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The Heads Up

SPRING TERM

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Wednesday 5th February 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week so far. As I sit writing this in my office on Tuesday, it has already been a week jam-packed with energy, enthusiasm and an awful lot of colour! Yesterday, we started our week with 'Be bright, be seen day', a national initiative aimed at highlighting the importance of keeping yourself visible on your journey to and from school. With so many of our community walking to school, it is so important that you all get to school and back home again in one piece and a big part of that is by making yourself easy to see. During Mrs Dawkins' assembly, the children were really good at identifying dangers and remembering rules, such as **Stop, Look, Listen, Think**. Mrs Dawkins then made sure to emphasise that putting these rules into practise is even more important, as our number one priority is that everyone is safe at all times.



Author visit

Last week, the children in Key Stage 2 had the most amazing visit from the author, MG Leonard. She gave such an enthusiastic presentation about her life as an author, about her inspiration for writing, particularly regarding Ancient Egypt, the theme for her current book. As well as hearing what she had to say, the children were able to ask lots of questions and were able to purchase signed copies of her novel. There is always a buzz about reading here at Halton, and this visit really helped to fuel that. We look forward to welcoming more authors into school in the very near future.

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN



Flushed with excitement.....

We are delighted to say that the building work has now been completed and we are now the proud owners of a brand new set of toilets in our Key Stage 2 building! It has taken us a very long time to save up the money to be able to renovate this part of the school and I know that I speak on behalf of everyone when I say that this will make such a difference. I would like to thank all of the children and adults who have had to put up with the disruption over the past month, as well as Turney Brothers, the building company who undertook the work and who have done such a fantastic job!

Internet safety—WhatsApp

With over 1.5 billion users, WhatsApp is one of the most used messaging apps. Whilst we know that there is an age limit for WhatsApp, it is really easy to bypass this and as a result, a lot of our children are using it to communicate with others. I'd like to remind parents that if any issues do arise on WhatsApp or any other social media platforms, please do contact the school as we have a responsibility to help you keep the children safe when they are online and this includes avoiding any exposure to inappropriate language, insults or derogatory comments. Our advice to the children will always be that they must tell an adult and that they must not delete the messages, as these can be used as evidence at a later date. Find out what features you can use to help keep your child's personal information private by looking at this guide which has been created by Internet Matters:

[WhatsApp Guide for Parents](#)

Key dates

Mon 10th February—Children's Mental Health Day

Tue 11th, Thurs 13th February—Parent Consultations

w/c Mon 17th February—half term week

Thurs 27th February—PTA movie night

Mon 24th February—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Thurs 6th March—PTA meeting

Fri 14th March—Railway Children theatre performance for KS2

Fri 4th April—iRock concert, 9.30am

- school ends for Easter holidays

Tue 22nd April—School and Kids Kapers reopens for summer term



SSP meetings for parents

For any parents of children on our SEN register, very soon you will be receiving information regarding the upcoming SSP meetings, your termly meeting with Mrs Rawlins and your child's teacher. To request your meeting, please return the form which will be coming home on **Thursday 6th February**. If we do not hear from you, you will not have a meeting time allocated for you. If you have any queries about the SSP meetings, please contact Mrs Rawlins or Miss Brennan via the school office.

Netball result

Well done to all of the Y5 and Y6 children involved in the netball match this week v Bedgrove. A thrilling game ended 5-5, with Freya in Y6 being chosen as player of the match! Well done everyone!

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Halton Pre-School



Halton Pre-school offers a warm and nurturing learning environment for the youngest members of our local community.

Set within the grounds of Halton Community Combined School it offers a well-equipped building and outdoor provision designed for children aged 3 & 4 years old.



Spaces available from September

Rated Outstanding in our recent Ofsted inspection



**Email us to book your space at our open day
preschool@haltoncc.school**

**Open Day 5th March
9-10am**

We would love to invite you to our open morning on, **Wednesday 5th March 9:00am-10:00am 2025.**

We will have a welcome introductory talk about our Pre-School at 9:10 and then the rest of the session will be a chance to explore our outstanding Pre-School with or without your child. Please stay for some or all of the session, our children will be returning back to class at 10:15am so we kindly ask that you finish exploring by 10:00am.

It is also an opportunity to meet some of the teachers and ask any questions you might have. In the meantime, please do have a look on our website to find out more about us.

Please let us know by **Friday 14th February 2025** if you can attend. We need to ensure safe numbers for the tour, so your confirmation of attendance and how many people will be coming is required. We look forward to meeting you.



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM SWIMMING COURSE

The Wendover Pool, HP22 6HF



DATES AND TIMES

MONDAY 17 TH FEB	09:30 to 11:00 AM
TUESDAY 18 TH FEB	09:30 to 11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY 19 TH FEB	09:30 to 11:00 AM
THURSDAY 20 TH FEB	09:30 to 11:00 AM



30 minute lessons

£52 for 4 day course

Limited to 6 children per class

Beginner through to advanced lessons

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Ages 7 - 12

FULL DAY
8:30am - 3:30pm
£27.92 a day

EXTENDED DAY
8:30am - 6:00pm
£37.00 a day

Dates: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Additional info: The John Hampden is now Early Years registered with Ofsted. Children aged 4+ and in reception can attend the full or extended day. Children attending the extended day will be taking over to the Wendover Youth Centre opposite the 2 schools. Collection can begin from 4:00pm.

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the February half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories! Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

February Playscheme

17-21 February 2025



Who helps you in your everyday life?
This is a chance for the children to think and appreciate people who help them. We will be creating hats, lollipop sticks and thinking about all the emergency service workers who help people everyday! We will also be having fun outside in the garden, riding on the go karts, using the climbing frames and getting crafty with the children.

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.

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.

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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