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NEWSLETTER

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Runcorn Food Bank

On Wednesday, we were visited by a member of staff from the local food bank. The lady told the children all about the people who use the food bank and how it helps families who are going through difficult times.



The children listened really well and we felt it would be a kind gesture to try to make up a small hamper of food from the families at Halton Lodge, that a few children could then take (along with a member of staff) to the food bank at the beginning of December.

The children were really keen to do this, so over the next three weeks we will be collecting tins or packets of food to create our hamper. Please do not bring in any fresh fruit, vegetables or chilled food!

All food items can be handed in at the school office at any time between now and the end of November (Friday 30th November) and we will deliver these to the food bank in the first week of December. Thank You!

Winning House

The winning House this week is **CASTLE!**



All of the children in Castle are invited to come into school on Monday dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, hopefully adorning something that is blue to signify their victory.

Children In Need

This week your child should have brought home a sponsor form – to collect sponsorship for taking part in our 'Dance In your Pyjamas' event – to raise money for Children In Need – on Friday. If you require a spare form, these are available from the school office.



Over the last few years, through selling the official merchandise and collecting sponsorship money, the children and families of Halton Lodge Primary School have raised an incredible amount of money – and we are keen to raise as close to £1000 this year as possible.

All of our pupils are invited to come into school on Friday 16th November wearing their pyjamas (or onesie) – and each class will take it in turn to keep a dancathon going from first thing in the morning (during Wake N Shake) until lunchtime.

If any sponsorship money could then be handed in at school on, or before, Friday 23rd September, we will be able to send the cheque off from the school – and share with you the grand total raised – before the end of the month.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Last week we started a new initiative in school whereby, each week, four children who always do the right thing, behave impeccably and produce their very best work all of the time, are invited for a mug of hot chocolate with the Headteacher; and talk about the things they most enjoy about school.



This special event takes place every Friday and the children do not know that they have been selected until they are invited to come along.

Our value of the half term is DETERMINATION and, by recognising those pupils who always work hard and follow all of our school rules, we are determined that these are the pupils who get the most recognition - and for such excellent behaviour and conduct to be recognised and celebrated.

Family Learning



The first of our Family Learning Events – Fun With Reading – started this week; and we are getting more and more people sign up to the other sessions (which is terrific)!

The second **Fun With Reading** session will take place from 9:00am to 11:00am on Tuesday 13th November. Even if you did not attend the first session, you are still most welcome to come along!

Our other Family Learning events planned for this term are:

- an **EYFS WORKSHOP** (from 9:00am to 11:10am on Wednesday 14 November and Wednesday 21 November),

- an **INFANT FAMILY LEARNING SCIENCE WORKSHOP** (from 9:00am to 10:30am on Thursday 15 November) – If you attend your child will join you for the full 90 minutes of science activities and fun in the school hall,



- **FUN WITH PHONICS** (from 9:00am to 11:00am on Tuesday 20 November and Tuesday 27 November), and



- **FUN WITH NUMBER** (from 9:00am to 11:00am on Wednesday 28 November and Wednesday 5 December).

If you wish to come along to any of these events, please let Miss Smith or Miss Simcock in the school office know, so they can reserve you a place. The events will need to be cancelled unless we get a minimum of 4 parents signed up for each event by the end of next week! We will provide free refreshments at each event – so it will be well worth coming along.



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