



Dear families,

Thank you for all of your support in the first half term of school.

It has been an amazing half term and a great start to the school year. We have packed in so much! Please enjoy some time with your children next week. On the final page I have included some links to some deals for over half term as I realise it can be an expensive time.

If you are entitled to free school meals and vouchers we are still waiting for payment to process in Dudley and will send out when we can.

Today we waved goodbye to Mrs Smith as she went on maternity leave. We will really miss her in school but know she will make an amazing mommy. We concluded our interviews this week for the new deputy head and will share this news after the holiday as we await paperwork to confirm this.

Have a great half term. Mrs Knowles x

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

My name is Mrs Wheeler. I have worked at Halesowen CofE for 20 years as a teaching assistant, currently in year 3. I have always loved my job and find it really rewarding. I am married and have a son and daughter. My son is married and expecting a baby in March which I am super excited for. I have a working cocker spaniel called Archie and two cats called Tinkerbelle and Lola. I love my holidays abroad.



This week we are meeting Mrs Wheeler

She is a very dedicated teaching assistant who works mainly in year 3 but sometimes helps in other classes.

HOUSE POINTS

We haven't had chance for a house point assembly this week so here are the weekly points:

Lyttleton- 99 (3 big points)

Hone- 81 (2 big points)

Grazebrook-76 (1 big point)

Dudley- 124 (4 big points)

These are the house points up to today (25.10.24)

Lyttleton
33

Hone
29

Grazebrook
29

Dudley
31

So the winners this half term are: Lyttleton

LEADING SCORERS

These children have scored the most house points this half term in each class:

Reception: Kairo

Year 1: Walter and Romeo

Year 2: Ayomikum

Year 3: Daniel

Year 4: Murad

Year 5: Ramy

Year 6: Sepehr

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.

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

BOOKING FOR THESE CLUBS IS NOW OPEN!

We will also resume our football matches - the first one is on Monday 11th November. Info will be sent out first few days back.



Our Learning highlights



This term we year 6 have been to the Space centre, Year 4 walked to Haden Hill Park and Year 1 went on a local walk round the church yard. We have had a spelling bee and a black history month house competition.


We held our harvest celebration and welcomed Reception in our welcome assembly. We also have a great 2 days taking part in African dancing and drumming workshops.

Year 2 had some animals in to visit. Mr Morgan took a group of children to a golf festival. We have also had food tasting, church visits, cooking and clubs!


No wonder we are all tired! We cannot wait to see what fun we have next half term!



House points

This half term we have tried to get better at the administration around house points. Whilst we want to stick to the over all aim of the children working together for the good of their house we do want to celebrate individual success so you will see today we have shared with you the names of the top scorers in each class this half term. Also we want to celebrate when children get to a milestone of earning a house point badge or certificate. Our previous system for tracking this was not brilliant and whilst we have recorded which badge most children were on we do have some gaps so need your help. After the holiday- and we will remind you) can children please bring into school any house point badges they have (ideally worn on their jumper so they don't lose them) . We will send a reminder at the end of the holiday too. 

Poppies

As I am sure you are aware the 11th November is remembrance day. We will mark this occasion in school by holding a silence at 11 am. From Monday 4th November we will have poppies available for a donation so children can wear these proudly as we think about those who lost their lives in war and support those who are in the armed forces now and veterans. The Royal British Legion website states: *"The poppy is a humble, poignant symbol of Remembrance and hope."* 

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)

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.

Safety before and after school

We reminded you last week about keeping children standing close by to you when waiting for the Reception, year 1, year 2 and year 3 gates/ doors to open. Please do not let children play at the side of the derelict school house and also not up and down the slope as cars sometimes come up even though we ask families not to park up there.

We also need to ask that when you are in the main key stage 2 playground that children always stand next to you and do not play on the sports pitch, go into the gazebo or play on equipment. This is meant to be used under the supervision of school staff.



Star of the week

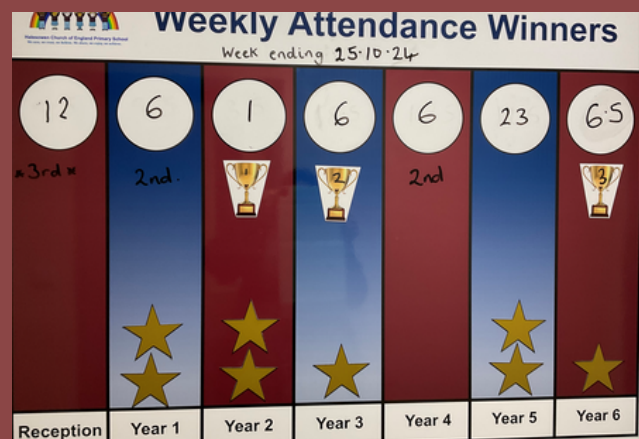
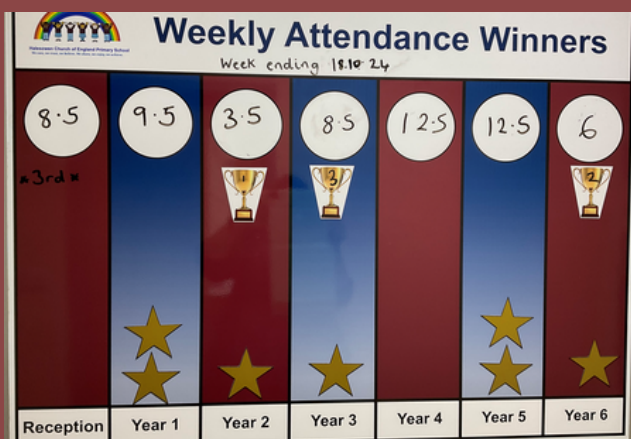


Well done to all of the children who were awarded star of the week this week- we are so proud of you

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.

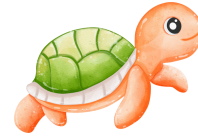
Please see the results from week ending 18.10.24 and 25.10.24



Well done to Year 2 as they have won for two weeks in a row.

As we have 3 classes who have 2 stars each I have looked at total number of lost days for those 3 classes to decide the half termly winner:

Year 1- 42 days. Year 2- 44 days and Year 5 -70 days - Meaning Year 1 are the winners.

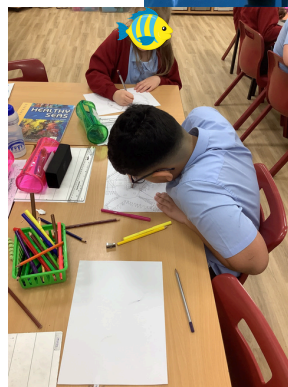


TAKE OVER DAY

Each half term we have a takeover day where children decide the learning. Over the past few weeks children from Year 6 have been busy planning takeover days for Years 1 - 6. They have asked classes what they want to learn about, planned activities and met with class teachers to finalise plans. Then, this morning, they taught their lessons.

Well done to Ashley, Kian, Dibora, Isabella, Elijah, Sepehr, Amelie, Lillia, Tailormae, Rosanna, Atallia, Archie and Abeer.

Year 1 Playdough
Year 2 - Pokemon
Year 3 - Gymnastics
Year 4 - Crafts
Year 5 - Under the sea
Year 6 - Fairies





Kids eat for £1 or less

Pub and restaurant deals

Some pubs and restaurants offer kids' meals all year round with an adult purchase – check the fine print first.

Bella Italia: Children eat free with the purchase of an adult main on Thursdays and for £1 with any adult main 4pm-6pm, Sunday to Wednesday.

Beefeater: Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with a paying adult during the school holidays.

Hungry Horse: Every Monday, kids eat for £1 with every full-paying adult.

Las Iguanas: One kids' meal free with every adult main if you join the app.

Premier Inn: Up to two under-16s can get breakfast for free with every full-paying adult.

Sizzling Pubs: One child can eat for £1 from the kids' menu with every adult main meal, 3pm-7pm, Monday to Friday.

Travelodge: Up to two children aged 15 or under get a free breakfast for every full-paying adult.

Supermarket deals

Lots of supermarket and big store cafés offer 'kids eat free' deals or similar during the school holidays.

Here are some of the best offers we've seen, where you won't have to spend more than a fiver.

Asda: Kids eat for £1 all day at Asda Cafés, with no adult spend required.

Ikea: Kids eat from 95p in Ikea restaurants. Available every day from 11am.

Morrisons: Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal.

Sainsbury's: Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot meal from the café, from 11.30am every day.

Tesco: Kids eat free with any purchase by an adult Monday to Friday during the school holidays. An adult could even buy something as small as a piece of fruit (for 60p) and get a free kid's meal or breakfast.

Budget cinema deals

- Odeon Kids has a deal where, at selected cinemas, adults pay the same price as a child they're accompanying every day during the school holidays, as well as every Saturday and Sunday. And if you have an Amazon Prime account, you can get two Odeon standard tickets for £10, or two Odeon Luxe tickets for £15, Monday to Thursday.
- Cineworld's Movies for Juniors screenings offer children's tickets for £2.50.
- Vue has Mighty Mornings screenings from 10am during the school holidays. Tickets for adults and children (aged 4-11) cost £2.49 each.

Refer to this website for more ideas

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/8-free-or-cheap-october-half-term-deals-for-families-agswG8v4SP9j>

