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The Heads Up

AUTUMN TERM **ISSUE 5** **Friday 6th November 2026**

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you all enjoyed your half term break. It was lovely to welcome back all of the children for the start of this new half term. A new half term means a new school value and for the next seven weeks we will be thinking about the value of 'respect'. In assembly and in our classes, we will think about how we can show respect to people that we know, as well as those whom we do not know, and of course how we can show respect for ourselves. This is always an extremely busy half term, with assessments, parents' evening and of course the festive season not too far away either.

During these busy times, it is always important to take the time to stop and reflect, to ensure that this often hectic period does not hide all of the wonderful achievements that we know will be happening at this time.

Mr Horsfield



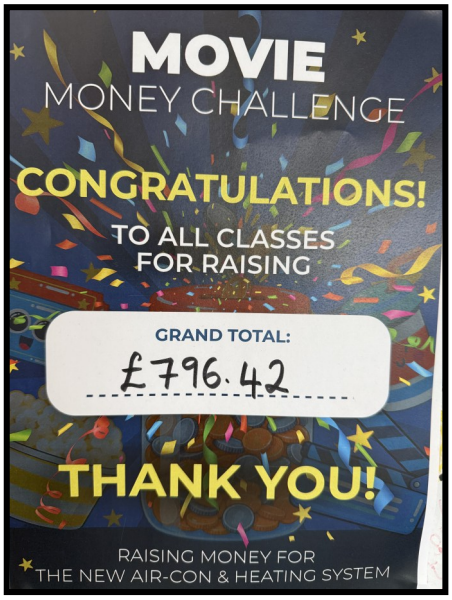


Remembrance

With the national period of remembrance taking place in the upcoming days, I would like to thank everyone who has bought a poppy in aid of the Royal British Legion. If you would like to buy one, Ella-Rose and Amelia from Year 6 will be stood by the pedestrian gate each morning next week, and they will visit each classroom too. Some children from Years 5 and 6 will be coming with Mrs Allen and I to the RAF Halton Remembrance Parade, following our own remembrance assembly in school. I would also like to thank Miss Read who donated the beautiful model of a Spitfire which is taking pride of place in our remembrance display by the main entrance. Lest we forget.

Parent Consultations

You will know that we have moved our parent consultations this year so that they will take place later into the term, allowing you to find out more specifically how your child has got on so far this year, particularly in terms of progress and attainment. The 10-minute meetings will take place on **Monday 23rd** and **Wednesday 25th November**, where you will be able to meet the teacher and look through your child's books. The electronic booking system will go live from **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 10th November** (next week). Please be aware that our system has slightly changed, due to us having a new website provider. There are two steps to booking, firstly, to choose your allocated slot. You will then receive an email offering you your appointment time, you must then click to accept this time. If you don't, your appointment is not confirmed and you may lose your preferred time.



Reception 2027

This week, we hosted our first open morning for any parents looking to apply for a reception place for September 2027. We still have two remaining sessions:

Thursday 12th November at **2.00pm**

Wednesday 18th November at **9.30am**

Even if you already have children at our school, I would encourage you to visit as our school may have changed since you last looked around. If you would like to attend, please contact the office and let them know.

Coats needed!

We have seen quite a few children this week who have come to school without a coat or who have refused to wear their coat when asked to by an adult. Please can you remind your child that as we are in November, and it is cold, that it is a sensible decision to wear a coat as we do not want anyone getting poorly. There are also a lot of coats, jumpers, hats and scarves in lost property, many without a name. Do look in there if your child has lost anything.

PTA—thank you!

In the last few weeks of term, our wonderful new PTA organised the first few fundraising events of this term and we were all blown away by your generosity!

In total, the "Coins in the jar" competition raised an extremely impressive **£796.42!** This is a staggering amount, well done everybody! The class with the most money raised was our Year 2 class, who by themselves collected a whopping **£297.28!!** They all enjoyed their prize of a movie afternoon with popcorn, courtesy of the PTA! Well done Year 2. All of the money raised from Coins in the Jar will go towards our fund for aircon units in each classroom.

Also, on the last day of term, we held our first "Crazy Hair Day", with the funds being kindly donated by the PTA to the appeal for Hannah Jaggers. In total, the whacky hairstyles managed to raise over **£250** which I know was greatly appreciated by Mrs Jaggers and her family.

Thank you to everyone for all of their contributions to both of these fantastic events.

Key dates for this term

Tuesday 10th November—Booking system for parent consultations open,7.30pm
Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 12th November—Cinderella pantomime in school for all classes
Monday 23rd November – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 25th November – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 9th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am
Wednesday 9th December – Fresh Start 'Christmas Lunch'
Tuesday 15th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 10.00am
KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church, 2.00pm
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day (no charge)
PTA Christmas Disco, 6.00pm
Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January – School and Kids Kapers reopens

Other key dates for this academic year

w/c Monday 15th February - school closed for half term
Monday 15th March – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 17th March – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-6.30pm
Friday 25th March – School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 13th April—School and Kids Kapers reopen
Thursday 29th April—Military Day
w/c Monday 10th May - Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 19th May—Sports Day (EYFS, KS1 am / KS2 pm)
Wednesday 26th-Friday 28th May—Y6 residential to Woodrow High House
w/c Monday 31st May - School closed for half term
Monday 7th June – School and Kids Kapers reopens
Wednesday 9th June —Back up date for Sports Day
Monday 28th June —Inset day, school closed
Friday 9th July—End of year reports sent home
Wednesday 21st July—School closes for summer holidays

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Help to make our school cool...

You will know that we are in the process of sourcing quotes for air conditioning units, to mitigate the risk of any future extreme weather. Our Go Fund Me page is one way that we will be raising money for this project, with the QR code above and the link below. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Our school Go Fund Me page

Thank you to everyone for their donations so far. Currently we have raised **£275!** Your support is very much appreciated.





Mrs Dawkins **Mrs Allen**

Who to contact

We are a very open school and we welcome parents to come and talk to us, particularly if you may be concerned about something. Who you speak to is really important and on p4 I have reattached a guide so that you can see who is the best person to contact depending on your query. Your child's teacher would usually be your first point of contact and they can direct you to other staff if necessary.

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping your children safe is paramount to us and that includes times when they are not in our care, for example when they are at home or online.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school are **Mr Horsfield, Mrs Dawkins** and **Mrs Allen** (above). We are always available to help you and your children and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern.
Your concerns will always be taken seriously and will be treated sensitively.

Internet safety: inappropriate content

Internet Matters is an extremely useful website for information and advice on a wide range of topics regarding Internet Safety. In school, our filtering systems add an extra layer of protection when the children are online. See the guide below to see how you can manage the content that the children are accessing more carefully:

Inappropriate content guide



Who do I contact

Who do I contact to discuss… Reporting an absent child Lunches Change of address or contact number Parent Pay Medication Leave of absence requests Uniform After school clubs		**The Office Team** Mrs Rainbow (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs am) Mrs Parsons (Thurs, Fri) Mrs Vylgina (Tue, Wed, Fri) office@haltoncc.school 01296 622264
Who do I contact to discuss… Safeguarding or child protection concerns Confidential information		**Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mr Horsfield Mrs Dawkins Mrs Allen
Who do I contact to discuss… Family support Attendance Service Family contact		Mrs Allen (Family Support Coordinator) callen@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss… SEND enquiries Educational Healthcare Plans		Lucy Barker SENCO@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss… Speaking to a governor		Lindsay Ablitt (Chair of Governors) governor@haltoncc.school or office@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss… Pre-school		Vicki Bowden (manager) preschool@haltoncc.school Krystyna Vylgina (invoices) payments@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss… Kids Kapers (breakfast and after school club)		Krystyna Vylgina (bookings and invoices) payments@haltoncc.school Julie Frier (Manager) office@haltoncc.school 01296 623635
Who do I contact to discuss… Questions about learning My child's reading book Personal wellbeing Behaviour concerns Friendship concerns		**Class teacher** Please arrange a convenient time to meet or speak on the telephone. **Seesaw is only for homework related queries or for submitting work*
Please make your child's class teacher your first point of contact however our Senior Leadership Team are also available to offer support if necessary. **Mr Horsfield – Headteacher** **Mrs Dawkins – Deputy Headteacher** **Mrs Allen – Family Support Coordinator** **Miss Barker – SENDCO** **Ms Bates – Lead Teacher** **Mrs Powell – Lead Teacher** **They can be contacted via office@haltoncc.school or on 01296 622264**		

We will always aim to respond to you as quickly as possible. Please be mindful that the majority of staff do have a teaching commitment and therefore the most convenient time to meet would be after school.

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