



Autumn 2
Half Termly
Newsletter

Reminder: Nursery parents
The deadline for Primary School Applications is
Tuesday 15th January



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



YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AFTER THE HOLIDAY

What a busy half term!!

After a very gruelling interview process on 28th November I was honoured to be offered the position as permanent head teacher here at Halesowen C of E.

For those of you who don't know I have worked here since 2003 and know the place inside out. I really am very excited about taking on this new role and will in the new year host a coffee morning for parents so I can have some feedback from you about what you would like to see happening at Halesowen C of E in the future.

Thank you all for your messages of congratulations. Myself and Miss Davies cannot wait to get started properly after a relaxing Christmas break!

This term has been a busy but fun one. Thanks to all of the parents who have joined us in events in recent weeks such as ; singing around the tree, nativity, seeing Santa and the carol concert.

Yesterday we enjoyed our Christmas dinner with Christmas music and Christmas crackers! The children were impeccably behaved and really enjoyed themselves.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your continued support. We are trying to do more events and clubs and create more experiences and memories for the children than ever before. We know that this does come at a cost to you but hope you understand why we are doing this and can support us going forward.

Please have a peaceful and fun Christmas.

We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 8th January.

Mrs Knowles

DATE	EVENT
7.1.19	Inset Day
8.1.19	Children return to school
10.1.19	PGL meeting for Year 5 after school.
24.1.19	Year 4 Residential meeting after school
5.2.19	E Safety Day
5.2.19	Loudmouth visitors for Year 5 and 6
6.2.19	Loudmouth visitors for Year 3 and 4
12.2.19	Year 5 to the Space Centre
14.2.19	PE focus day in school
8.3.19	World Book Day
WB 11.3.19	Year 6 mock SATs
15.3.19	Comic Relief
11.3.19	Animal Man visiting Years 1 and 2
WB 18.3.19	Year 2 Mock SATs
26.3.19	Reception visit to Sycamore Centre
29.3.19 (AM)	Mothers' Day service in the Church
WB 1.4.19	Parental consultations for ALL year groups
11.4.19 (AM)	Pilgrimage led by Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
12.4.19	Easter bonnets and eggs assembly in school

ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.
LOOK OUT FOR MORE UPDATES.

TUCK:

We have always encouraged children to make healthy food choices in school. Please can we remind you that as part of this, children should not be eating crisps, chocolate etc as part of their morning tuck. Please send them in with healthier alternatives such as fruit.



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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 reason 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: 94.4%

Our target is 96%

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

Well done to Year 4 and Year 5.

It would be nice to see others winning next half term.

Our assembly themes next half term are:
Imagination and Solidarity

LATES

We are finding more and more children are arriving late to school in the morning. This is not only disruptive for learning but also unsettling for the children.

Please ensure children arrive between 8.40 and 8.48. This gives them time to put their things away and settle into class before the register.

Children arriving after the bell has gone need to be signed in by an adult for safeguarding reasons.

We know sometimes you get frustrated as it is only a few minutes but even a few minutes causes disruption for the class.

FAMILIES WHO ARE PERSISTENTLY LATE TO SCHOOL WILL BE ASKED TO COME IN FOR A MEETING. LATE MARKS CAN BE MARKED AS UNAUTHORISED IF THERE IS NO IMPROVEMENT, WHICH CAN = A FINE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

HOUSE POINTS

This year we are doing more House events.

This half term we have held our art and poetry competitions

Houses are awarded double ‘big’ points for house events.

The winners of the art competition (voted for by the children) were: Ayana, Shihab, Gyah, Jake, Mia, Wed and Molly

The winners of the poetry competition, judged by Miss Donald and Miss Gordon were: Emma, Harvey, Maisie, Lexi, Dylan, Natalia

House Points Autumn term 2

Lyttleton

48

Hone

52

Grazebrook

36

Dudley

39

Christmas Holiday



Homework



Design your very own

winter jumper

or create a

magical snowflake.



Use any materials or show your design in any way you want! Be as creative as you can!

Bring your design back to school by Friday 11th January and win 3 House Points.

You may even get the chance for your art work to be displayed in Halesowen Library.



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Please remember children return to school on Tuesday 8th January

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 a lot 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 Spring Term 1

DAY/ YEAR GROUPS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunchtimes				Homework club years 4,5,6	
After school	Construction club— Year 1, 2 and 3 Miss Donald Funky fingers club— invited children— Miss Shahan	Cricket— year 5 and 6 (Chance to Shine Cricket) (cost £10.00)	Handball Pete Barks Year 3 and 4	Dodgeball Year 1 and 2 (Cost £9.00)	

Communication

As a school we are always trying to improve the way we communicate with parents.

We will be sending this half termly newsletter as well as other letters when necessary.

We use the text messaging service predominantly as a reminder or for any last minute notices.

We are trying to work on improving the website.

Mrs Carroll and at least 2 teachers are available before school to take messages. All teachers are available after school.

As the Head Teacher I am always happy to help but you should always talk to the class teacher first.

MILK

Letters have gone out 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.