



Autumn 1 Half Termly Newsletter

Reminder: Year 6 parents
The deadline for Secondary School Applications is
Wednesday 31st October.

WELL DONE TO THE 71 CHILDREN WHO HAVE GOT 100% ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM.

YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AFTER THE HOLIDAY

As we reach the end of this very long half term I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and thank the children for all of their hard work.

It has been a half term with lots of changes. As you all know, Mr Payne, Miss Hadley and Mrs Mackay left us in July. We have welcomed Miss Shahan, Mrs Mills, Mrs Carroll and Miss Bendall to our staff team and have said goodbye to Miss Minogue this week as she has left to have her baby.

I am enjoying my role as Acting Head teacher but it has been a busy term of getting lots of policies and paperwork in order. I hope to be much more visible next half term.

This next half term is going to be busy for a number of reasons. The Governing board will be interviewing for the permanent headteacher role. We have also got Children in Need, some trips and all the Christmas activities to name a few. Please refer to the dates on this letter and the school website.

After the holiday we will be looking for two parent governors to join our Governing Board. Some current members of the Governing Board will be available at the parents consultations to give out more information and have a chat with anyone that may be interested.

One final thing, can I ask that any outstanding forms are sent into school by Monday 5.11.18. Any forms with gaps/ errors will be available at parents consultations for you to amend.

Please take the time to read this letter. I hope it is informative.

I look forward to seeing you all after the holiday.

Mrs Knowles

DATE	EVENT
26.10.18	Half term holiday starts
5.11.18	Children return to school at 8.40 am
7.11.18	Parents consultations
8.11.18	Parents consultations
9.11.18	School photographs
13.11.18	Year 1 Victorian Day
13.11.18	Nursery parents consultations
14.11.18	Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum
14.11.18	Nursery trip to the library
16.11.18	Children in Need– wear your pyjamas and bring your teddy
20.11.18	Year 5 and 6 trip to Worcester Cathedral
30.11.18	Christingle service in church 9.00
3.12.18	Nursery Christmas Story time at 11.30am
3.12.18	Year 3 and 4 sing around the tree in Halesowen
3.12.18	Reception Christmas story night(after school)
12.12.18	Nativity afternoon performance
13.12.18	Nativity morning performance
14.12.18	Year 1 and 2 trip to the Snowdome
14.12.18	Key stage 2 parties
17.12.18	EYFS and Key stage 1 parties
19.12.18	Christmas dinner in school
20.12.18	Carol Concert in church at 2pm
20.12.18	Break up for Christmas
21.12.18	Inset day
7.1.19	Inset Day
8.1.19	Children return to school
10.1.19	PGL meeting for year 5 after school.

Parents consultations are taking place after the holiday.

Reception's will be on Wednesday 7th November, Years 1-6 on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th November and Nursery's on Tuesday 13th November. You will get a text message to sign up for an appointment slot.



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Attendance Policy

Regular attendance at school is crucial to a child's well being and academic achievement . We have just reviewed and updated our attendance policy. It is now on the policies section of the website . Please ensure you read and understand it.

Just a few reminders :

- School opens at 8.40 and the doors close at 8.48am (a bell will ring) so children can be in class for the register at 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.48am please sign the children in at the office.
- If your child is off school due to illness, you need to ring the office and select option 1 to leave a message. Please ensure you give a detailed really for absence not just “not feeling well”
- We cannot authorise any family holidays in term time.

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our overall attendance figure is: 94%

Our target is 96%

Week 1	Year 1
Week 2	Year 5
Week 3	Year 2
Week 4	Year 3
Week 5	Year 4
Week 6	Year 3
Week 7	Year 4
Week 8	Year 4

Well done to Year 4 who have won 3 times this half term

Our assembly themes next half term are:
Resilience and happiness

CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP



Children having a voice and being leaders is very important to everyone at Halesowen C of E . This term so far the children have voted for their house and vice captains. The teachers nominated children to be part of the CREW committee (for religious education and worship) and just this week, children have been voting for their school council representatives.

House and Vice Captains: Lyttleton– Scarlet and Grace, Hone- Priya and Daniel, Grazebrook– Natalia and Matthew G, Dudley– Sophia and Alex.

Crew: Y1-Sarah and Parsa, Y2- Evie and Harvey, Y3- Joban and Kira, Y4- Hara and Maram, Y5-Owen and Wed, Y6-Scarlet and Daniel

School Council to be confirmed after the holiday.

HOUSE POINTS

This year we are doing more House events.

So far we have held our Talent Show and out Times table Challenge .

Houses are awarded double 'big' points for house events.

The winners of the talent show were : Grazebrook.

The winners of the times table challenge were: Andie Y1 (Hone), Bonnie Y2 (Grazebrook) Jamie Y3 (Hone), Maram Y4 (Lyttleton), Owen Y5 (Dudley) and Matthew Y6 (Hone)

House Points Autumn term 1

Lyttleton

22

Hone

30

Grazebrook

16

Dudley

19



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Harvest

Can we say a big thank you to everyone that donated food for the Harvest festival.

Year 3 and 4 led a wonderful celebration.

All food was donated to the Hope Centre which is based in Halesowen.

It was really nice to help a very local charity.

Half Term Challenge

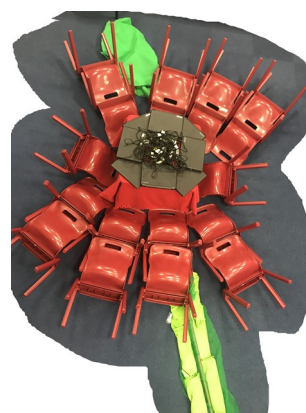


We would like to set all of the children a challenge to create a poppy over half term.

This can be any size, can be made out of any material and can be 2d or 3d.

All poppies need to be brought into school on Wednesday 7th November so we can display them.

We hope you can join in and complete our challenge.



MILK

Letters have gone to order milk. Please note no milk will be ordered without payment.

Please take your slips and money directly to the school office– not to class teachers or in book bags.



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Please remember children return to school on Monday 5th November.
We look forward to seeing them looking smart in their uniform and shoes (not trainers). Please remember no jewellery should be worn at school apart from a watch and stud earrings, which then must be removed for PE.

Parking

Can we remind all parents/ carers that the car parks at school are for staff and visitors only. We have recently had alot of complaints regarding dangerous and illegal parking. The police/ traffic wardens have been notified and they may be doing spot checks after the holiday. Please don't risk getting a fine. You can park on the High street and Andrew Road public car parks for 2 hours for free– please use them.

Clubs Autumn Term 2

DAY/ YEAR GROUPS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunchtimes	Choir- years 3,4,5,6 Miss Davies			Homework club years 4,5,6	
After school	Netball/ basketball- years 4,5,6 Miss Gordon	Football key stage 1- Coaches (Cost £9.50) Magic Maths KS 1 and 2 (Payable to Magic maths online)	Multi skills Pete Barks Year 1,2,3	Dodgeball Key stage 2 (Cost £9.50)	

Photographs

School photos will be taken on Friday 9th November. If you would like your child / children to have a photo taken with a younger or older sibling who does not attend our school please arrive from 8.30 at the school office.

This will be done on a first come first served basis.

All other children's photos will be taken during school time.



DOGS

Please do not bring onto school site either carried or on a lead. You will be asked to leave if you do so.

