



Dear families,

It has been a while since we did a full issue of our newsletter (we did a Christmas edition with dates etc)

I want to start by saying Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you had a restful Christmas break and for those of you who celebrated that you had a great time and did not eat too much!

We start the new calendar year welcoming Mr Wagstaff to our school as the new deputy head. Please see his staff in the spotlight below to find out more about him. Mr Wagstaff will spend some time in the first few weeks getting to know the children, staff and families before he really gets his teeth into the role. He will be working very hard with Mrs Bowen to improve school attendance.


The term ended in an unusual way as we had our Ofsted inspection. We are unable to share any news with you as yet- we are waiting for the report to be published. The last day of term saw us join together in the church for our annual carol service- this service was wonderful. Thankyou to everyone who attended. I was so proud of the children - who raised the roof with their singing and our year 6 children who read so well.

We are now looking forward to the term ahead. I am sure it will be just as busy as usual.

Over the next few weeks we will adding photos etc to our website of all of the Christmas events so please keep looking.

Mrs Knowles

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Hello, my name is Mr Wagstaff. It is my pleasure to have been appointed Deputy Head Teacher and it has been a delight to meet all the staff and children of the school this week. I have been teaching for 24 years and I started in the profession as a secondary school PE specialist. I moved to primary education 12 years ago and have been an Assistant Head Teacher at another Dudley school for the past 7 years. I have lived in the area all my life and so I know Halesowen and the surrounding areas very well. I now look forward to getting to know all the children and families to best support everyone. In my personal life, I have two teenage girls and have been happily married for 17 years. I am a sports nut! I have a particular passion for cricket and rugby, but my wife would tell you I could watch and enjoy any sport at all! I have a beautiful black Cocker Spaniel and I relax best when taking him on long walks listening to yet another sports podcast! I will be on one of the gates every morning and on collection so please do come and say hello if you want and know that just like all the staff here, I am here to help you and your children to the very best of my ability and I will always have time for those that need support.

This week we are meeting Mr Wagstaff

Mr Wagstaff has joined us to be our deputy head- he joins myself and Miss Davies as part of the schools senior leadership team.

We are excited for this new journey together

HOUSE POINTS

These are the house points up to (15.11.2024).
There is no further update this week

Lyttleton
53

Hone
47

Grazebrook
47

Dudley
47

HOUSE EVENTS

RESULTS OF THE KINDNESS EVENT (NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER)

RECEPTION WINNER: TEDDY (HONE)
RECEPTION RUNNER UP: AMELIA T (GRAZEBROOK)

YEAR 1 WINNER: LINAH (LYTTLETON)
YEAR 1 RUNNER UP: AMEERA (LYTTLETON)

YEAR 2 WINNER: MIRACLE (HONE)
YEAR 2 RUNNER UP: HAMZA (HONE)

YEAR 3 WINNER: KAYAN (GRAZEBROOK)
YEAR 3 RUNNER UP: POPPY JOY (HONE)

YEAR 4 WINNER: ELLA (GRAZEBROOK)
YEAR 4 RUNNER UP: LAMEES(DUDLEY)

YEAR 5 WINNER: LEILA (GRAZEBROOK)
YEAR 5 RUNNER UP: ANA MARIA (GRAZEBROOK)

YEAR 6 WINNER: DIBORA (GRAZEBROOK)
YEAR 6 RUNNER UP: ELIJAH (GRAZEBROOK)



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 6th January : Staff training day

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

Monday 13th January- clubs start

Monday 13th January- Sparks visit to Year 4 from fire brigade

Wednesday 15th January- Year 5 River Walk

Thursday 16th January- Athletics competition at Windsor

Thursday 16th January- Taster Day- all children entitled to a free school meal will be asked to try something- please order something for them.

Friday 17th January- World Religion Day

Wednesday 29th January- Chinese New Year

Monday 3rd February- Football match (TBC)

Tuesday 11th February- Safer internet day

Friday 14th February- Take Over Day

Dates to be confirmed: Times table house challenge,
Phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 families.



CLUBS

Clubs start week beginning 13th January.

Monday- Board games club- Year 1 and 2

Wednesday- Dodgeball club- Years 5 and 6

Thursday- Sign language club- Years 3 and 4

All clubs are now full- please add children's names to waiting lists at the office

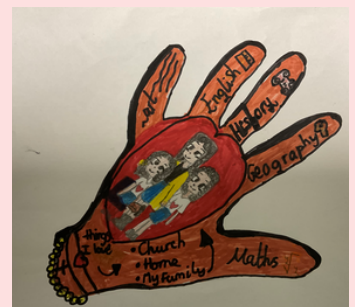
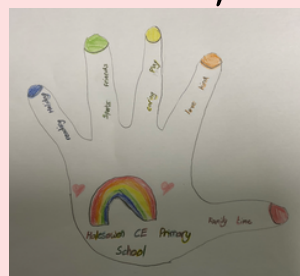
House Event Results overall

First - Grazebrook - 8 points

Second - Hone - 6 points

Third - Lyttleton - 4 points

Fourth - Dudley - 2 points



Star of the week

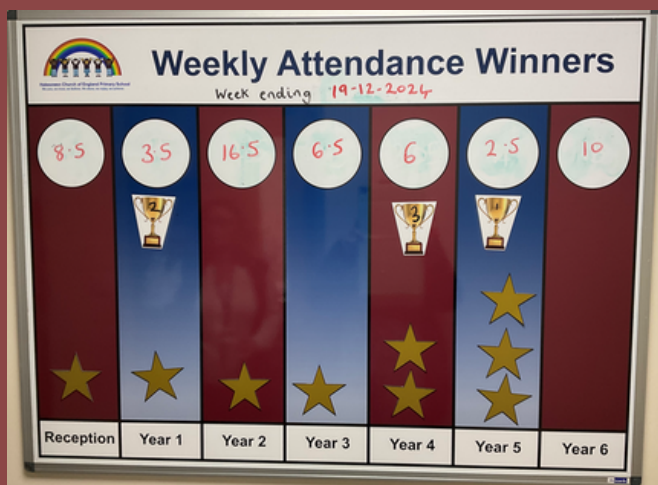
Our last Star of the Week was on 3rd December 2024.
Well done to all of these children.



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 19.12.24



Well done to the weekly winners
Year 5
and
the overall half termly winners
who won 3 times- also
YEAR 5!!!!



Our value this half term is hope

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Street wardens/ traffic wardens

As you may or may not be aware on Friday and yesterday (Monday) a street warden was outside school talking to people about dangerous parking. We had no idea this was going to happen - but we are in full support of safe parking. We understand completely that it is frustrating now there is no free parking on the Dudley council car parks but we urge people to either use Asda, which has 3 hours free or find parking in a safe and legal place. I realise this may mean you need to walk a little further or set out a little earlier but I am sure you agree if this keeps our children safe it is the right thing to do. We do allow a 10-15 minute drop off and collection window to help with this.

Primary school deadline

The deadline for primary school applications is Wednesday 15th January.

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you have until 15 January 2025 to apply for a primary school place for the academic year starting in September 2025.

As we no longer have a nursery we need to reach out to any of you who have a child who is due to start school in September or if you know anyone who does. Any questions please speak to the school office as we can help you to apply.



Christmas Pictures

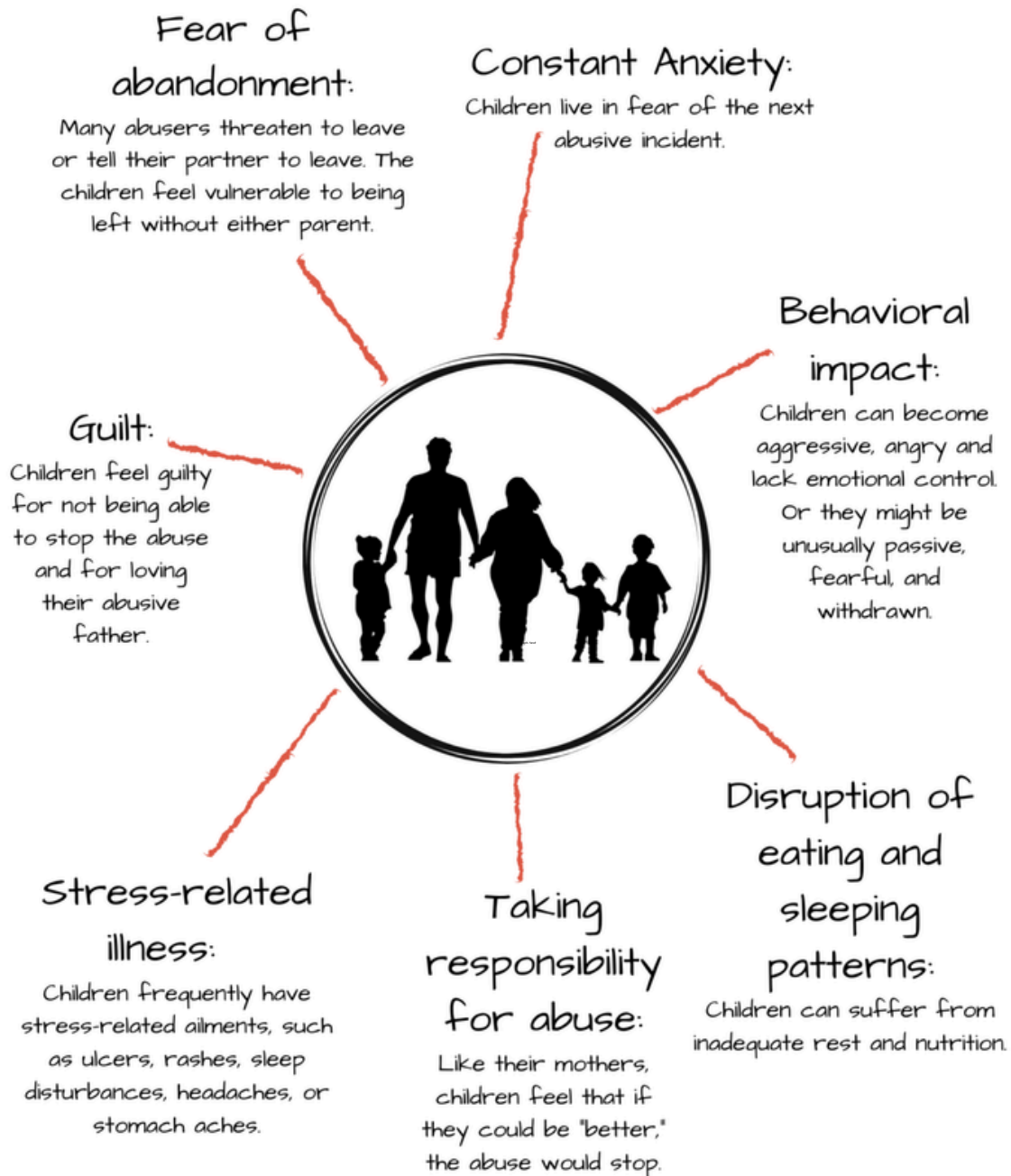


New section on Newsletter

As a school one of the things we are asked to help with is children's behaviour at home. We are going to add something each week for you to read/ look at that might help with behaviour, social and emotional or mental health needs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Children exposed to domestic violence are experiencing trauma. If children witness or experience domestic or family abuse, it can affect all aspects of their lives. Please note this poster talks about the mother being abused but fathers can be abused too. The purpose of this it to help families understand the impact on children.



Women can call The Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge on 0808 2000 247 for free at any time, day or night.

Men can call Respect Men's Advice Line on 0808 8010 327 (Monday to Friday 10am to 8pm),

If you need any help we can support you and signpost you to the right place.