



Happy Friday! I hope you have all had a lovely week. There has been a definite morning chill this week (Autumn is here!) but some lovely sun on the afternoon school run.

In school this week it has been largely about our houses. So what is a house and how does it all work?

Every child is part of a house (like a team) This year our reception children are joining a house too! Being part of a house encourages team work and collaboration.

We have 4 houses: Lyttleton, Grazebrook, Hone and Dudley. Our houses are named after the founders of our school. We feel this history is important and we should celebrate it and be proud of it. Each house in school has a vice captain and captain. They are voted for by their house after doing a speech. It is a role all about responsibility. They are expected to lead by example.

In the houses all children can earn house points every day for good behaviour and attitudes, for their school work, for homework, manners and more. In addition to this we host house events where children of different ages can compete and excel in different skills and win house points. As I write this (Thursday night) I am looking forwards to our Spelling Bee tomorrow (our first event of many). Look out for the results of that on next weeks newsletter.

Enjoy your weekend. Mrs Knowles x



STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

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 Shahan our year 1 teacher. This year she is also taking a lead role in school in leading early years, supporting new staff and leading RE

I have been working at Halesowen for 7 years, this year I am teaching Year 1.

This week I celebrated my birthday, (if you look closely at the picture, you'll see my age!) When I'm not at school I like to go shopping, meet my friends for some yummy food and spend time with my family.

This year I am looking forward to working with a new class of children and getting to know their families for a successful year ahead



Upcoming Events

Vaccination UK will be in school on **Wednesday 16th October 2024** to give the Flu Vaccine to children. Please use the link on the letter sent to you via email to complete the consent.

You need to complete the consent form online even if you are declining the flu vaccine (please do this asap).

If you have any issues with the E-consent link or have any questions about the vaccine, please contact Vaccination UK on 01384 431712.

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 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.



HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

We are very excited to announce that our house captains and vice captains were elected by their respective houses this week after speeches and a vote.

They are:

Lyttleton

VICE CAPTAIN: Archie

CAPTAIN: Amelie

Hone

VICE CAPTAIN: Lillia

CAPTAIN: Esme

Grazebrook

VICE CAPTAIN: Tailormae

CAPTAIN: Dibora

Dudley

VICE CAPTAIN: Abeer

CAPTAIN: Sepehr

CLUBS

Art club on a Monday and Fitness club on a Wednesday are now full. The office will hold a waiting list should anyone drop out.

Maths club on a Thursday next week for years does still have a few places. 3 and 4

Our Learning

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

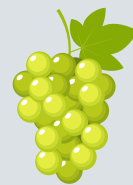


Reception created a collaborative piece of art work based on Any Warhol. Jaxon said *"It is nice because all my friends did it"*

Year 6 had a fun time this week as their classroom was set up to be a crazy, imaginary world. This was all to inspire some writing.



NOTICES AND REMINDERS



Grapes

Grapes are a choking hazard . We insist that all grapes are cut before packing in lunchboxes. Guidance is to cut lengthways and then in half again.

Free school meals

All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner. However, you may also be entitled to free school meals in years 3-6 or free school meals vouchers through the holidays in Reception to year 6 if you are in receipt of certain benefits. If you do receive benefits please speak to the school office and they can help you.

Smoking and Vaping

Our school is a no smoking and vaping site. Smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere within the school gates and not during any school based activity. Therefore although the churchyard is not strictly school property we do ask that you do not vape or smoke when you are dropping off or collecting children from school. We ask this to protect the health of all of our children.



Books

Children will soon be receiving home reading books, school library books or both. Reading is such an important skill. We want to give all of the children the gift of being able to read and want them to love reading. Please support us with this by encouraging children to read and by remembering to send books into school.



HELP NEEDED!



The governing board Halesowen C of E is looking to recruit 2 parent governors. Governors support the school leadership team by being a joint part of the school development journey. The commitment from you would be to attend 2 meetings per term and also come in for some additional events and visits throughout the year. If you feel you could commit the time to do this and want more information please speak to Mrs Knight by next Friday 27th September or email pastoral@halesowen.dudley.sch.uk

If you previously expressed an interest and are still interested please let us know.

Star of the week

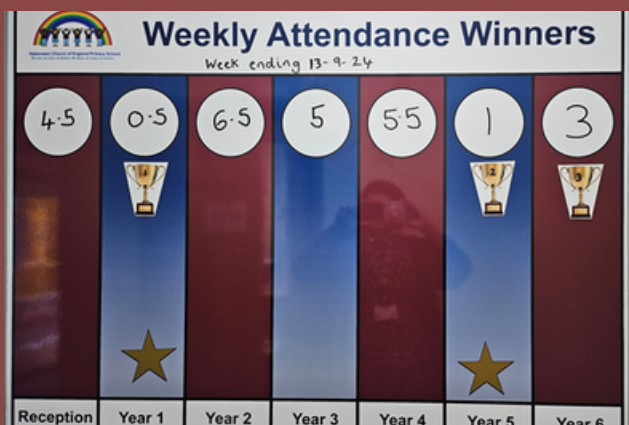
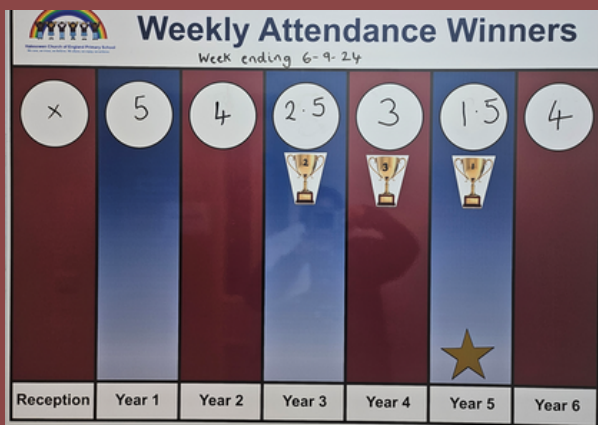


Well done to all of the children who were awarded star of the week this week- we are so proud of you

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

This week we talked to the children about the reason they come to school. The children know the answer is...to learn. They also know in order to be able to learn they need to be in school everyday (every day they are well enough to do so)

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 6.9.24 and 13.9.24



WELL DONE TO YEAR 5 AND YEAR 1 WHOP HAVE BEEN OUR WINNERS SO FAR.