



# Spring 1 Half Termly Newsletter

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have been given parking tickets in Hales Road. We cannot do anything about this– please park safely and legally.

The Andrew Road and High Street car parks are free for 2 hours.



Well done to our Gymnastics teams for representing us this week.  
We are so proud of them!



Christmas now seems such a distant memory!

School has been busy as usual. Its always really good to see the fun and engaging activities the children have been taking part in.

Year 4 ran a French café and invited me to join them for croissants and a pain au chocolate. It was lovely for them to practise the French they have been learning. Year 5 have enjoyed cooking some Mexican food. I even caught Miss Davies with a plate full! Year 2 had a visit from a dog to link to their English work about pets. Reception have been busy learning all about magical story book characters and this week walked to the post office to deliver some special packages they were sending the Evil Queen and Snow White. Year 1 have spent some time in church learning all about what's inside a church. We have welcomed some new children to Nursery and also welcomed a lovely new teacher Mrs Rose. Year 3 have been learning all about the Stone Age and did some very realistic cave paintings. Year 6 have been learning all about Earthquakes and have designed and created some earthquake-proof buildings.

This half term we are looking forward to World Book Day, Mother's day celebrations ,Easter activities and more.... It is also the term when we do our mock tests before the real SATS later in the year.

This term has also been a busy one as we moved all our communication onto parent mail. Thanks for supporting us in this. We know sometimes technology can be a scary thing but it really is the best way to communicate with a lot of people at the same time and quickly.

Have a good holiday– enjoy spending time together.

*Mrs Knowles*

DATE	EVENT
24.02.20	Children back to school
25.02.20	Year 5 trip to Space Centre
27.02.20	Group 1 to Woodfield House (Year 3)
3.3.20	Author visit in school for Years 3, 4 and 5.
4.3.20	World book day - we are dressing up
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 AM - details to follow.
24.3.20	Parents evening 3.30-6.30 (booking will open after half term)
1.4.20	Easter Pilgrimage AM
2.4.20	Easter Bonnets and Eggs assembly. We will be asking children to decorate an egg (KS2) or bonnets (KS1) - more information will come out after half term.
3.4.20	End of half term
20.4.20	Start of new term
23.4.20	Year 1's trip to Cosford (more details to follow)
23.4.20	Group 2 to Woodfield House (Year 3)
28.4.20	Year 3's trip to Botanical gardens (more details to follow)
1.5.20	Year 2's SATs period - all of May
7.5.20	Voting day - only Year 6 in school
11.5.20	Year 6's SATS week - all week



## World Book Day



This year we are going to be doing our World Book day on Wednesday 4th March.

**We are going to be dressing up this year**

Children should dress up as characters from books.

Please do not spend a lot of money. Why not spend some time together over the holiday making your costumes or speak to other parents from school and see if you can do a costume swap with costumes children have worn other years.

Costumes don't have to be expensive or elaborate– as long as they relate to a book the child is familiar with.

We will plan other activities for the day– please look out for further information.



## Parent mail app

Thanks to all the parents now using parent mail.

To make the best use of it is it really important you download the app and enable notifications. This way it works very much like the text messaging service we used to have and you receive information immediately to your phone. We have found when it only goes to email parents have missed some important things like Star of the week and signing up to clubs.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE GOING OUT ON PARENTMAIL SUCH AS:

Forms for clubs, parents evening booking, event booking, star of the week notifications and all general information.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW!

## Attendance

Currently we are concerned about attendance at Halesowen C of E as it is lower than other schools locally and nationally.

Mrs Carroll's role in school is to support families with a particular focus on attendance and making sure children are in school at all times when they are well enough.

*Section 7 Education Act 1996 places a duty on parents to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education by regular attendance at school*

We understand that children are sometimes too poorly to attend school and have included some guidance from the NHS below.

However, all too often children are being kept off school for reasons that are not acceptable.

You can help your child by supporting their right to an education by booking non urgent medical appointments outside of school hours, by taking family holidays during school holidays, by not taking children out of school for appointments for parents/ siblings and by considering the list below and whether your child is well enough to be in school– they can attend school with coughs and colds.

We appreciate you supporting your child to get the very best education.

## HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our overall attendance figure is: 94.6%

Our target is 96%

Week 1	Year 5 - 100%
Week 2	Year 2 - 98.7%
Week 3	Year 4 - 98.3%
Week 4	Year 6 - 97.9%
Week 5	Year 2 - 97.4%
Week 6	Year 4 - 98.8%

Well done to Years 2 and 4 who have each won twice this half term.

## NHS GUIDANCE ON CHILDHOOD ILLNESS AND ATTENDING SCHOOL.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. But there are government guidelines for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they should not. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### Coughs and colds or Sore throat

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. But if they have a fever, (a temperature of 38 degrees or more) keep them off school until the fever goes. Over the counter medication can usually help to bring down a fever. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly and drink plenty.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a fever or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their fever, ( a temperature of 38 degrees or more) goes away.

### Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

### Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

### Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need antibiotic treatment from the GP. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share towels, cups and so on with other children at school.

### Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see the GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

### Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from the GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

### Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. If you suspect your child has slapped cheek syndrome, take them to the GP and let their school know if they're diagnosed with it.

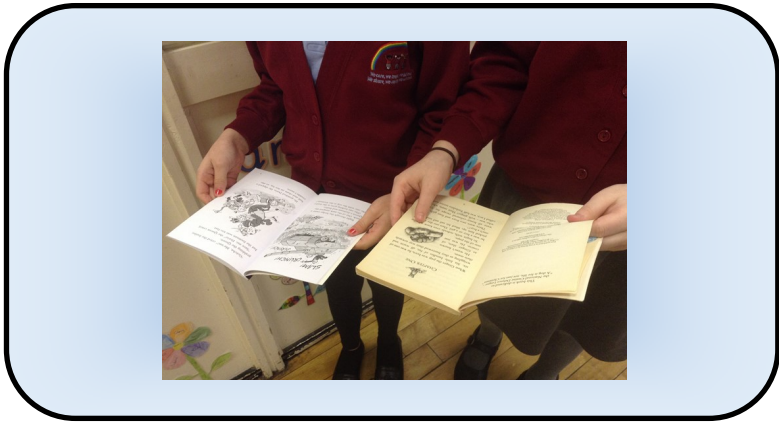
### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 48 after their symptoms have gone.



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# Holiday Activity



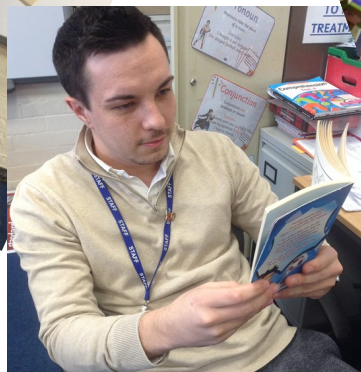
## How do you read?

In bed. on the sofa. lying down. standing up. on the bus?

Take a photo of you reading and send it in next half term so we can see.

The best photo will win a special prize!

Be creative! Be fun! We are really looking forward to seeing your photos!





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Our assembly themes next half term are:  
**Love and Forgiveness**

**House Points Totals- Spring term 1**

Lyttleton	Hone	Grazebrook	Dudley
75	71	73	66

**HOUSE POINTS**

This term we have managed to squeeze in one House event.

All the houses had a competition to design and build the strongest bridge. They worked together really well and then these bridges were tested with weights in assembly

The winners of the Strongest Bridge were : Lyttleton

**Coming up next half term:**

**PHSE house event and World Book Day story sacks house event**

**Well done to this half term's winners - Lyttleton**

## Clubs Spring Term 2

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Morning/ Lunchtimes</b>	Miss Davies Singing group Key stage 1 Free				SH Sports Boccia Yr1-6 £5 Starts 28.2.2020 (6 weeks)
<b>After school</b>	Chance to Shine coach <u>Cricket</u> Years 4,5,6 £5 Starts 24.2.2020 (6 weeks) £5.00	Bibs and Balls Coach <u>Multi-skills</u> Key stage 1 Starts 25.2.2020 (6 weeks) £5.00	Pete barks— Phase Trust <u>Sports Club</u> <u>Years 1,2,3</u> 11.3.2020-1.4.2020 Mrs Potter Mindfulness/calming club Years 4,5,6 Starts 26.2.2020 (6 weeks)		SH sports <u>Badminton</u> Year 1-6 £5 Starts 28.2.2020 (6 weeks)

**All Clubs will go Live on parent mail on Friday 14th February— you must book on here and pay the office before your child attends the club.**