



This week has been another busy week in school. Our Reception children are now with us full time. We are so impressed with how well they have settled. All of the other children are adjusting well back into school life (although they have looked tired this week and are glad it is Friday!)

Next week we will find out who our new house captains are, we begin our first House event and will have our first Star of the Week celebration assembly. The start of a new school year is always very busy but very exciting.

I think most children are now wearing correct school uniform. It always makes me proud to stand in assembly looking out at all of the children in our school colours singing their hearts out. Talking of which I believe the school song is being revamped- Watch this space!

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it contains important information. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Knowles x



STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



This is my 17th year at Halesowen C of E and I have loved each year I have been here.

I love working with this community and teaching your children to be the best they can be. My absolute passion is to enthuse children to want to learn and enjoy what they are learning. Outside school, I have lots of animals - currently 3 dogs, 5 cats and a guinea pig. I foster a lot of animals when they are sick to help them get better and then find their forever homes. I also have looked after a number of kittens that were very young and needed feeding milk from a bottle every 2 hours (even through the night!)

One of my other hobbies is agility. I train with my cocker spaniel Wispa twice a week and compete most weekends. This photo is Wispa and I when we had achieved our very first clear round - a massive achievement!

I also like to visit places in the UK and walk as much as I can with my dogs. During this summer I visited Lands End, John O'Groats and even climbed part of Ben Nevis.

I hope to continue to work with the children at our amazing school.

Miss Davies

In each edition of the newsletter we will “Shine a Spotlight” on a different member of staff to allow you to get to know them better.

This week it is Miss Davies who is our Assistant Head and currently Year 6 teacher.



Upcoming Events

On Tuesday 17th September we will have our first Star of the Week celebration assembly.

Each week a child is chosen to be the “star” for their class. If your child is receiving a certificate you should receive a message Friday afternoon
The assembly starts at 8.55 and lasts about 20 minutes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 6 families

You should have received information from Dudley admissions regarding Secondary schools.

Over the coming weeks they will be holding open days/ evenings. We strongly advise you do go and look around.

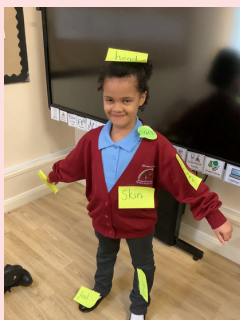
The deadline to apply is 31st October. If you do miss this deadline you are unlikely to get your first choice of school.

Applications are done online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions but if you struggle with this we do have some paper forms available and we can help you.

Please speak to the school office

Our Learning

In each edition of the newsletter we will share some of our learning with you. This week Year 1 had a fun Science lesson labelling parts of their body.



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.

Tuesday 17th September : First star of the week.

Wednesday 2nd October: Reception Welcome assembly.

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

Fitness club on a Wednesday is now full. The office will hold a waiting list should anyone drop out.

Please book for 2 other clubs starting next week.

Art and craft clubs starts on Monday with Mrs Smith for years 1,2,3

Maths club (which will be lots of games and puzzles) starts on Thursday next week for years 3 and 4 with Mrs Rumble.

Booking for these will go live Friday pm

REMINDERS

Attendance

From September there is new framework to ensure consistency across schools regarding unauthorised attendance and fines. Schools are not permitted to authorise any holidays in term time. Fines have increased and also go up each time a holiday is taken, even this is in different school years. We will send out more detailed information to you soon but please try to avoid booking holidays in term time. These fines are also for a culmination of any unauthorised absences. Please make sure children are only absent from school when they are too poorly to attend and that on each occasion they are absent you call the school office.

Dinners

All dinners must be booked on the Evolve system. Please speak to the office if you need help with this. If children do not have a meal booked, the kitchen are not able to cook enough meals and therefore children without a booking get a default meal of a cheese sandwich and fruit salad.

Can I also remind families we are a nut free school. We do have children with nut allergies. Please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products



Water bottles



Children in Reception and Year 1 have now been given a new bottle. All other children should have a bottle. If you need to purchase a new one they cost £1 from the school office.

Issues at school

If you have any worries or issues about school life the best person to talk to in the first instance is the class teacher. Please let the office or someone on the gate know if you need to speak to the class teacher and we can arrange this at the end of a school day.

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