



Welcome back! I hope you will like our first attempt at a newsletter for a while! One of the things we are going to try and get better at this year is communication.

It has already been a busy start of term. I want to say thank you for ensuring children returned to school on time this week and dressed in school uniform. They all look so smart.

I think after a few days we are now all adjusting to the changes in school. As you know some staff left us at the end of term and we also waved goodbye to our year 6 class. It has been lovely to see many of them this week dressed in their new uniforms for secondary school. We hope they are enjoying their new adventure. We have welcomed some new staff to our team this year and have also welcomed our new reception children this week. Being new, whether you are an adult or a child, can be scary but we are sure they will soon feel like part of our Halesowen C of E family.

We talked to the children in our first assembly about how new things can be scary but we also talked about all the things that are staying the same. We are trying really hard this year to ensure there is lots of consistency as this helps the children. We are also continuing with our focus on high expectations in all areas of school life.

I hope you find the rest of this newsletter informative and useful. Please let us know if there is anything you think needs to be included.

Mrs Knowles x

STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

I have been at Halesowen C of E for 21 years and head teacher for 6 years.
I am married and have one son who is nearly 18!
I love football, snorkelling in the sea and spending time with my family. I moved house recently and am trying to decorate the whole house!
I always wanted to be a teacher from when I was very little.

At Halesowen C of E I really want to help all children do the best they can and be happy.

Mrs Knowles



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.

To make it easier this week I have started with me!



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. You will be notified by message on school life on a Thursday or Friday.

The assembly starts at 8.55 and lasts about 20 minutes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PE AND SWIMMING

PE AND SWIMMING LESSONS RESUME NEXT WEEK. PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE THE CORRECT KIT, REMOVE EARRINGS AND TIE UP LONG HAIR.

PE DAYS

MONDAY- YEAR 2

TUESDAY- YEAR 4

WEDNESDAY- YEAR 6 AND YEAR 1

THURSDAY- YEAR 5

FRIDAY -YEAR 3

YEAR 5 SWIMMING ON A TUESDAY



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 9th September: PE and swimming starts this week.

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.

Gates

Please bear with the staff as they get used to the different children at different gates. The system will get quicker over the coming week.

To help with this please form orderly queues.

CLUBS

Fitness club will start on Wednesday. It will be run by our coach and will be open to years 4,5,and 6. Other clubs will start the following week

Our Learning

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

This week all of the classes have been reminded of the Colour Monster Story. We use this story to help the children understand their emotions and to support them to follow our school responsibilities. You can watch a version here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWUjGPbGmgo>

REMINDERS

Attendance and punctuality

School starts at 8.30 each day. The gates are open from 8.30-8.40. After this time your child is late and is missing vital learning. If your child is too poorly to attend school please call the school office first thing. We will send out further information about attendance next time but there are new national policies in place for attendance and all unauthorised absences can lead to fines.



We want children to be in school everyday they are well enough to be here so they can learn and do the best they can.

Uniform

All children should come to school wearing correct school uniform. We are allowing children to wear plain black trainers this year. Please ensure children do all have the correct uniform on next week.

Breakfast, snack and lunch!



We still offer children bagels (years 1-6) when they arrive at school with butter or jam. This is part of a subsidised scheme to ensure children all eat breakfast.

Children in reception, year 1 and 2 do not need to bring a snack from home- they will have fruit provided every day. Children in years 3,4,5 and 6 can bring a healthy, nut free snack for playtime each day.

At lunchtime all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 can eat a free dinner. Some other children are also entitled to free school dinners depending on benefits received. All dinners must be booked on the Evolve system. Please speak to the office if you need help with this.

Water bottles

All children should have their school water bottle from last year. Please only send in a school bottle as we find these are less likely to break or leak. If you need a new one please go to the school office to get one. Children in year 1 will be given a new larger bottle. Children new to school including new reception will also be given a bottle.

