



Hi,

I wanted to start this newsletter with an apology to the year 3 families for postponing today's meet and greet the teacher. You should receive a letter detailing next weeks meet and greet. We do have some staff shortages today which made it hard to do. Like I told one parent this morning, for those of you who are Peppa Pig fans, today I am definitely Miss Rabbit- running around doing lots of jobs. Thanks for your understanding.

This week you are receiving a printed version of this news letter. We cannot do this every week for everyone as the cost would be unsustainable and we do put the newsletter on the school website and send it to you on school life to your email. It is essential you do read this every week. As you can imagine a lot of work goes into putting it together but more importantly- if you do not read it you will miss important information. If you cannot view it on the website or access emails- you can always come to the school office and they will be able to print a copy for you, as long as this is only for one or two people. It is definitely better viewed in colour and on the screen where you can zoom in.

This week we celebrated welcoming Reception children into our school family. It was so lovely to see them sitting at the front of the hall with big smiles on their faces. As I looked at them I saw 2 little faces and realised I taught their moms here too!! Shows my age and how long I have been here; but I wouldn't have it any other way- I love working here and cannot wait for the year ahead.

Enjoy your weekend- Lets hope it is a dry one. Mrs Knowles x

## STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

This is my 3rd year teaching at Halesowen and I have loved every minute of it!  
I have a daughter who is 12 and a crazy dog!  
In my spare time I like watching football, meeting my friends and spending time with my family.

This year I am looking forward to continuing to get to know my new class and planning lots of experience days for year 2.



This week we are meeting Miss Tumelty.

She is currently our year 2 teacher.

## HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up until last Friday  
(27.9.24)

**Lyttleton**  
**16**

**Hone**  
**12**

**Grazebrook**  
**14**

**Dudley**  
**15**

## HOUSE EVENTS

This week Mrs Smith launched our new house event. This month's house event is an art event linked to Black History Month.

In school children will be researching and learning all about some important black historical figures.

The children will then create a poster showing why this figure was important.

Winners will be announced next week in assembly.



## 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.

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October-  
African dance and drumming workshops.

Friday 11th October- Meet and Greet the teacher year 3

Wednesday 16th October: Flu vaccinations.

Thursday 17th October: Harvest festival

Friday 18th October: School Photos (TBC)

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

Monday 4th November: Children return to school

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November:

Parental consultations

Thursday 19th December: Children break up

Friday 20th December and Monday 6th January:

Staff training days

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

Christmas dates will be added soon.



## CLUBS

If you want to find out a little more about art club Mrs Smith has been adding photos and some information about what they have been doing on the school website. Please go to the children section and clubs.

## Our Learning


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

This week we aren't sharing learning as such. I wanted to share with you some photos from Reception's welcome assembly. It was so lovely to formally welcome Reception class into school. They have settled so well and we are very proud of them. We celebrated them by singing to them, seeing pictures of them enjoying school and then with our house captains awarding them with a little heart to show them they are part of our school family.



## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Year 6 Trip to Space Centre - Tuesday

To get the most out of a day the coach is arriving at 8.30. Therefore to allow time for children to go to the toilet, get registered and get onto the coach we would like them to arrive at school by 8.15 am. We will open the gates at 8.10 am. Please help us to get the children off on time. 

### Annual General Consent Forms

Last week Mrs Dorrell sent out the annual general consent forms on school life ( via email) please complete these as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty please go to the school office.

### African Drumming and Dance workshops



October is Black History Month. Next week we will be welcoming Zamble African Dance Company. On Wednesday year 1-6 will take part in an African drumming workshop and on Thursday years 1-6 will take part in an African dance workshop. All children need to come to school in PE on Thursday. We will share pictures on the school website so you can see what the children get up to but in addition to this at the end of Wednesday year 2 families will be invited in to watch year 2 showcase what they have learnt. We will offer the same on Thursday for Year 5 families. We are sorry but due to space we cannot offer this chance to all families. There will be a consent form for you to fill in to allow children to stay to perform.

### Meet and greet

Please accept our apologies for having to cancel today. We are now planning this for Friday 11th October. Please drop your children off as usual and then come around to the school office for 9am.



### School Dinners



We have a lot of children who are not eating their dinner well at school. They often say they do not like what has been chosen for them. Please can you make sure that you choose dinners with your child.

### Appointments

We have noticed this week that a lot of children are being taken out of school for appointments. Where possible please try and take children to non urgent appointments either after school, in a school holiday, at the weekend or on a Friday afternoon. Examples of this might be opticians or routine check up at the dentist. We do understand that for other medical appointments changing days/ times might not always be possible. If children need to miss school for an essential appointment please ensure you bring proof of the appointment to the office so we can code this as a medical appointment on the register. This is essential as without proof this will be coded as unauthorised and could lead to a fine under new government guidance. Where possible children should come into school before and after appointments. It is very unlikely that children will need a whole day off for an appointment. We want children to be in school and learning everyday they are well enough to do so.

### Silver and Gold

This week some families have asked what silver and gold awards are for and how they differ to star of the week and house points. Here is a quick explanation of all of our rewards:

House Points: Children can collect these for good behaviour, attitude to learning , being polite, great work - anything positive really.

Star of the Week: Doing something that really impresses the adults in their class. We do try to ensure that over a 2 year period all children get star of the week.

Silver and Gold: All children begin the day on Sunshine yellow on our behaviour pathway.

Throughout the day or over a couple of days if they show excellent behaviour they can move onto super to be silver. If they show outstanding behaviour across the week or do something that is truly exceptional they can be Great to be Gold.

Recognition board: In each class there is a recognition board. Children's names can be added to this when they have demonstrated they are living out our value. At the moment this is "Compassion".

Miss Davies is the behaviour lead so if you have any more questions please speak to her.

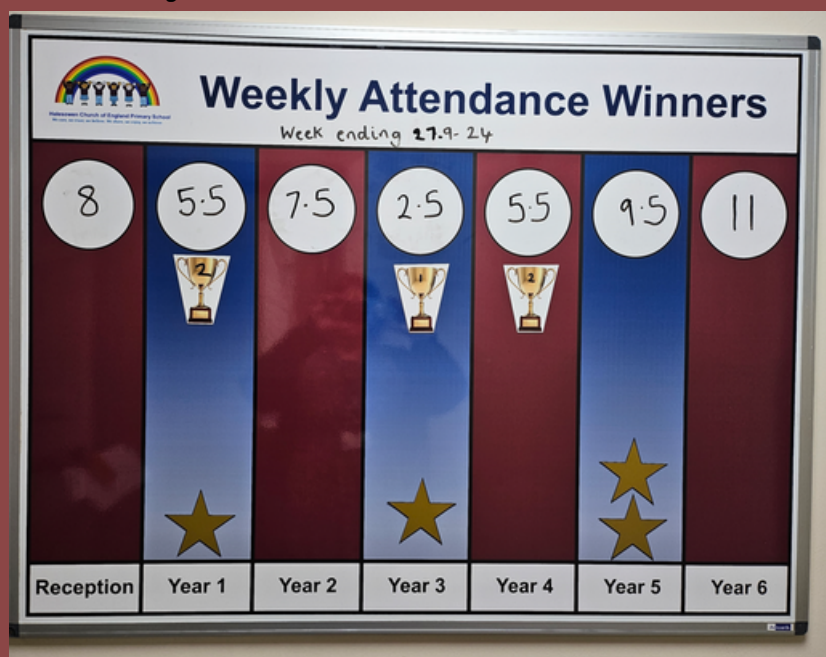
## Star of the week



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 27.9.24



WELL DONE TO YEAR 3 WHO WON THIS WEEK