



**HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome Back!**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and both you and the children were looking forward to starting back at school – at the start of the new school year!

In addition to the 25 new pupils in our Reception class, we have had two other students join our school this week (Harvey in Year 4 and Lily in Year 5) along with a few new adults: Miss Whiting (Year 5 & 6), Mr Modaley (Year 3) and Miss Clemson-Banks (Year 1). I hope that everybody who is new to our school has really enjoyed their first week at Halton Lodge Primary School.

Over the summer, the work on the environmental area was started. The soil beds along the path that leads from the front of school round to the main playground were dug out and filled with top soil – and the herbs have already been planted – and the flower beds at the front of school were refreshed. The pond has also been installed – at the top of the grass bank – and the areas where we will be planting trees and bushes have been defined. While a few plants have been planted – as these needed to be planted before the end of August (so they establish themselves before the winter comes) – as much of the planting as possible has been left for when the children have returned (so they can see the transformation take place and take part in some of the planting). Hopefully this will start in the next few weeks (when we hope to have some sunnier weather).

Yesterday you should have received a green Data Collection sheet. It is essential that we have ALL of the information that is requested on this sheet and – should it change throughout the course of the year – that you update us with any new mobile numbers, change of address or changes to who we should contact in an emergency.

**A Few Other Important Reminders:**

**School Uniform** Could you please ensure that ALL items of school uniform – including Book Bags, PE Kits and coats - are clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Please also ensure that your child wears black shoes and plain socks for school. The only exception to this is when children choose to wear a yellow and white**



**summer dress, when white shoes may be worn instead. Trainers should never be worn in school (except for PE lessons and after school clubs).**

**PE Kit** Children should bring their PE Kit into school every Monday (and take it home on a Friday, if necessary, to be washed over the weekend). Otherwise, their kit can stay in school for the whole half term – and be taken home to be washed during the school holidays. ***This is because their PE Kit needs to be in school every day!***

The PE Kit should consist of: **Plain White T-shirt, Black Shorts, Ankle Socks, Black Pumps and Trainers.** (Tracksuits may be worn when it is cold outside).

**Jewellery** In the interests of their own, and other children's safety, we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in school, with the exception of **watches and stud earrings.** In order to wear stud earrings, your child MUST be able to take them out and put them back in for all PE lessons and sporting activities!

**It is also against school policy for children to arrive at school wearing nail varnish or any other make-up. Children who have hair longer than shoulder length, should also have this tied back when they are in school.**

**Dinner Money** All lunch money – for those children in the juniors – should be paid on a Monday and sent into school in a named envelope. The cost of school meals is £2.40 per day.

**Invitation To Come And Meet The Adults Who Will Be Working With And Supporting Your Child This Year**



To provide all of our parents and carers with the opportunity to meet the adults who will be working with and supporting their child(ren) this year, visit their child's new classroom and find out about the various topics that they will encounter - we have arranged a series of meetings over the next few weeks.

We hope that this will be a great opportunity for you to be fully informed about all of the things that will be happening this year; and enable you to support your child in the best way possible.

Equally, if you have any questions about the year ahead, please use this opportunity to ask them.



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These meetings will take place on:

- **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** (at 3:15pm) for the parents/carers of the children in **Years 5 & 6.**
- **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September** (at 3:15pm) for the parents/carers of the children in **Years 3 & 4.**
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September** (at 3:15pm) for the parents/carers of the children in **Years 1 & 2.**
- **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** (at 12:30pm) for the parents/carers of the children in **Reception.**

These will be held in your child's new classroom, so please come straight into school - via your child's classroom door – at the end of the school day. *Our new Reception parents will receive a separate letter outlining details of their Meet The Teacher session.*

Only by working together, can we fully understand, motivate and support a child with their learning – **so it is hoped all families will be able to come along.**

*\*If you need to bring your child along to these meetings, school aged children will be able to wait for you in the school hall – where they will be supervised by some of our teachers and teaching assistants.*

**All After-School Clubs will start on 18<sup>th</sup> September – and further details about what is available for your child to attend will be sent home on Monday.**



**Polite Notice from the people who live near to our school**

We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about cars blocking their driveways at the start and end of the school day.

If you bring or collect your child from school by car, would you please refrain from parking anywhere where you will be restricting (or blocking) the access of the local residents from their driveways.

We appreciate that there is lots of work – and scaffolding – on the streets near school at the moment; but it is essential that we respect the right of access to their own property of the people who live close to school.

Car drivers are also reminded that they must not park on the yellow zig-zags', at the designated bus stop or in close proximity to any of the road junctions. It is hoped everybody will help to ensure that we keep all of our pupils safe when they are crossing the road to and from school. Thank You!



**BONUS BALL**

For a number of years, the school PTA has run a Bonus Ball – whereby parents, employees and friends of the school are invited to pay £1 each week (up front) to take part in the weekly draw.

Each person keeps the same number for the whole term (or school year if you prefer) and if your number is drawn as the Bonus Ball in Saturday's National Lottery Draw, you win £30 and the school keeps the remaining money; to invest in fun and exciting things for the children throughout the school year.

If you are interested in taking part, please speak with Miss Simcock (to see which numbers are now available, and should we get enough people to make this feasible, we will start this next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> September).

This is a great way that you can support the school raise some additional money – and you may win some cash too!

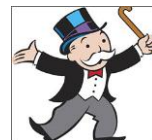
**Solving Kids' Cancer**

Mrs Urmsom and her daughters (Libbi and Summer) are currently raising money for Solving Kids' Cancer ([www.SolvingKidsCancer.org.uk](http://www.SolvingKidsCancer.org.uk)).



If anybody would like to support this cause, Mrs Urmsom will be selling white adult and children's wristbands – after school – each day next week (until they are all sold out).

The wristbands cost just £1.



**Enter The National MONOPOLY GO Competition**

Your child may have brought home an official entry form to design a MONOPOLY family token (game piece) and win their height in board games – in addition to £500 for the school. *This competition is open to children in Key Stage 2 only!*

We will accept entries – which can be brought to the school office – up until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, when we will send off all of the entries well in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> December deadline. It would be great if we could have a large number of entries.

The school address is: Halton Lodge Primary School, Grangeway, Runcorn, WA7 5LU.

The school contact number is: 01928 564053



### Dates for your Diary

Mon 11 Sept	3:15pm <b>Meet The Teacher session for parents and carers of children in Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Fri 8 Dec	<b>Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation towards the Christmas Fayre</b>
Tues 12 Sept	3:15pm <b>Meet The Teacher session for parents and carers of children in Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	Wed 13 Dec	<b>Infant Nativity Play</b> (at 1:30pm and 5:00pm)
Wed 13 Sept	3:15pm <b>Meet The Teacher session for parents and carers of children in Years 1 &amp; 2</b>	Thurs 14 Dec	<b>PTA Christmas Fayre</b> (from 3:10pm)
Thurs 14 Sept	11:45am <b>Reception children invited to bring a family member to school for a school lunch.</b> Cost £2.40 per extra meal.	Fri 15 Dec	<b>Christmas Jumper Day and Special Christmas Lunch.</b> School Closes at 1:30pm
	12:30pm <b>Meet The Teacher session for parents and carers of children in Year R</b>	Christmas Holidays – 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	
Thurs 14 Sept	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Tues 2 Jan	<b>School Reopens to all pupils at 8:45am</b>
Fri 15 Sept	<b>School Closed: INSET DAY</b>	Thurs 4 Jan	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Thurs 21 Sept	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Thurs 11 Jan	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Tues 26 Sept	<b>Individual School Photographs</b>	Thurs 18 Jan	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Fri 29 Sept	<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b> from 9:00am	Fri 19 Jan	<b>Year 6 Class Assembly</b> (9:10am)
Thurs 5 Oct	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Thurs 25 Jan	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Thurs 12 Oct	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Wed 31 Jan	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 pupils invited to bring a family member to school for a school lunch.</b> Cost £2.40 per extra meal.
Tues 17 Oct	<b>Parents' Evening</b> (from 3:10pm until 5:30pm)	Thurs 1 Feb	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Wed 18 Oct	<b>Parents' Evening</b> (from 3:10pm until 6:30pm)	Mon 5 Feb	<b>Year 5 Class Assembly</b> (9:10am)
Thurs 19 Oct	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Thurs 8 Feb	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Half Term – 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017		8 & 9 Feb	<b>Year 3 Foxhowl Residential</b>
Mon 30 Oct	<b>School Reopens to all pupils at 8:45am</b>	Half Term – 12 <sup>th</sup> February to 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	
	<b>STARLIGHT Charity Bag Collection</b>	Wed 21 Feb	<b>Year 5 and Year 6 pupils invited to bring a family member to school for a school lunch.</b> Cost £2.40 per extra meal.
Thurs 2 Nov	<b>School Disco</b> KS1 4:00pm to 5:00pm KS2 5:15pm to 6:15pm Admission = £1.50	Thurs 22 Feb	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Fri 3 Nov	<b>Special Bonfire Themed Lunch</b>	Tues 27 Feb	<b>Parents' Evening</b> (from 3:10pm until 6:30pm)
Thurs 9 Nov	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Wed 28 Feb	<b>Parents' Evening</b> (from 3:10pm until 5:30pm)
Wed 15 Nov	<b>Year 1 pupils invited to bring a family member to school for a school lunch.</b> Cost £2.40 per extra meal.	Thurs 1 Mar	<b>World Book Day</b>
Thurs 16 Nov	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Thurs 1 Mar	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Fri 17 Nov	<b>Children In Need</b> Dance in your pyjamas or onesie	Thurs 8 Mar	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Thurs 23 Nov	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Fri 9 Mar	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly</b> (9:10am)
Mon 27 Nov	<b>Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation towards our Christmas Bingo</b>	Thurs 15 Mar	6:00pm <b>School Panto</b>
Wed 29 Nov	<b>Year 2 pupils invited to bring a family member to school for a school lunch.</b> Cost £2.40 per extra meal.	Thurs 22 Mar	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
Thurs 30 Nov	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Fri 23 Mar	<b>Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation for the Easter Bingo</b>
Mon 4 Dec	<b>PTA Christmas Bingo - Eyes Down</b> at 6:30pm	Mon 26 Mar	<b>Year 3 Class Assembly</b> (9:10am)
Thurs 7 Dec	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>	Wed 28 Mar	<b>PTA Easter Bingo - Eyes Down</b> at 6:30pm
		Thurs 29 Mar	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
		Thurs 29 Mar	<b>School closes at 3:10pm</b>
		Easter Holidays – 30 <sup>th</sup> March to 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
		Mon 16 Apr	<b>School Reopens to all pupils at 8:45am</b>
		Thurs 19 Apr	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>
		Mon 23 Apr	<b>School Closed: INSET Day</b>
		Thurs 26 Apr	2:45pm <b>Family Assembly</b>



Fri 27 Apr **Year 2 Class Assembly** (9:15am)  
 Thurs 3 May 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Mon 7 May **School Closed: MAY BANK HOLIDAY**  
 Thurs 10 May 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Thurs 17 May 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Wed 23 May **Sports Day – Juniors (am); Infants (pm)**  
 Thurs 24 May 2:45pm **Family Assembly**

Half Term – 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Mon 4 June **School Closed: INSET Day**  
 Thurs 7 June 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June **Year 6 Condoover Hall Residential**  
 Thurs 14 June 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Thurs 21 June 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Mon 25 June **Year 1 Class Assembly** (9:10am)  
 Thurs 28 June **Halton Lodge Has Got Talent: The Final**  
 at 5:30pm  
 Fri 6 July **Year R Class Assembly** (9:10am)  
 Thurs 12 July 2:45pm **Family Assembly**  
 Fri 13 July **Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation**  
 towards the Summer Fayre  
 Fri 20 July **Move Up Day**  
 Fri 20 July **PTA Summer Fayre** (from 3:10pm)  
 Mon 23 July **Year 6 Prize Giving** at 6:00pm  
 Wed 25 July **School closes at 1:30pm**

*Dates for all other school events will be sent out in due course!*



### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7:55am until the start of the school day (at 8:55am) each school day.

The cost to attend is:

7:55am to 8:55am	£3*
8:25am to 8:55am	£2**

For families where 2 or more children attend, the costs are £2\* and £1.50\*\* respectively.

For children who arrive before 8:25am, breakfast (consisting of cereal, fruit, yogurt, fruit juice, beans on toast and/or sausage and beans) is always available at no extra cost.

*If you ever wish for your child to attend our Breakfast Club – even if it is just for one day – please reserve a place via the School Office.*

*Payments for attending Breakfast Club should be made in advance – but can also be paid day by day.*



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