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The Heads Up

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Friday 10th January 2025

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have had a good week. I would like to take this moment to wish everyone a happy new year and I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas together. It was really lovely to welcome everyone back on Tuesday and to see so many smiley and excited faces, all looking forward to whatever 2025 may bring. In assembly on Tuesday, we had a think about resolutions and how January can be a time where we set ourselves particular goals for the coming year. We also thought about the importance of honesty, our value for this half term, and how if we do decide to make a resolution, that we are honest about the promises we are making, that they are realistic and that we are choosing something that will have a positive impact on ourselves and those around us. Lots of children shared their resolutions and you will be very pleased to hear that we had a lot of promises for "helping tidy up the house", "less arguing with my brother" and "going to bed earlier". Whatever your plans, resolutions and goals are, I genuinely hope that 2025 is a successful and positive year for you all.

Mr Horsfield



Uniform

We seem to be getting a steady increase in the number of children coming to school who are not wearing the correct uniform or who are customising their uniform to a point where it is not appropriate. There are some children where we have been flexible due to certain sensory needs, however there is always a discussion with Mrs Rawlins first before any changes are put in place.

For classroom days, the children must wear the correct uniform with branded, Halton School jumper, cardigan or fleece. Shoes should be worn instead of trainers. Simple, plain headbands should be worn, not novelty, oversized head pieces.

For PE or days when the children have sports clubs, a tracksuit can be worn however this needs to be navy and plain. Football kits are not to be worn to school. All uniform guidance can be found on our website.

www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/uniform

Save the date—Parent Consultations in February

I wanted to give you all an early warning 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. Towards the end of January, you will be able to book your slot using our electronic booking system and we will confirm the details for booking nearer the time.

Parent Forum—Monday 27th January at 6.00pm

Our next Parent Forum will be taking place at the end of the month 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.



Outdoor learning

As well as welcoming back the children this week, we also welcomed back Mike who will be with us this term to deliver some more outdoor learning. Last term was incredibly busy for the children who worked with Mike and I'm sure that the hard work will continue this term with a wide variety of activities planned. With the weather being as cold as it is, Mike will definitely have a fire going throughout his Thursdays—I apologise in advance if the children come home smelling of smoke.

Internet safety—Protecting children from radicalisation and extremism

There is a chance that your child may meet people online or visit websites that could lead them to adopting extreme views or experiencing radicalisation. Curiosity could lead your child to seek out these people who could then encourage your child to adopt beliefs or persuade them to join groups.

To protect your child from radicalisation or to learn how young people might be targeted, navigate the following advice hub. Explore expert tips on how to prevent radicalisation and where you can go for further support using this link:

[Radicalisation and extremism guide](#)

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'

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

Mon 24th February—School and Kids Kapers reopens



Hiring our school hall

Our large hall is available to hire at weekends as well as evenings throughout the week. We can accommodate one-off events or regular bookings, depending on availability.

£25 per hour

Our hall is approximately 12m x 12m with a high ceiling (*perfect for birthday parties with bouncy castles!*)

Also available with the hire:

- 80x chairs
- 8x large rectangular tables which will seat 8-10 people
- Access to an oven, microwave and hot water machine

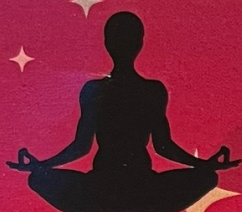
If you would like to check for availability, or you have any further queries, please contact our school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264

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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.

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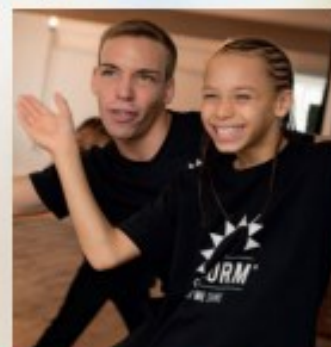
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