



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Election Results

Every half term we focus on a different 'value', which we discuss and promote with the children in school during assemblies, class discussions and PSHE lessons. Our value for the first half of the Autumn Term is **RESPONSIBILITY**.

The children have already considered the responsibilities that different people in society have. This has included pet owners, pilots, train drivers, doctors, nurses, surgeons, teachers and children of a similar age to themselves in other countries around the world. They have also explored what their responsibilities are in lessons, assemblies, on the playground, when talking to visitors to the school and outside of school (especially when they are wearing their school uniform).

This year we have taken the decision to give our older pupils, in Year 6, even greater responsibility by having the children in school electing their House Captains and the school's Head Boy and Head Girl.

The children in Mr Modaley and Miss Whiting's class have been learning about persuasive and presentation skills over the last two weeks; and each child was invited to write a speech to persuade the other children in their House that they would be the best person to represent their House (and the school).

The children took on this task with great determination and professionalism – with many practising their speeches at home and on the playground during break times! On Wednesday afternoon, the children in each House assembled in one of the junior classrooms and heard each of the speeches before casting a vote to elect the person they thought would be the best to represent them.

The children must be commended for their hard work and courage to do something that many adults would find a challenge. When the votes were counted, it was determined that the following children were elected to the following posts:

Head Girl

Sophie Royle

Head Boy

Ethan Martin

Deputy Head Girl

Lucie Smith

Deputy Head Boy

Charlie Berry

House Captains:

Grace May
(Bridge)

Emmy McComish
(Castle)

Lily Gregory
(Mersey)

Alfie Antrobus
(Priory)

House Vice Captains:

Olivia O'Toole
(Bridge)

Lillia Page
(Castle)

Bethany Manley-Cooke
(Mersey)

Tyler Hughes
(Priory)

While huge congratulations must go to the children who were elected to each of these very prestigious posts – who I am sure will take on the responsibilities associated with each role with great pride and conviction – those children who narrowly missed out on being chosen also deserve a lot of praise and credit for putting themselves forward and working so hard on their speeches. They all impressed those who were present when they delivered their speeches; and I am sure all of them will serve as great ambassadors for our school this year.

Winning House

The winning House this week was BRIDGE... by just 1 point!



It is great that we have started the year in such a competitive spirit – with so many children producing work of an exceptional standard and behaving so politely and respectfully.

I have seen so many examples of outstanding work from pupils in all year groups – with some presentation of a standard that has amazed the teachers and staff in school! We are all looking forward to seeing what all of our pupils can go on to achieve this year.

All of the children in Bridge are invited to come into school on Monday dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, hopefully adorning something that is RED to signify their victory. *I'm sure the children in the other Houses, spurred on by their House Captains and Vice Captains, will be determined to ensure that Bridge find it extremely difficult to repeat this feat next week.*



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- *Happy*

Learning

Promotes

Success !

Swimming

The children in Year 5 will start their swimming lessons on Monday – so will require their swimming kit (swimming costume, goggles, towel and hair brush).



The children in Year 4 will start their swimming lessons next week (24th September).



Extra After School Clubs

This year our school is involved in a number of collaborations and clusters with other schools – to explore ways of further improving the quality of education for the children in primary schools throughout Halton.

This work started this week, with our school hosting a meeting for all of the Year 3 and Year 4 teachers who wished to take part – and the other teachers from our school going to one of three other schools that are part of the Halton Working Together group.

This means that the teachers and teaching assistants will be involved in a large number of meetings and twilight training sessions – which are held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year.

While this is a fantastic development opportunity for the staff at our school, it does restrict the number of after school clubs we can offer this year (especially this term). However, we have still been able to add to the after school clubs that we informed you about last week:

Monday Homework Club for pupils in Years 1 – 6 (3:10pm to 4:00pm). *Those children who attend MUST bring their homework and reading book – so the staff can support them to complete this.* Cost = FREE

Tuesday Drumming Club for pupils in Years 3 – 6 (3:10pm to 4:15pm). *Priority will be given to those children who have attended this club before – but a waiting list will be created for all of the other children interested in taking part.* Cost = £5 for 5 weeks. Max = 6 pupils

Thursday High 5 Netball Club for pupils in Years 4 – 6 (3:10pm to 4:15pm). *The aim of this club is to establish a team to represent the school in matches against other local schools.* Cost = FREE

If you would like your child to attend any of these clubs please send a signed note to school, stating: ***I would like (insert child's name) to take part in the (insert name of club) starting this week. They will be collected at the end of the club by (insert the name(s) of who will collect).***

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AT ALL OF THE CLUBS INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ONE OF THE REMAINING

PLACES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM THAT WAS INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER 1 (OR COLLECT A SPARE COPY FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE).

Dates For Your Diary

Here are some key dates for 2018/19:



Family Assembly will take place every Friday – starting at 2:40pm – unless you are notified otherwise. All parents, carers and other family members are always invited to attend – with doors open from 2:35pm.

Wed 19 Sept 3:15pm - Year 6 Parent Workshop delivered by Amy Winehouse Foundation as part of the Resilience Programme

Tues 25 Sept Individual School Photographs

Fri 28 Sept 9:00am to 10:30am - Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall

Wed 3 Oct School librarians going to meet Andy Briggs (author)

Tues 16 Oct Year 4 Class Trip to The Catalyst Museum

Wed 17 Oct Parents' Evening

Thurs 18 Oct Parents' Evening

Half Term (22nd to 26th October)

Thurs 1 Nov Halloween Disco (Years 1 & 2 from 3:15pm to 4:30pm; Juniors from 4:45pm to 6:00pm) – Free entrance in return for the donation of a bottle for our Christmas Bottlebola.

Tues 6 Nov 9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH READING (Part 1 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in all year groups

Wed 7 Nov 11:45am – Year 1 parents, carers and other family members invited to join their child, in school, for a school meal

Fri 9 Nov Year 6 Resilience Workshop delivered by the Amy Winehouse Foundation

Tues 13 Nov 9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH READING (Part 2 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in all year groups

Wed 14 Nov 9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (Part 1 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in Year R (or who have children of pre-school age)



Thurs 15 Nov	9:00am to 10:30am – KS1 Family Learning Science Workshop	a school meal
Fri 16 Nov	School-aged immunisation team in school to deliver universal childhood flu vaccine	5 th & 6 th Feb Year 3 Residential Visit to The Delamere Centre (Foxhowl)
Tues 20 Nov	9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH PHONICS (Part 1 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in Year R, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3	Wed 6 Feb 11:45am – Year 5 & Year 6 parents, carers and other family members invited to join their child, in school, for a school meal
Wed 21 Nov	9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (Part 2 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in Year R (or who have children of pre-school age)	Half Term (11 th to 15 th February)
Tues 27 Nov	9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH PHONICS (Part 2 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in Year R, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3	Tues 26 Feb Parents' Evening
Tues 27 Nov	3:15pm – FOHL Christmas Craft Event	Wed 27 Feb Parents' Evening
Wed 28 Nov	9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH NUMBER (Part 1 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in all year groups	Thurs 7 March 6:00pm – Destiny Dance performance of Aladdin
Wed 28 Nov	11:45am – Year 2 parents, carers and other family members invited to join their child, in school, for a school meal	Mon 25 March Whole school watching theatre production of Pinocchio in school hall
Fri 30 Nov	Non-Uniform Day – in return for a £1 donation towards the prizes for the FOHL Christmas Bingo	Easter Holidays (1 st to 12 th April)
Wed 5 Dec	9:00am to 11:00am – Family Learning: FUN WITH NUMBER (Part 2 of 2) – for parents and carers of children in all year groups	Mon 15 Apr Non-Uniform Day – in return for a donation towards the FOHL Easter Bingo
Thurs 6 Dec	5:30pm – FOHL Christmas Bingo	Wed 17 April 5:30pm – FOHL Easter Bingo
Fri 7 Dec	Non-Uniform Day – in return for a donation of an item for the coloured Christmas Hampers	Fri 19 April School closed: Good Friday
Fri 14 Dec	3:10pm – FOHL Christmas Fayre	Mon 22 April School closed: Easter Monday
Tues 18 Dec	3:15pm – FOHL Christmas Film Night	Mon 6 May School closed: Bank Holiday
Wed 19 Dec	1:45pm <u>and</u> 5:00pm – Infant Nativity	Wed 22 May School Sports Day – Juniors from 9:00am to 12:00pm – Infants from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Thurs 20 Dec	School Christmas Lunch	Half Term (27 th to 31 st May)
Fri 21 Dec	School closes at 1:45pm	Mon 3 June School closed: INSET Day
Christmas Holidays (24 th December to 4 th January)		10 th & 11 th June Year 2 Residential Visit to Llandudno
Wed 23 Jan	11:45am – Year 3 & Year 4 parents, carers and other family members invited to join their child, in school, for	12 th to 14 th June Year 6 Residential Visit to Conover Hall
		13 th & 14 th June Year 4 & Year 5 Residential Visit to London
		Fri 5 July Non-Uniform Day – in return for a donation towards the FOHL Summer Fayre
		Fri 12 July 3:10pm – FOHL Summer Fayre
		Wed 17 July 6:00pm - Year 6 Presentation Evening
		Fri 19 July School closes at 1:45pm
		Summer Holidays (22 nd July to 3 rd September)
		Wed 4 Sept School closed: INSET Day
		Thurs 5 Sept School reopens to pupils

