



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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The Year 5 Class Assembly originally scheduled for Friday 8th February has been postponed – to provide the children with more time to complete the units of work that they would like to showcase in their assembly to the rest of the school. A new date will be sent out to parents in the near future. *Our Family Assembly next week will take place at 2:40pm, as normal.*



Winning House

The winning House this week is BRIDGE!

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.

Halton Primary Arts Network Display at Shopping City



Over the last few weeks, Mrs Bickerton – with the support of Miss Hunt, Miss Ingram, Miss Roberts and various groups of children from throughout the school – have been working extremely hard to produce our school’s display for the upcoming Halton Primary Arts Network exhibition at Shopping City.

All of the schools who will be taking part will be assembling their displays on Monday, ahead of the official opening at 4:00pm – in the Town Square.

The theme this year is Imagine A World Of Wonder and it will be great to see how the many different schools who will be taking part will have interpreted this theme.

All of the children’s work will be on display until 22nd February – so please take some time to have a look round when you next visit Runcorn Shopping City.

World Book Day Celebrations
7th March 2019



For World Book Day this year, we have decided to have a whole school theme of ‘Reading is Magic’. This means that for the week world book day falls, each class will be reading and sharing books with a magical theme. On World Book Day itself, **Thursday 7th March**, we are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite magical book character. This could be a witch, a wizard, character from Harry Potter, any other magical (or imaginary) character or a character from a book about magic.

We will also be having an author, Sarah Oliver, visiting our school on **Wednesday 20th February**. Sarah Oliver is a local author from Widnes who has published a number of fiction and non-fiction titles including books about celebrities including Taylor Swift. All of the children will attend an assembly

with Sarah Oliver and she will be working in our key stage 2 classes to help inspire children’s writing. If any child would like to buy one of Sarah’s books, she will bring a selection along for them to choose from. It’s our intention to find out the purchase price of each of the books and circulate this in advance of her visit.

Along with this, we will also hold a sponsored read to help raise money for new books for our school library and to encourage our children to increase the amount of reading they do at home. Details of this will be sent out.

As ever, thank you for all the support you give to our school and your child’s learning, in particular in sharing stories with your child and encouraging your child to read at home.



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Junior Parkrun

Junior Parkrun is a great way to get children active – and it’s free. At the moment, the nearest Junior Parkrun is in Widnes, but Runcorn are also looking to set up a Junior Parkrun.

However, in order to do this, they need to create a pool of volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping out, there will be an open house meeting on the 7th February at Castlefields Community Centre at 7.30pm.

If you do not have access to a computer (or printer), you can register at any library in Halton. *To use the library facilities you need to be registered with them – this can be done on the day and no ID is required. Furthermore, there is no cost to the printing of barcodes.*

To register, go to <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/form/> and fill out the details. You will need to know your postcode and give an emergency contact (and their telephone number). Once all of the information is in, click on ‘check form’ and then ‘register me’. Go to BARCODES ‘click here’ and choose the 3rd option of barcodes to print off. *Once your barcode is printed, log off your Parkrun profile. Remember to take your barcode with you to the Parkrun.*



Year 5 & 6 Parents’ Lunch

Due to a delay in food orders to schools at present (reportedly due to Brexit), we have taken the decision to postpone the Year 5 & 6 Parents’ Lunch until after half term – so it will not be taking place next Wednesday as originally advertised.



The new date for this event is Wednesday 13th March and, as usual, any parents, carers and/or grandparents who wish to join the children for a hot school meal will be invited to do so; for the standard cost of a meal: £2.50

Mother’s Day Surprise Room



Following the success of our Mother’s Day Surprise Room last year, the Friends Of Halton Lodge School (FOHLS) have agreed to open a Surprise Room ahead of Mother’s Day again this year.

For just £2, your child will be able to enter the Surprise Room and choose a gift for their mum, mummy, grandma, nan or carer – which they will wrap and write the gift tag for before they bring the gift home on Thursday 28th March (ahead of Mothering Sunday on 31st March).

If your child/children would like to participate in the Surprise Room this year, please complete the form below and return it to school - with the correct money in a sealed envelope - by 15th March 2019. **Alternatively, write all of the information requested below on the front of an envelope - that includes the correct money – and hand this in at the school office.** This will help us to ensure that we have time to purchase the correct number of gifts and no-one is disappointed on the day.

Thank you in advance - your support is very much appreciated!

2019 Mother’s Day Surprise Room



Child(ren)’s name.....

Class(es).....

| | Price | Quantity | Total |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Gift for mum | £2.00 | | |
| Gift for grandma | £2.00 | | |

I have enclosed a total of £.....

These gifts are for:

Please write the names as you would like them to appear on the label.



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Primary School Admissions – September 2019

The deadline for applications for a primary school place in September was Tuesday 15th January. This has now passed.

If you know anybody who is still wanting a primary school place for their child in September, they must now submit a paper application straight away – or visit Halton Direct Link as a matter of urgency - otherwise their child will not be allocated a place at a school of their choosing.

Further guidance is available from:
<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/PrimarySecondarySchool.aspx>

Here are a few reminders, from last week's newsletter about some events that will be taking place during half term – 11th to 15th February.

Half Term Sports Camp

RJG Coaching will be running a Football and Gymnastics Sports Camp at our school during the February Half term.

The camp will run for 4 days - Monday 11th February to Thursday 14th February - from 9am to 3pm.

The cost is £40 for 4 days (or £12 per day).

All children will need to bring a pack lunch and drink.

The children are promised to have a fun packed week, with lots of fun sessions, opportunity to learning new skills and to make friends with children from different schools. There will also be medals and trophies to be won too!

All of the coaches have been DBS checked and are first aid trained.

To book a place for your child, call 07712621727.

Active Halton Half Term Sporting Activities

Halton Borough Council are also offering a series of sporting activities during half term. All of these activities are free.



February Half Term Activities:

Tuesday 12th: Various Sports
(Inc. New Age Kurling, Boccia & Table Top Cricket).
Frank Myler Pavilion, 2 – 4pm

For Children 7 yrs+ **Wednesday 13th: Archery**
Upton CC, 10am – 12
Castlefields CC, 1.30 – 3.30pm

Football for 7-12 yrs **Friday 15th: Football**
Frank Myler, 10am – 12
Grangeway CC, 1 – 3pm

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