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Positivity :: Respect :: Honesty :: Perseverance :: Loyalty :: Courage

The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

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Friday 21st March 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. We have had a very productive time in school and have certainly achieved a great deal. For our children in Years 1 to 6 it has been assessment week and therefore it is an opportunity to once again see the progress that continues to be made as we journey through this academic year. Of course, we know that progress comes in many forms and whilst the focus this week has been more on the progress made in reading, writing and mathematics, we cannot stop ourselves from being wowed by the progress that we see in all areas across the school, particularly with our school values. Perseverance has been on show a lot already this term, and I have been particularly impressed by the way in which the children have really challenged themselves, especially when working outside of their comfort zone. Our challenges have been physical and they have tested our mental strength as well. Whilst there may not have been a test paper completed this week to determine how much progress has been made with our perseverance and positivity, it is truly evident to see the heights that the children can reach (literally, in the case of our Bluebells children!).

Mr Horsfield



End of term timings

The current term will end on Friday 4th April, with our finish times slightly earlier than usual:

Preschool: 12.30pm

Bluebells: 1.15pm

Years 2, 4, 6: 1.20pm

Years 1, 3, 5: 1.25pm

School and Kids Kapers will reopen for the summer term on Wednesday 23rd April.

Running Club

A reminder that the RAF kids running club takes place every Monday and is open to all children aged 4-11. If you are interested, Please meet at 6.00pm at the Nuffield Pavilion field. You can find more information on **page 3**.

PTA Events

Our amazing PTA have been very busy organising some upcoming events for the children to take part in. One of these is the "Smarties Challenge", which as well as fundraising, also helps to encourage the children to help you around the house! More information on this is on **page 4** of this newsletter.

On Friday 4th April, the children in **Years 3 to 6** can take part in an Easter baking competition. Everyone will then be able to buy the cakes when we finish school on that day. The PTA will organise a separate competition for the younger children in the summer term.

We are always really appreciative of the support that you give us with the fundraising events. Your generosity means that this year we are able to buy a lot of equipment for the playground, to make our break times and lunch times more enjoyable for everyone. Due to the events already this year, some of this equipment has been ordered and will arrive very soon! Thank you so much for your ongoing support with this.

Internet safety – control setting for

Smartphones and other devices

Children are using devices at a younger age and this makes it really important to make sure that you have activated any relevant safety controls on the devices they use.

Internetmatters.org have pulled together a number of guides to give you simple steps to set controls on a range of smartphones, mobile devices, tablets and consoles, to manage everything from location tracking to social media use and parental controls. Click on the following link to access this handy guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

If you or your child would like any support with any issues regarding E-safety, please feel confident in approaching myself, Mrs Allen or Mrs Dawkins. We are all Designated Safeguarding Leads and will treat your concerns sensitively and with confidentiality.



Community Day – Saturday 14th June

Planning is well under way for this year's **Community Day**. 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 **classic car** or **other 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 **raffle 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.

Key dates

Fri 4th April—iRock concert, 9.30am

- school ends for Easter holidays

Wed 23rd April—School and Kids Kapers reopens for summer term

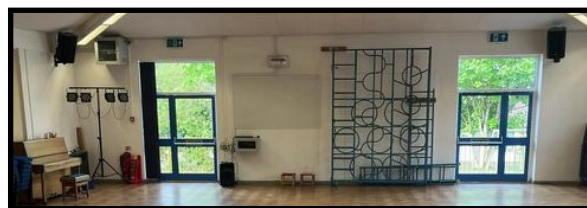
W/C 26th May—Half term holiday

Mon 2nd June—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Wed 11th June—Sports Day

Sat 14th June—Community Day

Mon 7th July—School closed for inset day



Hire our hall

Having a party or a large event? Don't forget you can hire our hall for £25 per hour. Check our website:

[Hiring our hall](#)



RAF HALTON KIDS



*Parents
encouraged
to join in
and take
part!*

*The mile is made
up of a short run
and games!*

ONE MILE

RUNNING CLUB

Mondays at 6pm

Ages 4-11

(Preschool-Year6)

Must be accompanied by Parent(s)

New location -

Nuffield

Pavillion field

HP22 5PG

**Certificates and T-shirts
on completion of
distances**



£10 for 10 attended sessions

Email address:

rafhaltonkidsrunning@gmail.com

PTA Fundraiser SMARTIES CHALLENGE!

*Raising money to improve the
school playground*

Treat yourself to some Smarties to eat,
The empty tube you must keep.
For every task done, earn 20p,
It's up to you to earn your fee.
Fill up your tube, right to the top,
Return in three weeks for
our playground revamp pot.

Smarties on sale
at Treat Friday
28th March
50p



**FILL YOUR
TUBE WITH
20P COINS**

Return to school
by Friday 25th April

Get started with these money earning ideas

Reading
Make my Bed
Mow the Grass
Get Dressed
Tidy my Bedroom
Empty Dishwasher

BASE

• **FREE** **GIRLS** **FOOTBALL**

18:00 – 19:00

JOHN COLET SCHOOL 3G

TUESDAYS (TERM TIME)

AGES 7 - 16

VARIOUS SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- RECREATIONAL FOR FUN
- GRASS ROOTS DEVELOPMENT
- PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS
- POST 16 EDUCATION

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

SIGN UP TO SECURE YOUR PLACE





Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

Easter Playscheme



7-17 April 2025



During our first week of the Easter playscheme we will be looking at the insects that live in our garden. Does it fly? Does it have legs? What does it eat? Let's explore the creepy crawlies together! During the second week we will be creating Easter baskets, bunnies and having a giant easter egg hunt! If your child likes being crafty, playing with toys or enjoying the garden there is something for everyone during our fun packed two weeks.



BOOKINGS

We accept advance and last-minute bookings for the After School Club and Holiday Playschemes through our online booking system. To register and book sessions for your child please visit jppc.magicbooking.co.uk

All bookings must be accompanied by payment. We accept card, cash payments, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

WHY NOT VISIT US BEFORE BOOKING?

If you and your child would like to see the fantastic facilities and meet our team before booking, please contact us to arrange a suitable date and time.

HOURS AND PRICES (per child, per day)

Full Day 8am-6:30pm - £35

Half Day 8am-3:30pm - £26

Playscheme is for all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday.



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TOWN COUNCIL

RUNNINGJOKE
THEATRE COMPANY

A PASSIONATE WOMAN

"A total joy to watch"
YORKSHIRE POST

by KAY MELLOR

THE SYNDICATE
BAND OF GOLD
FAT FRIENDS



4-5th APRIL 2025
AYLESBURY QUEEN'S PARK ARTS CENTRE
queensparkarts.com runningjoke.co.uk



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Enterprise

Toilet Hire

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We offer a wide range of so get in touch today about your exact requirements and see how we can help.

