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NEWSLETTER

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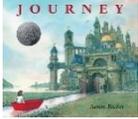
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Welcome Back – At The Start Of A New School Year

It has been great to see so many of our pupils looking so smart, working hard and starting the new school year with lots of enthusiasm and a keen desire to learn.



All of the children have started the new school year exploring a very special book called 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker.

While everybody has explored the whole book, the children in each class have been producing some work on a specific section throughout the week and, over the next few days, a new corridor display will emerge – showcasing some of our pupils' work - so that anybody who walks the length of our main corridor can learn about the main events in this exquisitely illustrated, wordless book - about an ordinary girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and escapes on an extraordinary journey of magic and adventure – whilst also seeing what great writers and artists the children who attend our school are.

This has also been a very exciting week for all of our new starters in Reception class. This week, the children in Mrs Moss's class have been exploring their new classroom and outdoor area – as well as all of the other areas in our school – in preparation for starting full-time, from Monday. They have all made a fantastic start and we look forward to finding out about all of their interests, and what's special about each of them, over the next few weeks. They were even able to invite their parents into school today, for lunch, to tell them about their first week at school!



We have also welcomed eight new pupils to our school this week – and we hope that all of our new families feel very welcome and have managed to make a few 'new friends on the playground'. We will be hosting a series of 'Meet The Teacher' meetings over the next week, which is a great opportunity for everybody to meet our new parents; as well as find out about some of the exciting things that your child can look forward to during the course of the year (and what you can do to help them have a very successful year in school).



Finally, I (along with all of the teaching staff) would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for all of the parents and families who responded to our plea, at the end

of last year, to ensure that their child wears black, polishable shoes for school. There has been a notable improvement, which has been great to see, and has certainly helped to improve our pupils' commitment to our school by taking pride in their appearance.

Your Chance To Meet Your Child's New Teachers



Today we hosted our first 'Meet The Teacher' meeting, for the parents and carers of the children in our Reception Class.

These meetings are planned, at the start of the new school year, so all parents and carers can come into school to see their child's new classroom, meet the adults who will be working with and supporting your child throughout the year, and find out about all of the important things that will be going on this year. It is also an excellent opportunity to ask any questions and understand what you can be doing to help your child to achieve well in school.

These meetings will take place immediately after school (at 3:10pm) next week:

Monday (10th September)

3:10pm - Meet The Year 6 Teachers (Mr Modaley and Miss Whiting) in Class 6

3:10pm – Meet The Year 5 Teachers (Miss Cosgrove and Miss Ingram) in Class 5

Tuesday (11th September)

3:10pm – Meet The Year 4 Teachers (Mrs Sproston and Mrs Urmson) in Class 4

3:10pm – Meet The Year 3 Teachers (Mrs Birchall and Mr Bradshaw) in Class 3

Thursday (13th September)

3:10pm – Meet The Year 2 Teachers (Mrs Burge and Miss Ward)* in Class 2

3:10pm – Meet The Year 1 Teachers (Miss Eustace and Miss Hunt) in Class 1

****As Mrs Harvey works at our school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, she will not be in school on Thursday.***

If you have a child in any of these classes, you are most welcome to come along. I am sure you will find the meetings extremely useful.



Halton Lodge Primary School - Happy Learning Promotes Success !



Film Crew Coming To Halton Lodge

Towards the end of the summer holiday, I was informed that our school had been selected by the Health Improvement Team as one of two schools in Halton to feature in a film to highlight how schools are an ideal place for establishing healthy living habits.

This means that on Monday 24th September, our school will be visited by a small film crew – from ITN Productions – who will film some of our children taking part in ‘Wake N Shake’, using the Scrapstore Playpod, and talking about active lifestyles and taking part in sporting activities.

It is not yet known which children will be filmed – or which pieces will be used in the final production. However, we would like to give all of our pupils the opportunity to take part in this special and unique event. Therefore, attached to this week’s newsletter is a Guardian Release Consent Form. **If you would like to give your child the opportunity to feature in the filming, please complete and return the form to the school office on, or before, Friday 14th September – so we can work with the production team to determine what will be filmed throughout the day.**

The film will be introduced by Natasha Kaplinsky, from ITN Headquarters in London, and the aim of the film is to highlight: *The places where we live, work and play have a profound impact on our health and wellbeing, an impact that can vary greatly depending on where we are born and raised, even within the UK. The aim of the programme is to shine a light on the impact places have on the public’s health, and to showcase the great range of inspiring public health work going on across the nation. The programme will explore how health professionals, councils, fire and rescue services, universities and the voluntary sector are working to improve health and wellbeing in different places across the UK.*

The film will be shown as part of a showcase in Canary Wharf at the East Wintergarden on 18th October, and then used to inform public opinion, share positive stories and demonstrate the effectiveness of initiatives. It will then be available to view on the Royal Society of Public Health website (and shown at a number of events in Halton).

Halton is one of the few local authorities where ALL of the schools are committed to the Healthy Schools Programme – and this is a great opportunity for our pupils to show how other schools across the country could increase the opportunities for their pupils to be more active during the school day.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

We are still in the process of organising all of the after school clubs for this term. However, we have finalised the arrangements with some sports coaches, who will be offering the following after school clubs this term:



Monday (3:10pm to 4:15pm) – Handball & Basketball Club (with Mr Jones from Active Soccer) for pupils in KS2

Wednesday (3:30pm to 4:15pm) – Year 1, 2 & 3 Football Club (with Mr Dyson from RG Coaching).

Wednesday (4:30pm to 5:30pm) – Year 4, 5 & 6 Football Club (with Mr Dyson from RG Coaching).



Thursday (3:10pm to 4:15pm) – Tennis Club for pupils in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (with Mr Dyson from RG Coaching).

There will also be a Netball Club (for pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6) on a Thursday and details for Destiny Dance (also for pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6 on a Friday) were sent out earlier this week. Details for all of our remaining after school clubs will be sent out with next week’s newsletter.

To reserve a place for your child at any one of these clubs, please return the attached permission slip – with the necessary payment – at your earliest convenience. Places at each of these clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis – until all of the places are filled.

Should we not get a minimum of 12 children signed up for any of these clubs, they will need to be cancelled – as the school will not be able to subsidise them.

Summer Reading Challenge



We have been informed that over 1100 children in Halton signed up for *The Summer Reading Challenge* this year – which is a record.

All of the children who complete the challenge – to read 6 books over the summer – will each receive a certificate and a medal (which will be delivered to the school in the next few days).

The final day to visit the library and complete the challenge is tomorrow – SATURDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER. So, please go along if you started the challenge and want to complete it before the deadline.

We have also set two reading challenges of our own:

(1) Extreme Reading Challenge – We would like you to take a photograph of your child reading in an unusual place – such as at the top of a mountain, hanging upside down on the climbing frame in the park, lying in a dog basket or anywhere. *You are able to bring in any printed photographs to school or you may wish to email your photographs to head.haltonlodge@halton.gov.uk (and we will print these out for you).*

(2) Shoe Box Reading Challenge – We would also like you to turn a shoe box into a scene of one of your favourite children’s books or to capture some of the most exciting parts of the book; so we can place these ‘open books’ on display in our school library.

It is not too late to take part and complete either of these challenges. We have extended the deadline for entries to these competitions until Friday 21st September, when we will present all of those who have taken part with a prize.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO BRING A CHILDREN’S BOOK TO LIFE – IN A ‘SHOE BOX’. CAN YOU PRODUCE SOMETHING EVEN BETTER THAN THIS?



Friends Of Halton Lodge

We will be holding a short ‘Friends Of Halton Lodge’ planning meeting at 9:10am on Friday 14th September – to plan the calendar of events that we hope to hold this year.

If you have any suggestions, please come along. All parents, carers, grandparents or ‘friends’ of the school are most welcome!





Reporting Your Child's Absence – Using STUDYBUGS

If your child is ill and will be absent from school, you need to tell us before 9:00am (so that we know where your child is and that they are safe).

At Halton Lodge Primary School, we use a service called **Studybugs** to make this as easy as possible. *The school is also able to use this app to communicate key information and send newsletters each week – which means that you can access our school newsletters on your mobile phone, home computer and/or tablet (and we can use the money we save on printing and paper on resources for the children to use in school).*

If you have not yet downloaded the FREE Studybugs App, please do so today! Visit <https://studybugs.com> – it only takes 2 minutes to sign up.

AUTUMN TERM After School Clubs

The after school clubs that will be operating this half term are:

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLACE	LEADER
Handball & Basketball Club Cost = £6 for 6 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall (or Football Court)	Mr Jones (Active Soccer)
Football Club Cost = £6 for 6 weeks	Years 1, 2 & 3 [Max of 20 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Field or Football Court – shin pads must be worn	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Football Club Cost = £6 for 6 weeks	Years 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 4:30pm to 5:30pm	Field or Football Court – shin pads must be worn	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Tennis Club Cost = £6 for 6 weeks	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 [Max of 20 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Playground	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Dance	Years 4, 5 & 6	Friday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall	Mrs Bowen and Mrs Urmson

All of these clubs will start NEXT WEEK. **Please return all slips to the SCHOOL OFFICE.** Places will be allocated in a first come, first served basis.

Please ensure that you include the necessary payment associated with any clubs requested and assume that your child has been offered a place UNLESS YOU ARE CONTACTED TO INFORM YOU OTHERWISE.

Autumn Term 2018 – After School Club REPLY SLIP

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

**I give permission for my child to take part in the following after school club(s)
– and enclose any payment that is required:**

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLEASE TICK (indicating 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd choice etc, if wanting to attend more than one club).
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At the end of the club my child will walk home: Yes / No (please circle)*

**Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 may walk home – at the end of a club – but only with their parent/carer's signed consent.*

At the end of the club my child will be collected by: _____

Signed (by parent or carer): _____

Date: _____

Payment Enclosed: £ _____



GUARDIAN RELEASE FORM

ITN Productions is producing a promotional video about Halton Borough Council and their services (“the Video”) for the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) (“the Partner”).

The Video will be included in marketing (“the Programming”) for RSPH and will also be available via the Partner’s website.

You (“the Contributor”) have agreed that ITN Productions may film and record you on **Monday 24th September 2018** for possible inclusion in the Video. This release form sets out what you have agreed regarding the use of these materials by the Partner, ITN Productions and others.

1. I confirm that I am the lawful guardian of (**FULL NAME OF CHILD**)and hereby with his/her/their authority give all consents necessary so as to permit ITN Productions to photograph, film and/or interview them on camera (“the **Recordings**”) and to edit at its discretion the Recordings.
2. I acknowledge that copyright and all other rights in and to the Recordings will vest in ITN Productions and that ITN Productions and persons authorised by ITN Productions (including the Partner and Organiser) shall have the unlimited right forever worldwide to use all or any part of the Recordings in any and all media whether now known or hereafter developed or discovered without further reference or liability to me or my child.
3. For the avoidance of doubt ITN shall not use the Recordings, Video and Programming in any of its own news programming without first obtaining your consent.
4. This release is subject to English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Please confirm your agreement of the above by signing and returning this form.

Name of Legal Guardian:

Signed (Legal Guardian) : Date.....

Address of Legal Guardian:

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Telephone No:

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