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The Heads Up

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Friday 15th November 2024

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have had a productive week. It has been another jam-packed week here at Halton and the children have all been kept extremely busy on a number of different fronts. We started off our week by marking Remembrance Day, including an opportunity for some of our children in Years 5 and 6 to take part in the muster parade at RAF Halton. Well done to Ethan and Isabelle who spoke during the service. 'Respect' continued to be a focus this week as all of the classes in school took part in Anti-bullying Week, the theme of this being 'Choose Respect', allowing us the chance to think about how we make conscious choices which may have a positive or negative impact on others around us. I am always really proud to be the Headteacher at Halton School, and this week in particular I find myself with a big smile on my face due to how maturely everyone has embraced Anti-bullying Week. Well done everybody.



SAVE THE DATE

PTA Christmas Disco

Thursday 19th December at
6.00pm

More information to follow.



'Being more Paddington'

Last week I shared with you our new initiative in school of 'Being more Paddington' and how we are celebrating kindness whenever we see it. Each time the adults in school see an act of kindness, this will be written on a luggage label and placed in Paddington's suitcase, which is located by the office. The suitcase already has several labels in it, all of which are very heart-warming reasons. Here are a few examples:

Seb (Y1) gave up his play time to help his friend find his coat.

Sonam (Y3) was being kind to her friend in PE when she found the lesson difficult.

Thomas, Theo and William (Y4) Received a label from Sensei Ben for being kind and patient with the new Y1 children in Martial Arts on Wednesday morning.

Remember everyone, as Paddington himself says, **"If we're kind and polite, the world will be right!"**

Twelfth Night

On Wednesday this week, the children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night by the Young Shakespeare Company. This is the 4th time we have welcomed the YSC to our school and their interactive performances are always very well received by the children. Not only did the children have a fabulous time, the actors themselves made a point of thanking us and commented on how well the children listened, took part and how welcome they were made to feel by us.

Pen recycling

You will remember that Amelie in our Y4 class has been encouraging us all to recycle our used pens. So far, we have managed to collect 6.5kg of pens! This is incredible, particularly as these will all now be recycled instead of ending up in landfill. Well done Amelie and thank you everyone.

Attendance and Punctuality since September:

Bluebells: 94.9%

Year 1: 95.5%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 96.2%

Year 4: 95.5%

Year 5: 95.8%

Year 6: 94.4%

Whole school: 95.5%

If you have any queries regarding punctuality or attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.

Kids Kapers job vacancies

We are currently on the lookout for some 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.

Key dates

Wed 20th November – Reception 2025 open afternoon and tour, 1.30pm

Wed 4th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am

Tue 10th and Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm

Thurs 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch

PTA Disco

Fri 20th December – School closes for Christmas break

Tue 7th January—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Mon 27th January—Parent Forum, 6.00pm

Tue 11th, Thurs 13th February—Parent consultations

w/c Mon 17th February—half term

Mon 24th February—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Lost property

Our lost property cupboard is bursting at the seams, with lots of jumpers, cardigans and coats. Please make sure that you check to see if anything belongs to you, and please make sure that your child's belongings are named.

Internet safety – Parent guide for buying tech

Some of you may be in the position where you are thinking about buying a device for your child, whether this be a phone, tablet or a console. This can be particularly daunting, especially as there is always so much choice and it can be hard to know whether what you are buying is age appropriate or safe. Please click on the link below to access a very handy, up to date guide for parents on the various options available:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/>

Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas

on the

Cobbles

Sunday 24 November

Aylesbury Town Centre

12 noon-5:30pm

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