



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Year 1 and Year R Class Assemblies

This week we were treated to two exceptional class assemblies.

The first of these took place on Monday morning when the children in Year 1 – many dressed in football kits – shared lots of facts about the FIFA World Cup and showcased some of the work they have been doing in Art (based on the work of a Brazilian artist). The children also sang two songs and it was great to see so many photographs of some of the activities that the children have most enjoyed taking part in this year.

There was no doubt that the children in Miss Eustace's class have had a wonderful year; as they all showed great enthusiasm and talked very positively about all of the things they have been learning in Year 1.

This morning it was the turn of our youngest children to take to the stage and tell everybody about what they have been learning in school.

The assembly started with the children taking us back to the very start of the year, to remind us of some of the activities they had taken part in, books they had read and stories they had written during the Autumn Term.

We were then treated to the children singing a couple of songs before they continued telling us all about their learning journey throughout the remainder of their year in Reception class.

Looking back on the photographs of the children when they first started at our school – back in September – and those taken in the last few weeks, there is no doubt that the children have grown up so much. They are a fantastic class and I am sure made all of the adults who came to watch them this morning very proud.

"You may have tangible wealth untold. Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I can never be – but I had a mother who read to me." — Strickland Gillilan



Good Luck and Very Best Wishes to Miss Stephens

Today was Miss Stephens's last day in school – as she has now started her maternity leave ahead of the arrival of her first child (which is due to arrive later this month).

We all wish Miss Stephens and her fiancé the very best of luck – and lots of happiness – as they look forward to becoming parents for the first time.

I am sure the children in Year 2 will really miss not seeing Miss Stephens in school. However, I am sure that she will let them know as soon as the baby arrives!

Last week we held a series of interviews and are very pleased to announce that Miss Ward will be joining our fantastic team of teachers in September – and will remain with us until Miss



Stephens returns from her maternity leave. *You may see Miss Ward in school over the next few weeks as she gets to know the children she will be teaching next year and learns about how we deliver the curriculum in KS1 at our school.*

Over the next two weeks, the children in our youngest two classes will be supported in getting used to what school will be like in September by getting to know the teachers who will be teaching them next year. During this period, when Miss Moran is not teaching the children in Reception, she will be teaching the children in Year 2. This will allow the children in Year 1 to be taught by Miss Eustace and Miss Hunt; and for the children in Year 1 to be taught by Mrs Harvey and Mrs Parkhill.

We strongly feel that by getting the children used to what to expect at the start of the new academic year, they will feel a lot more confident about returning to school in September – and will understand what will be expected of them.



Staffing Structure For September

We will be having two new teachers joining our school in September, Miss Ward and Mrs Burge. This is because, in addition to Miss Stephens starting her maternity leave from school, Mrs Parkhill will be retiring at the end of this term (after working at our school for over 40 years).

There is no doubt that everybody – children, parents and staff – will all miss seeing Mrs Parkhill around our school. However, we are hoping that she will continue to pop in to our school and see how the children are doing! *Mrs Burge will job share the role of KS1 Phase Leader with Mrs Harvey (and will be working in our school on a Thursday and Friday).*

Miss Ward and Mrs Burge greatly impressed us with their style of teaching, understanding of the national curriculum and depth of knowledge during a series of interviews and observations that took place over the last two weeks. They are both very excited about coming to work at our school; and we feel very fortunate to have been able to recruit two excellent teachers.

Now we have made these appointments, I am able to share with you which teachers will be working in each year group from September. We are very fortunate to have so many very skilled teachers and support staff at Halton Lodge, who have a wealth of strengths and the ability to work with children of different ages, so we know that all of the children will have a fantastic year ahead of them when they return in September.

- Reception: Miss Moran (whose new name from September will be Mrs Moss), Mrs Bowen and Miss Roberts
- Year 1: Miss Eustace and Miss Hunt
- Year 2: Mrs Harvey (Mon–Wed), Mrs Burge (Th–Fri) and Miss Ward



- Year 3: Mr Bradshaw and Mrs Birchall
- Year 4: Mrs Sproston and Mrs Urmson
- Year 5: Miss Cosgrove and Miss Ingram
- Year 6: Miss Whiting and Mr Modaley

All of the children will get to spend a day with their new class teachers on Monday 16th July* – so they can find out about lots of the exciting things that they can look forward to next year.

*This is a change of date from Friday 20th July.

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read." — Groucho Marx



FOHL Summer Fayre: Friday 20th July

Plans for our Summer Fayre are now underway and The Friends Of Halton Lodge are hoping to be able to put on lots of interesting stalls and events to make this an extra special event.

On Friday (13th July) all of the children in our school are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, in return for bringing in an item that can be used to create a series of coloured hampers – which will be used as raffle prizes. This is something that we have done previously and it has worked extremely well!

Therefore, we are asking the children to bring in something that is the colour that has been allocated to their class (so we can parcel these all together to make seven amazing raffle prizes):

Reception: Red or Pink



Year 1: Blue



Year 2: Orange or Brown

Year 3: White or Silver



Year 4: Purple



Year 5: Yellow or Gold

Year 6: Green

It is hoped that all of the hampers will be assembled during the day on Friday and raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday 16th July. Cost £1 for a strip of 5 tickets.



In addition to this, it is hoped that we will be able to run a Bottlebola Stall this year. Therefore, we are also asking families to donate a bottle in return for a free ticket to a Summer Disco, which will be held

on Tuesday 17th July.

If your child brings a bottle into school next week, they will be given a ticket to gain free entry for them (and any siblings they may have who also go to our school) to a disco that will also be organised by the FOHL.

There will be an Infant Disco from 3:10pm to 4:15pm. *The infant children are invited to bring the clothes they would like to wear to the disco in a bag and will be able to change into these at the end of the school day. The children can then be collected from the school, at 4:15pm.*

The Junior Disco will take place from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. It is important for ALL of the children who attend to be collected by an adult, as we



are not able to allow any child to walk home alone afterwards.

There will be a Tuck Shop at both of these discos but there is no need for any child to bring more than £1 to spend on sweets, drinks, crisps and other confectionery.

From Monday 16th July, we will also be very grateful for any donations of any of the following items, for our Summer Fayre. So please use the next two weekends to have a sort out at home, and get rid of any unwanted toys, and other items, that are in good working order.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of:

Children's toys

Children's books

Board games and puzzles

Glass jars filled with sweets

Cuddly Toys and Teddy Bears

Tombola Prizes

Bottles of wine and beer

Boxes and Bars of Chocolate

Homemade Cakes and Biscuits (Please bring these in on Friday 20th July)

Lucky Dip Prizes

Bric-a-brac

Dolls and Action Figures

Dressing Up Clothes



It is hoped that there will be plenty of games for the children (and adults) to play, a variety of competitions to take part in, lots of different stalls and – as the weather forecast suggests that it will still be sunny on 20th July – that we will be able to hold our Summer Fayre outside this year!

If you are willing and able to help out on one of the stalls at our Summer Fayre, could you please let Miss Simcock know – so we will be able to run this year.

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift." — Kate DiCamillo

Parent Governor

Following the resignation of one of our Parent Governors last month, we are looking for one of our pupil's parents or carers to join the governing body with immediate effect.

If you are interested in becoming a governor at our school, please speak with Mr Hilldrup about what is involved. It would be great if we could fill this vacancy before the school breaks up for the summer; so we are asking for any expressions of interest to be made before the end of next week (Friday 13th July).

If you are not able to come in to school to speak to Mr Hilldrup, you may declare your expression of interest via email (or by telephoning the school).

Our governing body is made up of the Headteacher, 1 staff governor, 1 local authority governor, 2 parent governors and 5 co-opted members. Further details of the roles and responsibilities of the current board of governors at our school is available on the school website. The other parent governor is Mr Jones (who has a son in Year 3 and a daughter in Year 6).



Don't forget, we will be hosting our **Rock Kidz Concerts** on Thursday next week. It would be great if we could have a large audience at both concerts – so have a think about who you would like to bring along. Tickets go on sale on Monday. Cost £5 (Under 5s – FREE).



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