



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Class Photographs

On Tuesday the school photographer, Amy Laughton, will be visiting our school to take photographs of each class. As usual, you will be given the option of purchasing either a modern (more casual) photograph or the more traditional class photograph.

Could you please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a school cardigan or sweatshirt on Tuesday – and is in full school uniform (including black shoes and black or grey socks). *If your child is currently wearing a summer dress, they may wear white socks and shoes instead.*

If your child has long hair and uses ribbons or bows to tie this up, then we would welcome black or yellow ribbons to be worn on Tuesday, if at all possible.

As we come to the end of the school year, you may wish to consider ordering any new school uniform items (polo-shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces and/or book bags) soon – so these will be delivered and can be collected from the school office before the end of the summer term. Uniform Order Forms are available from the school office at any time; and you will be informed of when your order has been delivered to school.

NSPCC Parent Workshop

The NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** Programme is visiting our school on Wednesday to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.



This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of their mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for the children in Years 5 and 6.

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme? Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops the NSPCC's specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for

primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly." Sally

If you would like any more information about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme you can come in to speak to Mr Hilldrup or Mrs Ellis - or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/buddy

Talking PANTS with your children - The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants . *If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents*



The NSPCC have also agreed to deliver a Parents' Workshop to any of our parents/carers who would welcome knowing more about the content of these sessions - and how best to talk with their children about such issues – whilst they are at our school. This session will take place on Wednesday 26th June – from 3:15pm to 4:15pm – in one of our classrooms. If you would like to attend, please report to the school office at the end of the school day on Wednesday, and you will be directed to where the workshop is taking place.



Staffing for 2019/20

After 28 years of working at our school, Mrs Sproston has taken the decision to retire. She has shown a great commitment to Halton Lodge Primary School and there are a large number of current and past pupils who have very fond memories of having her as their class teacher. There is no doubt that she will be missed by the staff who work at our school as



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much as the children who are in her class this year; and I am sure many of our parents would like to wish her all the best for the future. This means that she will be leaving our school at the end of this term and the school governors have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher who will take on this role from September.

Furthermore, as Miss Stephens' return from maternity leave coincided with Miss Cosgrove's departure at the end of the Spring Term, we were able to delay making a new appointment until the start of the new school year (as Miss Ward kindly agreed to extend her stay at our school, to continue teaching the children in Year 2 until the end of the academic year). Miss Ward has done a wonderful job and there is no doubt that she will secure herself a job, in a new school, for the start of the new school year. The new teacher who will be joining our team will be Mrs Williams, who will also become our Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader.

For any parents who attended the New Intake Information Evening yesterday, they will have already met Mrs Gibbon – as she will not only be our Deputy Headteacher, she will also be our EYFS Phase Leader (working alongside Miss Roberts and Miss Ingram) in our Reception Class next year.

We are fortunate to have so many great teachers and teaching assistants who work at our school, who all have the skills and capabilities to teach children of all ages. Therefore, as we start a new school year, I can confirm that the staffing arrangements for 2019/20 will be:

Reception	Mrs Gibbon Miss Roberts Miss Ingram
Year 1	Miss Eustace Miss Hunt
Year 2	Mrs Harvey (M/Tu/W) Mrs Burge(Th/F) Mrs Birchall
Year 3	Miss Stephens Mrs Urmson Miss Clemson-Banks
Year 4	Mrs Moss Mr Modaley
Year 5	Mrs Williams Mr Bradshaw
Year 6	Miss Whiting Mrs Bickerton

Mrs Ellis will remain as our Assistant Headteacher and **Mrs Anderson** will be continuing as our Every Child A Reader specialist teacher.

All of the children will have the chance to spend a whole day with their new class teacher on our Move Up Day on Monday 15th July.

Mrs Gibbon and Mrs Williams will not be the only two new faces at our school come September.

As many of you will be aware, the school will undergo a major transformation over the next five months – as we will be creating space to accommodate a Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) Provision for up to six children aged 4 to 7 years old. This provision will mirror the SEMH Provision that is currently being built at Beechwood Primary School – and it is anticipated our two schools will work very closely together.

Although our SEMH Provision (including Sensory Room) is unlikely to be fully built, equipped and furnished until November, the staff who will be running this provision – **Mrs Farrar, Miss Little and Mrs Duckworth** – will all start working at our school (to get to know our staff, all of our pupils and how our school runs) from the beginning of the new school year.

As the new SEMH Provision will be situated in our current Year 2 Classroom, this means that all of the classes (from Year 2 upwards) will each be moving into the neighbouring classroom – with a new larger Year 6 classroom being created where the staffroom and headteacher's office is at present. Any building work that you see at the front of the school building, will be for the new staff room, and we will be having a temporary mobile classroom arriving on site very soon to enable us to have enough classrooms for the start of the new school year. *This will be removed when all of the building work has been completed.*

There will also be some additional internal changes, including a door way to link the two corridors in school, alterations to make some of our intervention rooms larger and more accessible, and a corridor created, to link the new building with the current corridor network.

As all of this work is being carried out at no cost to the school (as it is being paid for by the local authority via a DfE grant) we are also able to invest some of the school budget in ensuring that every classroom will have an Interactive TV screen and for all the computers (PCs) in our IT Suite to be replaced and upgraded. *We are keeping our fingers crossed that the most disruptive and messy work will all be completed over the summer – before the children return to school!*



To help to promote a love of reading, we will be having THE BOOK BUS visit our school on **Wednesday 3rd July.**

All of the children will be given the opportunity to visit the bus throughout the day and parents can purchase books from the bus at the end of the day. Details of the books available – including prices – will be sent out on leaflets next week.



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