



# HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Winning House

**We will be delaying the announcement of the winning house from this week – as we have events going on in school on Monday and Tuesday next week that require all of our pupils to be in full school uniform.**

### ITN Filming

We have had over 130 Guardian Release Forms returned giving consent for these children to be involved in the filming that is taking place at the school on Monday.



In addition to having returned a signed consent form, it is essential for the children to also have a coat in school on Monday if they are to take part in the filming of how the pupils at our school use the Scrapstore Playpod equipment.

There will also be an opportunity for children in different year groups to record a 'vox pop' to share some of things that we do to encourage our pupils to be physically active during the school day. To increase your child's chance of being chosen – and their 'vox pop' making the final edit – you may wish to discuss with them how they would answer these three questions:

1. What ideas would you come up with to encourage everyone in your school to be more active?
2. What do you think of the Scrapstore Playpod and Wake Up Shake Up?
3. After you've done some exercise, how do you feel?



### Individual School Photographs

Photographers from Amy Laughton Photography will be in school on Tuesday to take individual and family photographs of the children who attend our school.

As usual, pupils who have a pre-school aged brother or sister are invited to come into school between 8:30am and 8:50am to have a family photograph taken before school starts.

All of the children will have an individual photograph taken, in addition to a photograph with any brothers or sisters that they have in school. The photographs are taken with the children in full school uniform - polo shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan. If, for any reason, you would like your child to be dressed differently for their photograph, please send a note into school advising us that you would prefer your child to just wear their polo shirt.

### Swimming

The children in Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on Monday - so it is important for them to have their swimming kit in school.



### MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday we will be holding a Coffee Morning in school, to raise money for MacMillan. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be available, in the school hall, from 9:00am and the children in each class will be invited to join in the coffee morning at different times throughout the morning - so if you would like to enjoy some time with your child, please come along at the right time:



#### **9:00am - Coffee Morning Opens**

**9:15am to 9:30am - Children in Reception will be invited into the hall.**

**9:30am to 9:45am - Children in Year 1 will be invited into the hall.**

**9:45am to 10:00am - Children in Year 2 will be invited into the hall.**

**10:00am to 10:15am - Children in Years 3 & 4 will be invited into the hall.**

**10:15am to 10:30am - Children in Years 5 & 6 will be invited into the hall.**

#### **10:45am - Coffee Morning Finishes**

All of the children will receive some juice and a biscuit - but they may wish to bring some additional money to purchase a cake (or simply to make a donation towards Macmillan). *If every child donated 20p, this would mean that we would raise a minimum of £40 from the children alone.*

**If you would like to donate any tea, coffee, biscuits or cakes for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, could you please bring these into school on, or before, Wednesday 26th September.** This will allow us to only buy the things that we need - and help us to raise even more money for a charity that helps so many families at a very difficult time in their lives.



### Scrapstore Playpod

This week the House Captains (and Sports Council representatives) have been thinking about some of the extra things that they would like in the Scrapstore Playpod - as we will be having a Top Up of some 'new' equipment next week.

Amongst the list of items they requested were:

- dressing up clothes;
- teddies;
- camping equipment;
- suitcases;
- handbags;
- dolls (including Barbie dolls);
- household items (such as pots, pans, cooking utensils, etc)

They have also requested large barrels, den making equipment, computer keyboards, telephones, bread crates and rope. However, we thought it may be worth asking our parents



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if they have any unwanted items listed above at home that they may wish to donate to the school.

Equally, if you have any games or puzzles (which the children could use during wet play times) could you also please send these into school.

Any donations of equipment can be brought into school on any day next week.



### Reading Challenge

We had a number of entries in the Extreme Reading (Photograph) Challenge and five entries in the Shoe Box Reading Challenge that we set over the summer.

Next week, we are due to receive the medals and certificates for all of the children who took part in, and completed, the Summer Reading Challenge.

As soon as these medals and certificates arrive, we will have a special assembly to celebrate the children's reading achievements and present the prizes to our school's Reading Challenge winners at the same time.

The winning Shoe Box Challenge winners were:

**Tre Watson (Year 5)**



**Gergana Krumova (Year 5)**



**Leon Warrener (Year 5)**



**Danny Warrener (Year 3)**



### **Harry Chimes (Year 1)**



Challenge: Can you name the five books that these boxes depict? *We will share the answers in our assembly next week.*

### Parent Governor



A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our Governing Board.

The Governing Board is asking you to nominate a parent or carer of a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

The Governing Board, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Boards have three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors need not be experts in education but they do need to:

- have an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children; and
- the time and willingness to get involved.

The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Board.

Our Governing Board expects governors to attend three termly meetings and sit on both of our committees ('Resources' and 'Curriculum & Standards') so they have a full overview of the school. These meetings usually take place at 5:00pm. In addition, all governors are given at least one area of responsibility and are encouraged to make at least one visit to the school - as a Governor - and invest time getting to know the staff and how the school is run.

In return, our Governing Board commits to provide you with:

1. a structured induction;
2. provide access to quality training; and
3. provide you with an experienced governor as a mentor.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the governance at our school please contact Mr Hilldrup (Headteacher).

If you would like to make a nomination for parent governor - please complete and return the attached nomination form.



### Parent Governor Nomination Form

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of the person being nominated for election:

Name:

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Address:

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Signature of person nominated:

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Signature of proposer (if different to nominee):

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Name and address in BLOCK letters of proposer (if different to nominee):

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***Please include a Personal Statement (maximum 250 words) which will be used, should the school receive more than one nomination, to inform other parents and carers of the reasons why you would like to become a parent governor at Halton Lodge and what skills you would bring to the role.***

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signed.....

Print name.....

Dated.....

**Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 10:30am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

Personal Statement:

