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The Heads Up

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I hope that you have all had a good week and that you are looking forward to the weekend. I do also hope that your week has not been too disrupted with the extremely wet weather, I know that this has made the school run particularly challenging, not to mention having to remember and locate the extra coats, wellies, umbrellas and other paraphernalia that usually accompanies a down-pour! I must say that I have been really impressed with the children this week, despite the grey and gloomy weather, they have all stayed positive, worked tremendously hard and have definitely turned a challenging week into a huge success. In our assembly on Monday we talked about what it means to be a “glass half full” person and the impact that this can have on others. It has been lovely to see the children really embrace this in their learning, in the playground and in their friendships this week. Well done everybody!

Parent Consultations

On **Tuesday 8th** and **Thursday 10th October**, you will get the chance to meet with your child’s teacher when we host our parent consultation evenings.

On Monday 30th September, you will be able to book your 10-minute appointment using our online booking system. The booking system will go live from 7.00pm on Monday and will remain open until the end of Friday 4th October. You will receive a link via your Parent Pay email address. Any queries regarding the booking system, please contact the office.

Job vacancies

We are currently on the lookout for 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.

Smart watches



We are seeing an increase in children coming to school wearing Smart watches. Please can I ask that children only bring in watches that tell the time. If the watch can send messages, access the internet or make calls, these are not suitable to bring into school. The children will be asked to remove them and they will be returned at the end of the day.

PTA News

Save the dates

Friday 11th October—Quiz night

Thursday 17th October—AGM, 6.30pm

The PTA quiz is a matter of weeks away and very soon you will be able to purchase tickets via Parent Pay. The ticket price includes food and on the night you will also be able to purchase drinks from the bar. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance and Punctuality

Bluebells: 97.8%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 99.1%

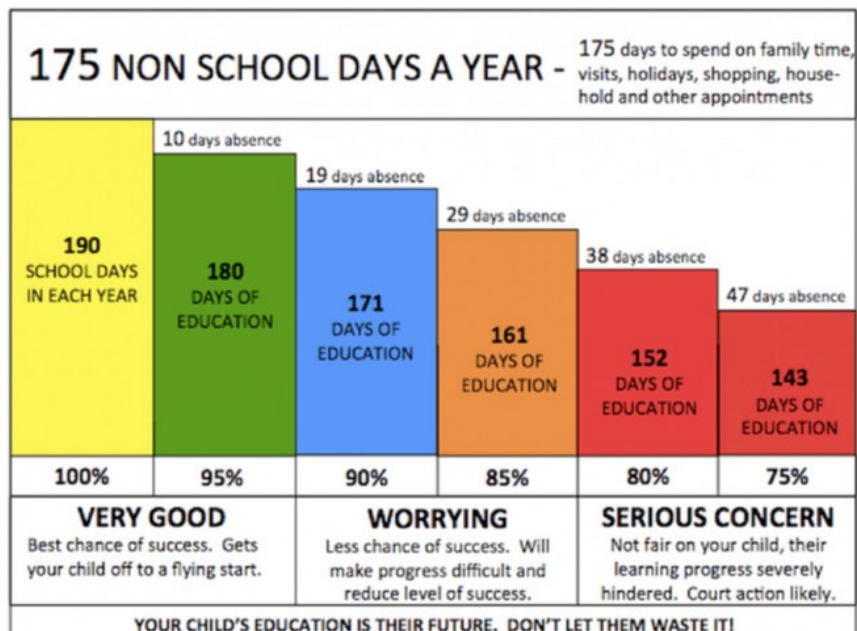
Year 3: 94.4%

Year 4: 96.3%

Year 5: 96.8%

Year 6: 95.8%

Well done again to **Year 2** for having the highest attendance so far **this term**. If you have any queries regarding attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.



Key dates for this term

Wednesday 2nd October – individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday 8th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00pm-7.30pm

Thursday 10th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.40pm-6.00pm

Friday 11th October—PTA Quiz night

Thursday 17th October – 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 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



Looking after our books

Children in all of our classes have access to the school library and can borrow books to read for pleasure. A lot of children also bring home books from our reading scheme to help them learn to read. Please can I ask all families to make sure that these books are looked after and returned to school in the condition that they were received. We are seeing an increase in damaged books where they have been ripped, drawn in, had food spilt on them etc. This is a real shame because we have spent a lot of money on stocking our library. The reading scheme books are very expensive and it is not possible to replace individual books, we would have to buy a full set which would cost the school over £400 per set. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Photographs next week



Next Wednesday, 2nd October, Veronica, our school photographer, will be in school to take individual photographs of the children for you to purchase. The individual photographs will take place during the school day however after school, Veronica will also be available to take siblings photographs, if you wish her to do so. When you collect your children, take them to Veronica who will be on the field and she will take these sibling photographs for you. If the wet weather continues then we will notify you of where Veronica will be! If your child has PE or a sports club on Wednesday, please send them into school in uniform and we will facilitate them getting changed in school.

Online Safety—online wellbeing

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing.

You can:

- manage the content that your children see, paying particular attention to the potential for them accessing misinformation online
- ensure the interactions they have are suitable
- manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities.

There are several things you can do to help support a child, including using specific apps and checking app settings. Other top tips for managing online wellbeing can be found on the NSPCC website by using the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

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.

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
- Use of our sound system
- Fully-tuned piano

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