



Autumn 2
Half Termly
Newsletter



Merry Christmas to all of our
Halesowen C of E family



WELL DONE TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECEIVED 100% ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES TODAY.



It seems only yesterday that we were coming back after the October half term.

We have had a wet half term full of illness in school. Despite this we have managed to cram in loads of learning and fun.

Our run up to Christmas this year has been lovely (if not a bit tiring!) Children have enjoyed taking part in activities.

The nativity was as magical as usual and we had lots of positive comments from parents. I'd like to say a special thank you to Finley from Year 1 who stepped in at the very last minute to play the main part in the play when Leshai (who had worked so hard) was poorly.

The carol concert was spectacular this year. Eva Field who has just stepped down from our governing body, said:

"I would like you to congratulate the children on their performance today and I would also like to thank all the staff for all their hard work over the last months"

It is always worth all the hard work when it comes together like it did. I thought the solo singers and choir were amazing!

I also thoroughly enjoyed wearing my pyjamas this week and reading to Reception. The parents and children that came were so lovely and it made me proud to be the head at Halesowen C of E.

I hope you all enjoy the Christmas break. Thanks again for all of your support

Mrs Knowles

DATE	EVENT
7.01.20	Children back to school
8.01.20	Nursery closed for staff training day
13.01.20	Football match please see letters given out to football team.
16.01.20	PGL meeting for Year 5 parents 3.30
20.01.20	Year 4 residential meeting for parents 3.30
3.02.20	INSET - School CLOSED to all children
3.02.20	Football match - please see letters given out to football team. This will still go ahead if children in the selected team can arrive at school at 3pm
10.02.20	Start of E-safety week
14.02.20	End of Half term
24.02.20	Children back to school
25.02.20	Year 5 trip to Space Centre
16.03.20	Year 6 Mock SATs week (All Year 6 need to be in school for the whole of this week)
20.03.20	Mother's day celebrations in church - details to follow.

LATES

The school gates open in the morning at 8.30am

The school building opens from 8.40am and teachers happily invite children in from this time.

The doors close at 8.48am to allow children to be in class for their register at 8.50am

It is really important children attend school on time— we allow this time from 8.40am so they can be in school ready for the bell and register.

If children are late you must sign them in as this a health and safety requirement.

We do take into account that sometimes one child may get in on time through one door and another may be a little late at the other door but if you arrive from 8.40am this should not happen.

Thanks for your co-operation on this.

ParentMail and SchoolGrid

PARENT MAIL

From after Christmas, most communication to you will come via parent mail as we stop using the text messaging service and send less paper letters. Please ensure you are signed up and using it.

SCHOOL GRID

After Christmas all dinners must be booked at home by parents – teachers will not book dinners at school in a morning. Any child who hasn't chosen will be given a jacket potato.



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Collection at the end of a school day

Our number one priority is always safety.

Therefore we have to make sure we have clear end of the day collection procedures.

You should have all filled in a collection form for each child to ensure that we have the names of the people who you wish to collect your child and a password. If this changes it is your responsibility to go to the office to fill in another form.

When releasing children, we have to have 2 of the following before we release if it is not a known parent:

- Adult's name on the collection form and staff recognise the adult collecting. Must be 17 or over.
- Password given to staff matches the one on the collection form
- Message given to school office by 2.45 pm (where possible) or to staff on duty in the morning.

If staff have any concerns or queries about who is collecting they will ask a member of Senior Leadership to make a decision on whether we can release the child or whether to contact the parent to clarify.

In some cases we may ask that 3 of the criteria above are met as we do have issues with some people saying they are collecting children and parents arriving afterwards.

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our overall attendance figure is: 94.4%

Our target is 96%

Week 1	Year 5 - 100%
Week 2	Year 6 - 97.5%
Week 3	Year 4 - 96.7%
Week 4	Year 6 - 87.9%
Week 5	Year 6 - 94.3%
Week 6	Year 1 - 100%

Well done to Year 6 who have won 3 times this half term. It is also good to see some 100% attendances.

This term has been particularly hard with lots of illness – we are hoping that we can all come back after Christmas fit and healthy

Our assembly theme next half term is:
Belief

HOUSE POINTS

This term we have continued our house events - there has been a very distinctive Christmas theme to them. We have had a decorate a Christmas tree decoration.

We have also had an Elf story competition where the children wrote stories about what the naughty Elf had been up to. Houses are awarded double 'big' points for house events.

The winners of the Christmas decoration were : [Lyttleton](#)

Year 1 - Jannat, Year 2 - Sarah, Year 3 - Bonny and Johnny, Year 4 - Jamie and Yasha, Year 5 Mia W, Year 6 - Wed

The winners of the Elf story were: [Hone](#)

Year 1 Joanna, Year 2 - Tuliya, Year 3 - Enya, Year 4 - Zoey, Year 5 - Lily, Year 6 - Sophie

House Points Autumn term 2

Lyttleton

Hone

Grazebrook

Dudley

47

44

58

57

Well done to this half term's winners - Grazebrook



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Christmas Holiday Activity

♥ 25 ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR KIDS! ♥

SMILE AT EVERYONE YOU SEE WRAP AN EXTRA GIFT
DONATE BOOKS TO A WAITING ROOM FEED THE BIRDS
GIVE MAGAZINES TO HOSPITAL DONATE OLD CLOTHES
VISIT THE CARE HOME SEND HAPPY MAIL
SHARE OUT COOKIES SAY THANK YOU
TIDY AWAY TOYS SORT LAUNDRY
MAKE YOUR BED HOLD A DOOR
PICK UP LITTER
PHONE GRANDMA CLEAR TABLE
HUG A FRIEND SAY HELLO
MAKE A BOOKMARK WALK A DOG
DONATE TOYS TO NEEDY KIDS MAKE A CARE PACKAGE
HIDE A HAPPY ROCK BAKE CAKES FOR OTHERS



the kindness elves™

How many of these can you do over the Christmas Holiday? Take photos, write a note, draw a picture or something else to show us what you have been up to and bring them into school for our assembly on Wednesday 8th January.



Autumn 1 Half Termly Newsletter

Christmas

Can we say a big thank you to everyone who has attended our Christmas celebrations.

In the past month we have had:

Christingle

Nativity

Singing around the tree

EYFS story time

Carol Service

It has been lovely to see so many of you there.

We would also like to thank the staff and children who have been involved.

There has been some wonderful singing and acting from the children and we are very proud of them all.

Toys/ bags/ pencil cases



Can we remind parents that children should not be bringing any toys into school unless they have been requested for an activity by the teachers.

Also large bags should not be in school – we do not have anywhere to store them – small book bag type bags are all the children need.

Some older children like to bring notebooks and a pencil cases for lunchtimes– they are ok to bring in one notebook and a small pencil case if they are in Key Stage 2 and as long as they fit in their tray.



We need some help with spare uniform and PE kit

If you have any of the following items that your children have grown out of.

We need: PE pumps – all sizes, school trousers for boys and girls and small pants.

Clubs Spring Term 1

DAY/ YEAR GROUPS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning/ Lunchtimes					MORNING: Sports club TBC SH Sports £5 Starts 10.1.20
After school	Funky fingers club Reception and Year 1 – Miss Shahan Starts 13.1.20	Sports Club TBC Years 4,5 and 6 Bibs and Balls £5 Starts 14.1.20	Sports Club Years 1, 2 and 3– Free Pete Barks Starts 22.1.20 Drama club– Mrs Wenlock Years 4,5 and 6 Starts 15.1.20		Sports club TBC Years 1,2,3 SH Sports £5 Starts 10.1.20

Information about clubs will go out after the holiday.
This will be primarily sent out on ParentMail.