songs and being able to get 500 different items for the food bank" Nikola Year 5

"It makes me happy because we are helping." Abdullah Reception

"There were so many coins and I am happy it's going to Africa" Nala- Year 1



Also a special thanks to the family of JJ in year 4 for the donation of the very special 5 loaves and 2 fishes bread.