

Halton Community Combined School

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The Heads Up

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ISSUE 2

Friday 20th September 2024



I hope that you have all had a good week and that you are looking forward to the weekend. It has been a busy week in school and the children in all classes have continued with their positive start to the school year. Praise and rewards are really important to us here at Halton and I have been really impressed with how many Dojo points the children have collected already! Dojos can be awarded for anything, in particular for hard work. Looking around the classes this week, I've spotted many children are well on their way for their first award (100 Dojos = their bronze certificate). I have also given out my first batch of gold Headteacher's Awards, again, for children across the school and for a variety of reasons. Well done to Isabelle in Year 6, the recipient of the very first Headteacher's Award for this year. She really went above and beyond with her homework, impressing both myself and Ms Bates, her class teacher. Well done to Isabelle and to all of the children who have received awards this week.

Phonics Workshop

Next week, on Thursday 26th September at 9.15am, Mrs Dawkins will be hosting a phonics workshop for parents in Bluebells, Year 1 and Year 2. The aim is to talk through our phonics scheme, so that you have an understanding of how we will be teaching phonics to your children. She will also talk through the home reading books so that you know how best to use these to develop your child's reading at home. If you would like to come, simply wait by the office on Thursday after drop off and we will welcome you in to school

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.

Inset Day dates for this year

All schools can set their own dates for Inset Days, meaning they won't all match from school to school. Ours are:

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

On these days, school and Kids Kapers are closed.

PTA News

Save the dates

Friday 11th October—Quiz night

Thursday 17th October—AGM, 6.30pm

We are always on the lookout for volunteers, particularly to support organising our events. If you would like to help please contact the PTA directly via your class WhatsApp group, the school office or haltonptachair@gmail.com



Year 6 Go Ape

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 had an adventurous day as they went and tackled the Go Ape course up at Wendover Woods. It was an extremely active day, not only including the high ropes course and some team games, but also the walk to and from the woods! Well done Year 6 for taking part so well and for representing our school so responsibly!

Attendance

Bluebells: 97.7%

Year 1: 97.2%

Year 2: 98.8%

Year 3: 95.6%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 96%

Well done 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.

New arrival!



I am delighted to let you all know that Miss Robinson has recently welcomed a baby girl into her family. Baby Sydney was born at the beginning of September and I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Robinson, Nick and Sydney a very happy and healthy future together.

Key dates for this term

Thursday 26th September—Phonics workshop for Bluebells, Y1 and Y2, 9.15am

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

Goodbye

This week we are saying goodbye to Miss Ryan, who has worked both in Kids Kapers and in our Year 6 class. It is always sad to say goodbye to members of staff however I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Ryan for everything that she has brought to Halton and wish her all the very best in her new job. Thank you Miss Ryan, we will really miss you!

Betsy, our school dog, had a very busy day in school this week. She spent time in every classroom and even got to visit Preschool!



Online Safety—Mobile phones

A reminder that only the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school and if they do then these must be placed in the class phone boxes at the start of each day. Mobile phones **must not** be used by children in school for any reason and any breach of these rules will result in the offender/s not being allowed to bring their devices in. At the end of the school day, all children must wait until they are outside of the school perimeter fencing before they begin to use their mobile device.



Drama & Musical Theatre



*Help your child grow in confidence,
be creative and have fun!*

Our Drama and Musical Theatre classes are run by qualified teachers and theatre professionals Tessa Churchard and Suzy Mannering.

- **Drama Classes - Saturday mornings**
Wendover Youth Centre: INFANT £6.50 JUNIOR £8 *
- **Musical Theatre Classes - Tuesday after school**
Wendover Christian Centre: INFANT and JUNIOR £6.50 *

* Class lengths vary between age groups which is reflected in the weekly fee - 20% sibling discount offered - £1 reduction if 2 classes are taken

"Tess is such a kind, nurturing teacher, I couldn't recommend her highly enough."



Call or email Tess to book or chat about what we do

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THE JOHN HAMPDEN, 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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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