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The Heads Up

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Tuesday 7th October 2025



Last Friday, our Key Stage 2 classes were lucky enough to have the opportunity to meet the author **Ross Montgomery**, who came in to talk to the children about his work, his inspiration and the process for writing stories. It was a brilliant afternoon, very funny, and afterwards the children were able to buy copies of Ross's book, which he then signed for them.

Thank you so much to Ms Bates for organising this wonderful experience. Instilling a love of reading is really important to us here at Halton and moments like this really inspire the children.

Drop off time

Please remember that in the mornings, staff will be outside supervising the children from **8.30** onwards. If you arrive before this, you will need to stay with your children or else they will be outside by themselves. Please also make sure that your children arrive in time for registration. All of the classes begin work straight away and any arrival time afterwards is missed opportunity for learning. We do appreciate that at times it can be hard to judge the traffic, however the children will still be marked as 'late' in the register, particularly when this is a regular occurrence.

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you all have had a positive start to your week. Since my last newsletter, it has been a really busy time in school, with lots of activities and events taking place. Several of our classes have been on trips, including the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Go Ape and Hampton Court Palace. We were also really pleased to welcome visitors into school, including the author Ross Montgomery. As well as all of these individual events, the children continue to impress us all with their hard work and positivity in the classroom. I was showing a fellow headteacher around our school last week, someone who has never been to Halton before, and their feedback was really lovely to hear; *"It's such a lovely environment to walk around. Calm, focused and the children are all really happy and keen to make you feel welcome."* This was really positive to hear and is a testament to the hard work of everyone in our community.

Mr Horsfield

Parent Consultations

On **Tuesday 14th** and **Thursday 16th October**, you will get the chance to meet with your child's teacher when we host our parent consultation evenings.

By now, a lot of you have already booked your 10-minute slot using the electronic booking system. This is open until the end of Friday 9th October for those yet to book. We are really grateful that the school governors will be in attendance too on the night, serving hot drinks. There will also be second hand uniform on sale, with an honesty box in place for anyone wishing to purchase any items of uniform. If you have any queries regarding the parent consultations please contact the school office.

Key dates for this term

Tuesday 14th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 16th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00pm-6.30pm
w/c Monday 27th October – School closed for half term
Monday 3rd November – Inset day, school closed
Tuesday 4th November – School and Kids Kapers reopen
Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance assembly
Wednesday 3rd December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas lunch
Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day
PTA Christmas disco 6.00-7.30pm
Friday 19th December – School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6th January – School and Kids Kapers reopens



Christmas cards

Apologies for mentioning Christmas, I just wanted to clarify the arrangements for purchasing the Christmas Cards that children have been designing over the past few weeks. Unlike previous years, we won't be sending their designs home to you. Instead, the PTA have sent them to the card company and they will generate a template using your child's design. Soon, you will receive more information for how you can then order the cards online.



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matters.org**

Online Safety—Cyber Security

October is Cyber-Security month. Cyber Security is an important part of daily life, whether you are connecting to public WiFi or browsing at home. In school, we have a robust filtering and monitoring system in place to help protect us from harmful online content, as well as software to protect the school network from viruses and potential 'Cyber attacks'. At home, Cyber Security covers a range of different topics, some of which can seem quite complicated to manage.

Internetmatters.org have produced a really useful guide to Cyber Security, which can be accessed via the following link:

[Internetmatterscybersecurity](https://www.internetmatters.org/cybersecurity)

If you have any queries regarding Cyber Security or any other issues relating to internet safety, please speak to Mr Horsfield, Mrs Allen or Mrs Dawkins. We are all trained Safeguarding Leads and will handle your queries sensitively.

PTA News!

Tickets for the **Cheese and Wine** night are available to buy from Parent Pay. See page 3 of this letter for more details.

This year, we will be raffling off Christmas hampers and prizes again, this is always well-received and generates a healthy income.

Advanced warning!

We will be in need of some gifts and prizes to go into the hampers, items such as chocolates, bottles, bathroom gifts, candles and books. It would also be great to create some children's hampers too. On Friday 21st November, school will be having a 'mufti day', where children can come into school in non-uniform, in return for a gift for our hamper raffle.

Any queries, please contact the office or your class PTA rep via your class WhatsApp group.

Attendance for September

Bluebells: 95%

Year 1: 97.8%

Year 2: 97.8%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 97.3%

Well done to **Year 3** for having the highest attendance for September. In line with the government expectations, we are committed to helping children and their families maintain good levels of attendance. Obviously, there are times when children do need to stay at home, such as with illness. If you have any queries regarding attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.



WINE TASTING

Join us for a fun wine-tasting evening, hosted by an expert. Sample six delicious wines, learn fun facts to impress your friends (or just zone out and enjoy the taste), and soak it all up with tasty cheese and biscuits!

Thursday
6th November

Halton School
7.30pm

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AGES:
4 - 12 years old

THE JOHN HAMPOEN,
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DATES:
27th - 31st October

TIMES :
8:30 - 15:30
8:30 - 18:00

AGES:
4 - 7 years old

WENDOVER JNR,
WENDOVER, HP22 6HF

DATES:
27th - 31st October

TIMES:
8:30 - 15:30
8:30 - 18:00

AGES:
7 - 12 years old

All venues are Early Years registered and children aged 4 and in reception can attend.



Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new – from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

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