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The Heads Up

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I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. This week has been our annual Healthy Week, where children across the school take part in a variety of activities linked to a specific theme. The theme for this year was “Healthy Me—Mind, body and relaxation”, and it was great to see the children make the most of the opportunities that have come their way this week. Healthy Week has been a part of our school calendar for many years now and it remains an initiative that the children get excited about and gain so much from. From one very busy week to another, as next week, despite the Bank Holiday, we have another jam-packed timetable for everyone in school. Hopefully, you have all seen my letter regarding our VE Day celebration on Thursday and of course, that is also the day of our PTA disco. We look forward to welcoming you all into school on Thursday evening and hope that you enjoy yourselves in the sunshine and on the dancefloor! Have a lovely weekend and I will see you all next week.

Mr Horsfield



PTA summer disco

Our next PTA event, the summer disco, will be taking place next week on **Thursday 8th May**. The doors will be open from 6.00pm and the disco will finish at 7.30pm. If you haven't bought your ticket already, these can be purchased from Parent Pay. We are looking forward to a fun-packed evening and whether you're outside in the sunshine or inside on the dancefloor, we hope that those joining us have a great time.

Next week marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we will be marking this with a number of activities in school.

If they would like to, the children can come to school on Thursday wearing red, white and blue clothes. If any children don't wish to join in, please come in your school uniform (which is white and blue anyway!).

During the afternoon, we will have a whole school assembly, all of the classes will have their own mini street party and then they will then spend time with their buddy classes up on the field. For the street party, we will provide a small snack for the children to have, parents do not need to provide anything.

We are mindful that for some of our service families, you may have family members deployed away from the UK in areas of hostility. We also know that there are several families within our community who have family and friends still living in countries where there is conflict. If you think your children would benefit from some pastoral support as a result of our VE Day plans, please speak to myself or Mrs Allen, or contact us via office@haltoncc.school.



Preparing for sunny weather

The weather has been glorious this week and we have everything crossed that this continues! During periods of sunnier weather, please do make sure that the children have hats, water bottles and have applied sun cream before the school day. We will provide the children with water if they don't have their bottle and there is plenty of shade on our playground. For sun cream, if you can apply one of the longer-lasting creams, that is preferred. If children do bring cream in, they must be able to put it on themselves, staff will not be rubbing sun cream on any of the children.

Staffing for next year

Quite a number of parents have asked about the staffing for next year and when they will find out who their child's new teacher is. Our aim is always to let you know as soon after the May half term as possible. By then, I will know which teacher and support staff will be in each class, this will be shared with you along with information about our plans for transition. We know that this time of year can be unsettling, as for most classes there is a lot of change. Every class will have 3x lessons with their new class staff, starting on Wednesday 18th June. We will also be hosting an open evening on Monday 14th July, where parents can see the children's current classroom, as well as having a meet and greet with the staff for next year. More information will follow once everything has been finalised.

Key dates

Mon 5th May—school closed for Bank Holiday

Thurs 8th May—VE Day celebration in the afternoon (*more details to follow*).

- 6.00pm-7.30pm, PTA Summer Disco

W/C 12th May—Year 6 SATS week

Thurs 22nd May—Whole class photographs

W/C 26th May—Half term holiday

Mon 2nd June—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Wed 4th to Fri 6th June—Year 6 residential

Wed 11th June—Sports Day

Sat 14th June—Community Day, 12pm-3pm

Wed 25th June—Reception 2025 parent meeting at 5.00pm

Mon 7th July—School closed for inset day

Monday 14th July—Open Evening for all parents (*more details to follow*)

Friday 18th July—iRock concert for parents at 9.30am

Wed 23rd July—Year 6 leavers assembly at 10am

- School closes for the summer holidays

Internet safety – Tik Tok

Many of you reading this and who are familiar with Tik Tok, may wonder why we are including this in our safety advice, given that Tik Tok has an age restriction of 13+. Recent statistics show, that an estimated 68% of primary school-aged children who say they are active on social media, have their own Tik Tok account.

Once signed up and logged in, you can either search for popular categories, creators or known friends. You can also create videos yourself. But many people, including teens and young people, just use the app to follow content creators.

Some of the risks:

- Children can easily see inappropriate content and hear inappropriate language.

- **By default, all accounts are public** so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages.

- Users can like or react to a video, follow an account or send messages to each other, so there is the risk that **strangers will be able to directly contact children** on the app.

- Children may be **tempted to take risks to get more of a following** or likes on a video so it's important to talk about what they share and with who.

The following link has more information:

[Tik Tok Guide for Parents](#)

Lost property

We still have a lot of lost property left, far more than will fit in our lost property cupboard. Please do come and claim any items that belong to you. We have everything from uniform, coats, hats, water bottles and food containers. Not much of it is named, however a lot of it looks very new!



Community Day – Saturday 14th June

Planning is well under way for this year's **Community Day** and we already have lots of exciting activities planned including:

Bouncy castles, Circus skills, rabbit petting zoo, iRock, live music, car show, hot food, bar, ice creams, tombola, Wycombe Wanderers football skills, plus lots more games and activities.

There are ways in which you can help:

- We are looking for any **musicians** who would like to perform at our **Community Day**. If you know anyone in a band or a soloist who is interested in performing, contact me as soon as possible.
- If you have, or know somebody who has a **vehicle** which they would like to display in our Car Show, please contact me asap using office@haltoncc.school.
- We will be in need of **tombola prizes**, if anyone works for business or knows anybody who is able to donate a prize for this we would be extremely grateful.
- There are also pitches available if any businesses are interested. This was very popular last year and the businesses who hired a pitch were really pleased with the chance to advertise and network.

Further information about our **Community Day** will be sent out in the near future. We hope that you are looking forward to it as much as we are, it is always a lovely way to celebrate the school year.

Road safety

I would like to remind everyone again about numerous rules that we have in place to try and ensure that you and your children are kept safe, particularly during the very busy parts of the day.

- Please do not walk across the staff car park at any time of the day.
- Please do not 'stop and drop' your children outside of the school gates, please use the car park by the Post office and walk down.
- Please do not park in the layby where the "Don't Park" signs are.

We have had a number of complaints from parents and staff of both our school and Woodlands, all worried about the safety of their children. I ask that everyone follows these rules to keep us all safe.

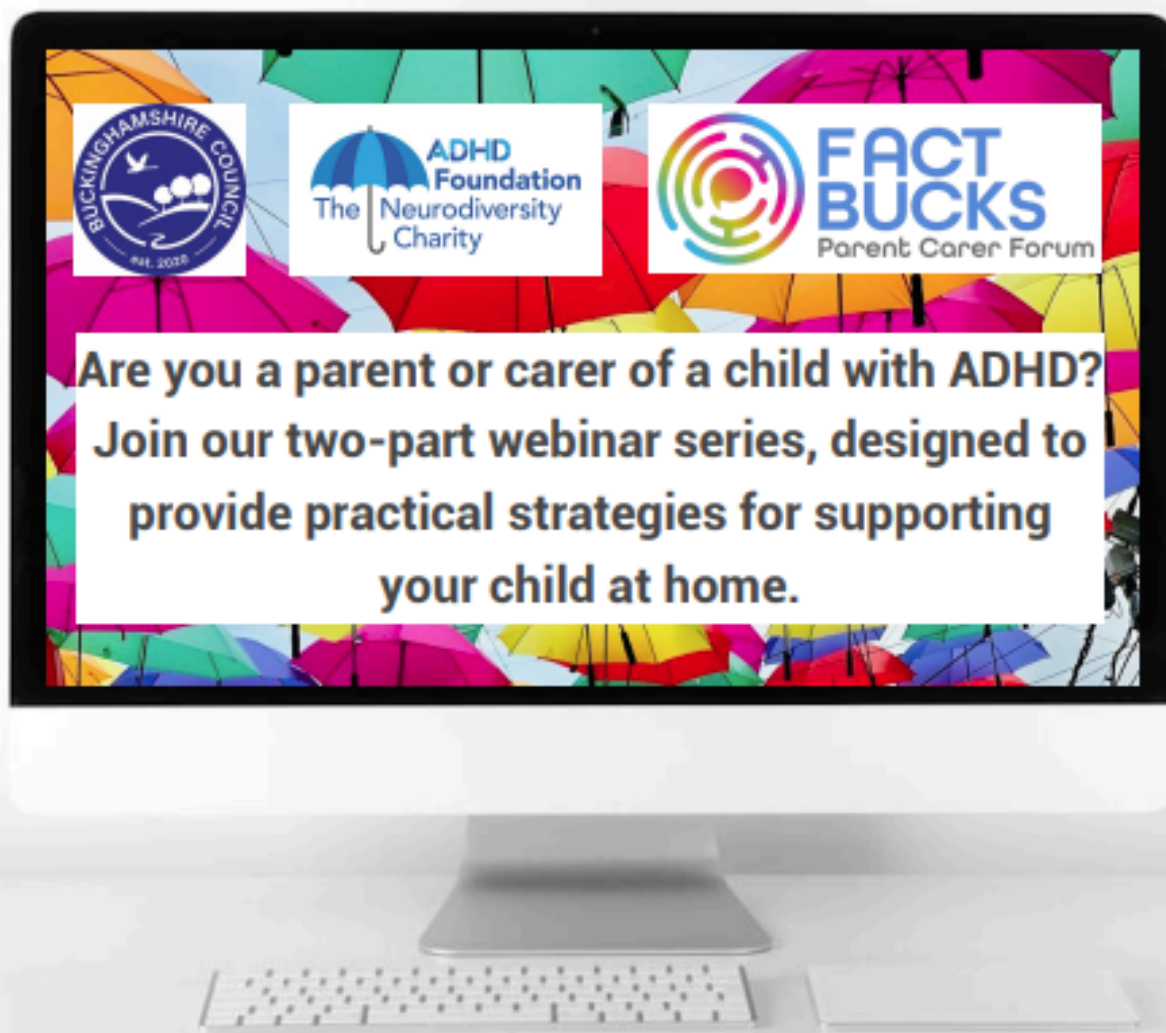
Value for this half term: LOYALTY

Kids Kapers job vacancies

We are currently on the lookout for some full time and part time Play Workers to help us in **Kids Kapers** both in the morning and after school. The hours would be a split shift of 7.15—9.00 and 3.00-6.00 every day. Any parents of children in our school, we could accommodate your child in Kids Kapers whilst you work here. If you would like some more information, or you know someone who would, please speak to Mrs Allen or contact the school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264.

Buckinghamshire ADHD Project

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**Session 1: 10 -11:30am,
Thursday 22nd May 2025**

- Creating an ADHD-friendly home environment.
- Strategies to improve planning, organising, and time management.
- Improving sleep habits and overall well-being.



**Session 2: 1 -2:30pm,
Tuesday 3rd June 2025**

- Strategies to improve communication and connection with your child.
- Tools to help your child identify and manage feelings.
- Self-care tips to help you support your child effectively.



This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help both you and your child thrive. These sessions will be recorded and made available to everyone who registers, so even if you cannot make the live streamed session, you won't miss out.



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and take
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18:00 – 19:00

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TUESDAYS (TERM TIME)

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- RECREATIONAL FOR FUN
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- PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS
- POST 16 EDUCATION

TUESDAY **22 & 29** **APRIL**

SIGN UP TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

