



# HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Winning House



The winning house this week is **BRIDGE**.

This means that all the children who are in Bridge are, once again, invited to come into school on Monday, dressed in clothes of their choice - but sporting something that is red - to celebrate their success.

*When a house wins the weekly award on three occasions, they will be invited to have an early lunch in the school hall, which will be decorated in the colours of their house.*



### Year 4 Class Assembly

This morning the children in Year 4 shared some of the work and discussions they have been having in their class about *Heroes*.

The children performed brilliantly – with great confidence and pride – and demonstrated that anyone can be a hero (provided they are there to help at the right time).

I am sure that everybody who was in the hall to watch their performance was equally impressed; and will remember a lot of the key messages (which included looking at heroic women from throughout history – as it was International Women’s Day yesterday – and our mums in the run up to Mothers Day on Sunday).

Our class assemblies are something that the children in school greatly look forward to – and I am sure many of our parents and grandparents do too.

Our next Class Assembly will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – when Year 3 will be showcasing some of the things they have been learning this term.

### Year 3 Stone Age Day



On Wednesday, the children in Year 3 had a Stone Age Day in school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned a lot of new knowledge – in addition to consolidating their existing knowledge - about the Stone Age.

The children were able to handle artefacts, including stone age tools and animals bones, and gained a valuable insight into the work of archaeologists and palaeontologists. They also dressed up as Stone Age people - and even had a go at using spears, bows and arrows!

Darren Birchall, of Balestra school workshops, who lead the session was very complimentary about the children's behaviour and knowledge of the Stone Age.

When he left, he commented on how much he had enjoyed his day at Halton Lodge and, when speaking about the children, said: "They're a real credit to your school."

The **Halle Youth Orchestra Ensemble** are currently recruiting for new musicians and singers locally. The deadline for applications - for choirs and orchestra - is 4th May 2018.

*There is also a Youth Ensemble showcase on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (3:00pm start), which you may wish to attend.*

Further details can be obtained from visiting: [www.halle.co.uk/youth-ensembles-recruitment](http://www.halle.co.uk/youth-ensembles-recruitment)



### Residential Visits – Payment Reminder

If you have a child going on one of the upcoming residential visits to Conover Hall (Year 6) or Llandudno (Year 2), could we please remind you that the final payment for:

- Conover Hall is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March;
- Llandudno is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April (with a second payment to bring the total amount paid to date to at least £55 by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March).

*If you need to extend these payment deadlines, for any reason, it is important that you speak with Mr Hilldrup or Miss Smith. Alternatively, please make a payment at any time via the school office.*

### Match Report: High 5 Netball v Beechwood



Our school netball team played Beechwood in the high fives netball league yesterday. After a strong first half, our team were leading 4-1. By full time the score was 7-2. Well done to all our players, three of which are only in Year 4!

The squad consisted of Jessica Jones, Lucy Birchall, Emmy McComish, Sophie Royle, Gracie Wilkinson, Heidi Doolan and Summer Urmson (who was voted players’ player of the match by the other team).

It is clear the team are getting better and better with every match they play.





### Children Arriving Late At School

The attendance record of the vast majority of the children who attend our school is very good; and we greatly appreciate the priority so many of our families place on getting their children to school, every day, on time.

When a child is absent from school, it greatly disrupts their learning and it is very difficult – and sometimes impossible – to catch up on the wealth of learning that takes place while they are away from school. *Obviously, there are times when this is inevitable – due to ill health – but these occasions should be rare.*

When a child’s attendance drops below 95%, it is likely that medical evidence will be required to authorise any future absences. This is line with most schools’ attendance policies. If a child accumulates a number of unauthorised sessions, the Education Welfare Service must be notified and a Fixed Penalty Notice is likely to be issued. The cost of the Fixed Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per child.

*At Halton Lodge Primary School we endeavour to issue parents with a warning letter, if we feel that this measure is close to being imposed.*

When a child is late arriving at school, they miss the start of lessons and, when this happens repeatedly, it is likely they will miss part of the same lesson every day – which also significantly affects their learning and the rate of progress that they are able to make.

**We open the classroom doors at 8:45am and expect every child to arrive at school before 8:55am – when lessons start.**

**From Monday (12<sup>th</sup> March) we will close our registers at 9:15am. If a child arrives after 9:15am (after the registers are closed) this will be counted as an unauthorised absence and, therefore, could quickly result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.**

If your child arrives late, after the side gate to the playground has been locked, it is important that they are brought into school by an adult who can account for the reason the child (or children) are late by, filling in a Late Slip. Obviously, if there is a legitimate reason for them arriving late, then this will avoid legal action being taken. However, if a slip is not completed - or the reason given is not accepted as a legitimate reason – then this will be recorded on your child’s attendance record.

While we understand that this will only apply to a small number of families, we felt that it was important to inform ALL parents and carers of this change in procedure.



### Multi Sports Club at Hallwood Park

A new sports club, open to children aged 7 – 12years, has started at Hallwood Park Primary School; and is open to all local children.

The club takes place from 4.30pm to 5.30pm every Thursday – and only costs £1 a session.



### Multi Sports Club

Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Hallwood Park Primary

Hallwood Park Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 2FL

For ages 7 – 12 years

£1 a session

Come along to a fun and friendly session.



For more information contact:  
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### All Stars Cricket at Runcorn Cricket Club

This programme is open to all children aged 5–8 years and costs just £40 (which includes 8 coaching sessions and a personalised kit – containing a bat, ball, bag and t-shirt).

Places will very quickly be taken up so, if you are interested, please register your child as soon as possible.



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