

Halton Community Combined School

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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 5

Tuesday 15th October 2024

I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you have all had a positive start to the week. Reflecting back on last week, it was really lovely to welcome so many of you into our school on Tuesday and Thursday, as we hosted the first of our parent consultations for this year. We had a lot of very positive feedback, particularly regarding the great start that the children have made in their new classes, as well as some very kind comments from our new families who wanted me to pass on how welcome they have been made to feel here at Halton. The week ended with the quiz night, our first PTA event of the new year. Again, it was great to welcome so many of you into our school for an entertaining and extremely competitive evening! Well done to the Year 2 parents for winning the quiz and thank you to everyone who came along to support this event.



PTA Quiz night and AGM

Thank you to the PTA for our hugely successful quiz last Friday, expertly hosted by Mr Sowden. These events take a significant amount of work to organise, and it would be great if more parents could get involved - whether it's an occasional half hour selling Friday treats or some behind-the-scenes accountancy support - to help raise much-needed funds for the school. If you'd like to find out more, please come along to the AGM this **Thursday** at **6.30pm** or email haltonptachair@gmail.com.



Sickness in school

I am sure that you are already aware that we have had an increasing number of children and staff who have been impacted by a nasty sickness bug that is currently doing the rounds. We are encouraging the children to make sure that they are regularly washing their hands and keeping a sensible distance from each other. Please remember that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they are **not** to return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Kids Kapers and Midday Supervisor 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.

We are also looking to employ some **Midday Supervisors** to help us in the dining room and on the playground at lunch time. The hours would be 12.00—1.30 every day.

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Bluebells: 96.04%

Year 1: 96.03%

Year 2: 98.68%

Year 3: 96.13%

Year 4: 96.67%

Year 5: 96.93%

Year 6: 95.29%

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

Sunday Football—players needed

I have been approached by two of our dads, who run a football training session every Sunday on our school field. They are looking for more players to come along to their sessions which take place every Sunday morning. If you are in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part, please contact Matt or Scott using the contact details below:

Matt Scarlett - 07957 101633

Scott Little - 07984 124729

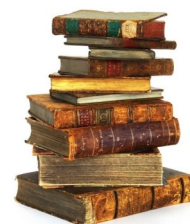


Half term dates

Don't forget that next Friday, 25th October, we will be breaking up for half term. The children need to be collected at the usual times from the normal pick up points. A reminder that school and Kids Kapers does not reopen until Tuesday 5th November as on the Monday we are closed for staff training.

Parent Forum invitation

Your views are very important to us and we welcome the chance to engage with parents as much as we can. Our Parent Forum is a crucial part of this as it offers a more formal, structured opportunity to discuss certain aspects of the school between parents and senior leaders. Mrs Dawkins and Ms Bates run our Parent Forum and the next meeting takes place in school next week, on **Monday 21st October at 6.00pm**. Whilst we will invite a group of parents to ensure each class is represented, anyone is welcome to join the meeting, simply turn up and we will be happy to welcome you to the forum.



Key dates for this term

Thursday 17th October – Book fair

- PTA AGM at 6.30pm

Monday 21st October – Parent Forum, 6.00pm

w/c Monday 28th October – School closed for half term

Monday 4th November—Inset day, school closed

Tuesday 5th November—School and Kids Kapers reopen

Wednesday 13th November—KS2 Young Shakespeare performance of Twelfth Night

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

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

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December – School closes for Christmas holidays

Usborne Book Fair

We are having a school book fair on **Thursday 17th October from 3.15 until 4.15pm in the school hall.**

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Lucy Meichsner, and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school. Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school!

All children will have had time during the school day to browse the book fair with their class. After school, you are invited to come to the school hall with your child to browse the large selection and hopefully purchase a book for your child. Books can be purchased on the day and paid for by cash and card payments. Your books can be taken away to enjoy on the day!

If your child attends Kids Kapers, simply send their money in with them in a named envelope and school staff will help them buy their books after school.





Internet safety – inappropriate content

You know that internet safety is incredibly important and one of the “4 C’s” that we focus on is **Content**, where we teach the children about the risks involved in accessing websites, videos or games which may be inappropriate for their age group. As the half term holiday approaches, there is the potential for children to be spending more time on their devices. Therefore, it is really important that we know how to protect them from accessing any inappropriate content.

As children become more independent online, it’s possible that they may come across things which are inappropriate for their age or stage of development. Using filters to block explicit content and having frank conversations are just a few ways you equip them with tools to deal with it.

Internet Matters have produced a guide for parents and you can navigate their advice hub to learn about the potential risks of inappropriate content and what practical tips you can take to give your child a safer online experience. Click on the link below to access this support:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>

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.

Exclusive ZKS Martial Arts Classes for Halton Combined School Students!

- Join Our Kids Martial Arts Classes for Year 1 to Year 6 Students

- **Every Wednesday, 8 am - 8:45 am(1st class 6/11/24)** – Start the day with energy, focus, and fun!
- **- Special Low Monthly Fee** – Only **£20/month**
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EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER: FREE Lessons Until Christmas! – Sign up before the **October Half Term (25th October 2024)**, and enjoy **FREE classes until the end of 2024!**

Why Choose ZKS Martial Arts?

- **Exclusive to Halton Combined School Students** – Train with your friends in a supportive, familiar environment.
- **Build Confidence, Discipline & Fitness** – Learn valuable martial arts skills while having fun.
- **Convenient Before-School Classes** – Get active, focused, and ready to learn!

Save Big, Train Better, and Start Free! ☐

Classes held outside of Halton Combined School don’t have the same perks – this is a **special deal just for you!**

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE – Enrol Now & Get FREE Lessons Until Christmas!

For more details or to secure your place, [visit our website using this link](#)

Empower Your Child with ZKS Martial Arts – Sign Up Before 25th October!

Brownies



URGENT—Brownie leader needed

2nd Halton RAF Brownie pack is in desperate need of a Brown Owl to avoid closure. From January they need at least one person, preferably two, who are willing to plan and deliver the Girl-guiding programme at meetings on a weekly basis. They will need to complete the training modules which are a mixture of online and meeting place learning and will be supported in this process by a mentor and other leaders in the Wendover Division.

If you are interested yourself, or know of any female over the age of 18 in the local community who might love the chance to lead their own Brownie pack, then please do get in contact with us as a matter of some urgency. The RAF Halton Brownie pack has been thriving for 65 years and we would like it to last for many more years to come.

2haltonbrownies@gmail.com



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HP22 6HF**

Ages 4 - 7

**WENDOVER COFE JUNIOR,
HP22 6HF**

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 28th October - Friday 1st November

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.

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the October 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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Half Term Events

On All Week

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize! Age 4 - 11.
Pre-book or drop in. £3 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.



Sun 27th

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Spooky crafts, ghost hunt trail, decorate biscuits. Age 4 - 11.
Pre-book. £7 per child.



Tue 29th & Wed 30th

Discover & Make: Who Lives in the Woods?

Make an animal mask & learn about local wildlife. Age 4 - 11
Pre-book. £4.25 per child.



Thu 31st

FREE Creative Writing with Arka Learning

Develop children's writing skills and unleash imaginations! Age 7 - 11.
Pre book. Free tickets. Led by Wycombe based tuition provider **Arka**.



Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk



TEACH IN BUCKS RECRUITMENT FAIR

*Interested in becoming a teacher?
We want to meet you!*

Saturday 9 November 2024
10am – 3pm

 **Buckinghamshire New University | Aylesbury Campus**



Event Programme

Featuring presentations from a number of organisations including the Department for Education and several of the county's school and university based Initial Teacher Training providers:

- 10.00am** **Doors open – opportunity to review local providers**
- 10.30am** **Get into Teaching**
- Presentation by a representative from the Department for Education
- 11.30am** **How to Apply – Applications, Qualifications, and Compliance**
- Presentations by Astra SCITT, Buckingham Partnership SCITT and Insignis SCITT
- 12.30pm** **Training Programmes:**
- 1. Early Years and Primary Teacher Training**
 - Presentations by Buckinghamshire New University and Buckingham Partnership SCITT
 - 2. Secondary Teacher Training Programme**
 - Presentations by Astra SCITT and Insignis SCITT
 - 3. Teaching in Further Education**
 - Presentation by the Buckinghamshire College Group
- 1.30pm** **Opportunity to review local providers**
- 2.00pm** **Routes into Teaching:**
- 1. The Apprenticeship Route into Teaching**
 - Presentation by Astra SCITT and Insignis SCITT
 - 2. The Assessment Only Route into Teaching**
 - Presentation by The Buckingham Partnership SCITT
 - 3. University Routes into Teaching**
 - Presentation by Buckinghamshire New University
- 2.30pm** **Opportunity to review local providers**
- 3.00pm** **Close**

If you have any queries about the event, please email teachinbucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Programme is subject to change

Register
for a **FREE**
ticket:
Eventbrite



SPORTS COURSES



This October half term Game On have
FOOTBALL, MULTI SPORTS & STREET DANCE
courses for children in Years 1 to 6 to enjoy

- Bushey - Bushey Manor School - Football - 28th Oct & 29th Oct
- Bushey - Bushey Manor School - Street Dance - 28th Oct & 29th Oct
- Tring - Bishop Wood School - Football - 29th Oct & 30th Oct
- Tring - Bishop Wood School - Street Dance - 29th Oct & 30th Oct
- St. Albans - Windermere School - Football - 29th Oct & 30th Oct
- Aylesbury - St. Mary's School - Multi Sports - 29th Oct & 30th Oct
- Berkhamsted - Thomas Coram School - 30th Oct and 31st Oct
- Chartridge - Chartridge School - Multi sports - 31st Oct & 1st Nov
- Hemel - Holtsmere End Jun School - Football - 31st Oct & 1st Nov
- Watford - Coates Way School - Football - 31st Oct & 1st Nov
- Watford - Coates Way School - Street Dance - 31st Oct



COURSE DETAILS

- 9 am - 3 pm
- £22 for 1-day, £42 for 2-days
- Indoor facilities available in the event of bad weather
- Fully qualified coaches who work full time in local schools
- Multi sports camps will include Basketball, Football Hockey & Dodgeball
- Children who attend both days will receive a free **Puma Football or Sports Bag**

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