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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 2

Friday 26th September 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. It has been a really productive week in school this week, with all of our classes keeping busy in a wide variety of ways. Our Year 6's started the week up in Wendover Woods, where they took part in some team building activities and challenges on the Go Ape high-rope courses. The hard work didn't stop there, with all of the children continuing with their curriculum topics. We were all impressed by our Year 1 children, as they all completed some creative writing based on the story "It's not a stick.." Not only did they produce some fabulous work, they were very brave this morning when they stood up and shared their writing in front of the whole school! Positivity is our school value this half term and we have seen it in bucketloads this week! Well done everyone.

Mr Horsfield



Parent Consultations

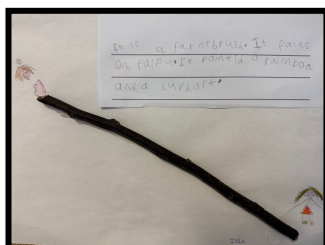
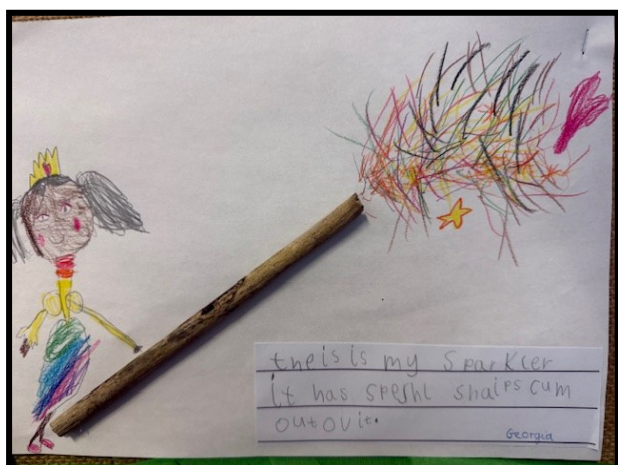
On **Tuesday 14th** and **Thursday 16th October**, you will get the chance to meet with your child's teacher when we host our parent consultation evenings.

Next week, on **Monday 29th September**, you will be able to book your 10-minute appointment using our online booking system. The booking system will go live from **7.00pm** on Monday and will remain open until the end of Friday 3rd October. You will receive a link via your Parent Pay email address. Any queries regarding the booking

Individual photographs

Our school photographer will be in on **Thursday 2nd October** to take individual and sibling photographs. If your child has a sports club on Thursday, or if they are in Year 5, please can they come to school wearing their school uniform and we will facilitate them getting changed afterwards.

Our Key Stage 2 classes are really looking forward to the visit from author **Ross Montgomery** next Friday. Children are able to pre-order copies of his book which he will sign in school next week. See the letter sent home this week for information.



Drop off time

We just wanted to remind everyone 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.

We would also like to remind everyone not to walk through the car park at any time and to use the public crossings to cross the main road.

PE

A reminder that children can come to school wearing their PE kit if their class has PE that day or if they are attending a sports club. The classes have PE on the following days:

Monday: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4

Tuesday: Year 3

Thursday: Year 5

Friday: Bluebells, Year 6

Phonics Workshop—Wednesday 1st October

Next week, on Wednesday 1st October at 9.15am, Mrs Dawkins will be hosting a phonics workshop for parents in Bluebells, Year 1 and Year 2. The aim is to talk through our phonics scheme, Twinkl Phonics, so that you have an understanding of how we will be teaching phonics to your children. She will also talk through the home reading books so that you know how best to use these to develop your child's reading at home. If you would like to come, simply wait by the office on Wednesday after drop off and we will welcome you in to school.

Timings of the day

Bluebells: 8.50am—3.15pm

Years 2,4,6: 8.40am—3.20pm

Years 1,3,5: 8.45am—3.25pm

Please make sure that your children arrive in time for registration. More than 10 minutes after the start time above is classed as late on your child's attendance record.

You're hired!

Move over Lord Sugar, we have our own entrepreneur in our school, as Hamish from Year 5 has started his own business! With the help of mum and dad, Hamish has spent the summer holidays picking a large amount of pears from his garden and has had them turned into bottles of delicious pear juice! Hamish stood up in assembly this morning and told the whole school about his hard work, sharing a PowerPoint presentation about the different produce that he has started to sell. This includes fresh fruit, bottles of juice and jars of chutney. Next Friday, 3rd October, Hamish will be selling his juice at the end of the day and I would highly recommend that you get yourselves a bottle or two! If you are interested, please make sure that you have cash.



Key dates for this term

Wednesday 1st October - Phonics workshop for Rec, Y1, Y2, 9.15am
Thursday 2nd October – individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 7th October - SEND coffee morning (*more info to follow*)
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

Inset days for 2025 / 2026

Like every year, the school has four inset days every year, in addition to the one set by the local authority at the start of September.

This year our inset days will be:

Monday 3rd November
Monday 5th January
Monday 13th April
Monday 29th June

On these dates, the main school, Pre-school and Kids Kapers will be closed.

Kids Kapers finishing time

A reminder that Kids Kapers closes at 6.00pm every day. If you are running late as a result of traffic etc, please call them directly on **01296 623635** to let them know.

Online Safety—Mobile phones

A reminder that only the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school and if they do then these must be placed in the class phone boxes at the start of each day. Mobile phones **must not** be used by children in school for any reason and any breach of these rules will result in the offender/s not being allowed to bring their devices in. At the end of the school day, all children must wait until they are outside of the school perimeter fencing before they begin to use their mobile device.



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If you would like to check for availability, or you have any further queries, please contact our school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264

"Something like you, something like a beast,
something like a bird, something like an angel."

He laughed. "Something like that."

"They say that shoulder blades are where your
wings were, when you were an angel," she said.

They say they're where your wings
will grow again one day."

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by DAVID ALMOND



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