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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 so far. Since my last Heads Up, it continues to be really busy in school, with children and adults all working hard. Other people who are working hard are Michael and Paul, the builders who are renovating the Key Stage 2 toilets. They have made excellent progress so far and are not too far away from completion. Whilst we are really looking forward to the building work being done, I must say how proud I am of the children in Years 3 to 6, who have coped magnificently with the disruption that the building work has caused. Since returning in January, all of the children have been so cooperative and have helped the adults in Key Stage 2 to keep this disruption to a minimum. Away from building work, the children have continued to wow us with their work, with so many children achieving merit certificates over the past few weeks. With parents' evening coming up soon, I am looking forward to you all seeing your children's hard work for yourselves! Have a good rest of the week and I hope to see you soon.

Mr Horsfield



Parent Forum—Monday 27th January at 6.00pm

Our Parent Forum will be taking place on Monday of next week and we would like to invite everybody to come along. It is always good to hear parent opinion on a wide range of school matters. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in a few weeks time.

Year 1 help needed

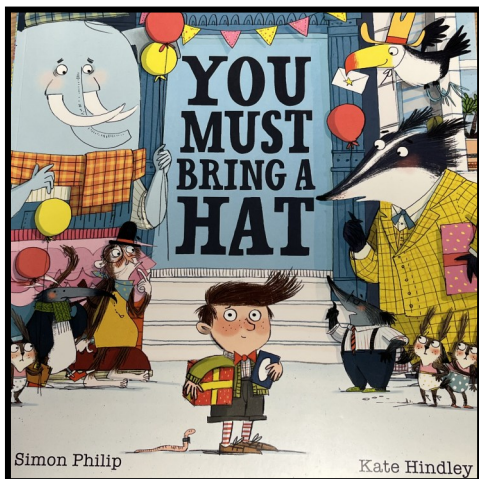
As part of their current curriculum topic, Year 1 are finding out about 'People Who Help Us'. In the past we have had many visitors come in from various professions; Police, Ambulance, Fire, Post Office etc. During these visits they have talked to the children about their jobs and then answered any questions that the children may have. If you, or someone you know, would have the time to come in and talk to the Year 1 children, we would be really grateful. If you could help, please see Miss Barker or contact the office via office@haltoncc.school

Staffing news

Sadly, it is my job to tell you that at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rawlins, our SENDCO. Having been with us since 2017, it will be sad to see Mrs Rawlins leave and we wish her well in her new role at her new school, which she will start in April.

For us, it is important that we find the right person to replace Mrs Rawlins, so that our SEN provision is maintained. With the job advert already live, I am confident that we will have lots of interest from people wanting to join our school team.

Our aim is to appoint our new SENDCO as soon as possible, so that a thorough handover can take place before Mrs Rawlins leaves. The Senior Leadership Team will do everything possible to support the new SENDCO and they will also be supported by Miss Brennan, who has been a key part of our SEN team for many years.



Following rules

In our assembly last Friday, I read the brilliant story of *“You must bring a hat”*, by Simon Philip. In the story a boy is on his way to a party, however he keeps being denied entry by a range of ridiculous rules that are put in place. We compared these rules to our own rules in school and realised that in school, the rules all do have a purpose and are easy to understand, such as what snack to have at break, what to wear and how to behave during lessons. The children really enjoyed the story and it may be one that you would like to read to your children too. CBeebies Bedtime stories have also had Tom Hardy read the story, and you can access this via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_NT94Nyn5M

Children watching inappropriate TV or films

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had a steady increase in the number of children who are playing inappropriate games as a result of seeing tv programmes or films which are far beyond their years. A good example of this is Squid Game, as a lot of children are now playing Red Light Green Light on the playground. Whilst on the one hand, they are only playing an equivalent of Granny’s Footsteps, it is a concern when the children are ‘shooting’ the people who are out and, when questioned, can easily describe other aspects of the Squid Game series as well. This includes children in our Reception and Year 1 classes. Although it is not my job to tell you what to do in your own homes, other children are at risk of being exposed to inappropriate content if another child talks to them about it. I strongly urge you to password protect devices and to closely monitor what your children are watching.

Save the date—Parent Consultations in February

A reminder that the next round of Parent Consultations will take place on **Tuesday 11th** and **Thursday 13th February**. These will be 10-minute appointments with your child’s teacher. On the night you will also be able to look through a selection of their work books. Next week, you will be able to book your slot using our electronic booking system and this will go live at **7.00pm** next **Tuesday, 28th January**. A link will be sent to your Parent Pay email address.

Key dates

Mon 27th January—Parent Forum, 6.00pm

Tue 28th January—Author visit for Key Stage 2

Mon 3rd February—‘Be bright, be seen day’

Mon 10th February—Children’s Mental Health Day

Tue 11th, Thurs 13th February—Parent Consultations
w/c Mon 17th February—half term

Mon 24th February—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Friday 4th April—iRock concert, 9.30am

Be Bright, Be Seen Day—Monday 3rd February

During the Winter months, ‘Be Bright, Be Seen’ with regards to road safety, is such an important message to our pupils as the school run is often in the dark. This means children in dark uniform and coats are harder to see on a dull day and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. We want to spread awareness of road safety and ensuring your children can easily be seen when near traffic.

On **Monday 3rd February** we are asking children to come to school dressed in their brightest outfits! This maybe fluorescent, reflective or simply their most vibrant coloured clothing. The day will start with an assembly around being bright to be seen. There is no charge for this and we look forward to seeing the children in their bright clothes

Kids Kapers finishing time

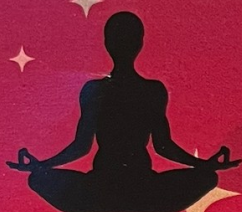
A reminder that Kids Kapers closes at 6.00pm every day. If you are running late as a result of traffic etc, please call them directly on 01296 623635 to let them know.

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Halton Amateur Theatrical Society Proudly Present

1001 Arabian Nights



by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark



Tickets:

Adults-£10

Children and

Concessions. -£8

When:

Friday 24th January 2025 at 7:30 p.m.,

Saturday 25th January 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 26th January 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Friday 31st January 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 1st February 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. No disabled access.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/Top-Hats-Bucks





Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

West Wycombe Park, Bucks

Sunday 2 February 2025 10:30am - 4pm

Last entry at 3:30pm

Only guide and hearing dogs permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:

£5 adults, concessions £3 (under 2s free)

Tickets purchased on the gate:

£7 adults, concessions £5 (under 2s free)



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Cool Milk



Dear parent/guardian. If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact



Jonathan Page play Centre

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.

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.

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.



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