



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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A Great Start To The New School Year

It has been great to see so many of our pupils looking so smart and wearing their school uniform with pride when they returned to school this week. A large number of people – staff and visitors to the school included – have commented numerous times over the last two days on how incredibly smart our pupils (in all year groups) look; and it would be great to maintain this positivity and praise throughout the year.

Wearing the correct school uniform is one way that the children (with the support of their parents) can show they are ready for school, ready to learn, are respectful of our school rules and are committed learners. Therefore, if your child has not been wearing black polishable shoes this week, we would greatly appreciate it if they could join the long list of pupils who are coming to school in full school uniform:

- Black sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- Yellow polo shirt (with school logo)
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Black or grey socks
- Black polishable shoes
- *Yellow and white gingham dresses – with white shoes and socks – may also be worn during the summer months.*

Furthermore, over the summer and during the INSET Day on Wednesday, the staff in school have been reflecting on the school's Behaviour Policy and considering ways to further improve the standard of behaviour at our school.

Hopefully your child will start talking to you about some of the extra rewards and incentives that we are introducing this year to acknowledge those children who are committed learners and act as great ambassadors for our school: such as 'Perfect Playtimes', 'Golden Spatula' and 'Star All Week'.

We have also refined our sanctions and consequences – to make these more effective – as we believe our pupils, staff and parents have the following rights:

Rights of children

- To be respected and valued for their uniqueness
- To be educated in a safe learning environment
- To feel safe in school
- To have the behaviour policy/systems adapted to suit my needs.

Rights of staff

- To work in a safe environment
- To feel safe
- To feel respected and valued
- To receive professional development
- To have the right to teach

Rights of parents/carers

- To be informed
- To be listened to
- To be respected as the child's first educator
- To be involved in the solving of their child's misbehaviour.

If you wish to find out more about our new systems, these are detailed in the 'Behaviour Management, Positive Handling and Child Restraint Policy' that is available on the school website.

Your Chance To Meet Your Child's New Teachers

Today we hosted our first 'Meet The Teacher' meeting, for the parents and carers of the children in our Reception Class.



These meetings are planned, at the start of the new school year, so all parents and carers can come into school to see their child's new classroom, meet the adults who will be working with and supporting your child throughout the year, and find out about all of the important things that will be going on this year. It is also an excellent opportunity to ask any questions and understand what you can be doing to help your child to achieve well in school.

The remaining meetings will take place immediately after school (at 3:10pm) next week:

Wednesday (11th September)

3:10pm - Meet The Year 6 Teachers (Miss Whiting, Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Farrar) in Class 6

3:10pm – Meet The Year 4 Teachers (Mrs Moss and Mr Modaley) in Class 4

3:10pm – Meet The Year 2 Teachers (Mrs Harvey, Mrs Burge and Mrs Birchall) in Class 2

Thursday (12th September)

3:10pm – Meet The Year 5 Teachers (Mrs Williams and Mr Bradshaw) in Class 4

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3:10pm – Meet The Year 3 Teachers (Mrs Stephens, Mrs Urmson, Miss Clemson-Banks and Mrs Duckworth) in Class 3

3:10pm – Meet The Year 1 Teachers (Miss Eustace, Miss Hunt and Miss Little) in Class 1

If you can attend your child's class teachers meeting, we would be most grateful if you would take the time to do so. They are important and I am sure you will find the meetings extremely useful.

With the exception of **Destiny Dance** (for the children in Year 4, 5 and 6) on Friday, all after school clubs will start the week after next – week commencing 16th September. A list of clubs that will be taking place this half term will be sent out to all children next week.

Yesterday you will have received an orange **Data Collection Sheet**. Could you please complete these and return these to school as soon as possible – as it is essential that we have up to date contact numbers and medical information for all of the children who attend our school.



Aldi's Kits For Schools

Starting today (6th September), when you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll be given a special Team GB athlete sticker to send into school.

If we are able to complete a poster with 300 stickers, our school will receive a free school sports kit (and be entered into a prize draw to win one of twenty £20,000 cash prizes!

If you know anybody who shops at Aldi, could you please encourage them to take one of these stickers and send them into school. *For each sticker brought into school, we will add 2 house points to your child's House Points total.*

As a consequence of winning a 'Maths Of The Day' competition that the school entered last year – to win a visit from a Team GB athlete – our school will be visited by Jenna Downing (Inline Skating World Champion, X-Games Silver Medallist and Ten Times British Champion) later this term.

Jenna has competed in rollerblading events since the tender age of 8 and has amassed a lifetime of awards competing across the globe in televised and major international events. After turning professional at the age of 12 (making Jenna the youngest female skater in

the world to ever turn professional) there was no stopping her and Jenna has gone on to become an institution in British rollerblading.



I'm sure, when the details of Jenna's visit are finalised, this will be something that our pupils will greatly look forward to; and remember for a long, long time!



Forest Schools

This year we have chosen to invest our *PE and School Sport Premium* by employing an Outdoor Learning (and Forest School) Teacher – Mr Thorpe – to work at our school for one day each week; to support our fantastic team of teachers to develop our learning outside of the curriculum (and regularly engage the children in lessons outdoors, in which their heart rates will be raised for a sustained period of time and they will engage more in their learning – so what they learn is even more memorable).

During this half term we are keen for EVERY child to experience Forest School and work with Mr Thorpe – so we have developed the following timetable:

- Wed 11th Sept: Year 1 (am) and Year 2 (pm)
- Wed 18th Sept: Year 4 (am) and Year 3 (pm)
- Wed 25th Sept: Year 6 (am) and Year 4 (pm)
- Wed 2nd Oct: Year 1 (am) and Year 2 (pm)
- Wed 9th Oct: Year 4 (am) and Year 3 (pm)
- Wed 16th Oct: Year 6 (am) and Year 4 (pm)
- Wed 23rd Oct: Reception Class (all day)

On the day of your child's Outdoor Learning Session please ensure they arrive at school with appropriate clothing to change into. They will be working outside in **all** weather conditions – so please dress accordingly – wearing sun cream if it is sunny, shoes that you don't mind them getting dirty, coats (plus hats, lots of layers and woolly socks) if it is wet and cold! They will also need to have their water bottle with them and appropriate warm footwear (wellies, boots or trainers).

During Outdoor Learning Sessions the children will be working with tools and natural materials and will **probably get quite dirty**, so please be prepared for this.

Finally, the staff and governors would like to welcome all the new pupils – and their families – who are new to our school! In addition to the 29 children who have started in our Reception Class this week, we have had 8 children join our other classes this week. This means that we now only have three spaces in our school – one in Reception, one in Year 5 and one in Year 6. If you spot a new face on the playground (or at the Meet The Teacher Meetings), please find some time to say hello and introduce yourself – and help to make our new families feel most welcome.



School Meals

Children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to a free school meal. However, for those families who are entitled to free school meals, the school is able to recover these costs – and invest this money in the children’s education. This is why we ask all of our families to apply for free school meals from the day that their child starts school. **Please be aware, if you have an older child who receives free school meals, YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY FOR ANY YOUNGER SIBLINGS!**

If you are eligible for free school meals, when your child moves from the infants (Year 2) into the juniors (Year 3) they will automatically qualify for free school meals. However, if you have not applied (or you are not eligible for free school meals) then you will need to start to pay for each meal that your child takes.

All dinner money should be paid at the school office, in advance. The cost is £2.50 per child, per meal, per day. Meals can be paid for on a day by day basis, a week in advance or a whole term in advance.

To check whether you are eligible for free school meals, simply visit Halton Link and ask them to carry out an assessment to determine whether your child is entitled to free school meals – or check your eligibility online.

To check your eligibility, you need to visit <https://www3.halton.gov.uk/pages/home.aspx> and select the following options:

Education & Families > Schools > School Meals > You can find out if your child is eligible for free school meals > Apply for free school meals > Free School Meals (Your child may be entitled to free school meals or a universal infant free school meal. If you have already registered click [Login](#) to make an online application, or click [Register](#) to create an account and apply).



Morning Snack

In addition to no longer being eligible for universal free school meals, when the children move into Year 3 they no longer get free fruit (and milk). This means that the children in the juniors need to bring a healthy snack to school or snack money – if they wish to have some food at morning break.

The cost of snack is set by Halton School Meals Team. For 2019/20 these have been set at:

- Milk 25p
- Toast 25p
- Juice 40p
- Milkshake 50p



Active Halton

Here is a snapshot of some of the fantastic sporting opportunities that are available in Halton. More information about the full range of sports clubs can be found at: www.activehalton.co.uk

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Sport in Halton

Are you looking to join a sports club in Halton?
Search our directory of sports clubs on our website
www.activehalton.co.uk/club-halton

FOOTBALL	SWIMMING	ROWING
RUGBY UNION	TENNIS	HOCKEY
RUGBY LEAGUE	GYMNASTICS	CYCLING
CRICKET	ATHLETICS/RUNNING	AMERICAN FOOTBALL
NETBALL	TABLE TENNIS	DISABILITY
BOXING	ARCHERY	GOLF
MARTIAL ARTS	BASEBALL	BOWLS

Halton Sports Development Team also run school holiday activities for children.
For more information on holiday activities and other sessions see their social media pages:
Facebook: Halton Sports Development
Twitter: HaltonSportsDev

The directory is for information purposes only, it is for individuals to satisfy themselves of the safety of the activity / club.
The local authority will not be held liable for any harm or injury the participant may suffer at the club / session.

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Runcorn Hockey Club
RUNCORN JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

Boys and Girls Welcome
Aged 6 to 11
Every Sunday 10am to 11am
At
The Heath School
Clifton Road, Runcorn WA745Y
Qualified female and male coaches
Hockey sticks available
Contact: runcornhockey@gmail.com



Indoor Athletics sessions

Starts 2nd October
Kingsway Leisure centre
6.30 - 7.30pm

£2 per child
for ages 9+

Contact: bill.smith7@ntlworld.com
 phone: 07854694585
 Facebook: Halton and Frodsham Harriers





RUNCORN Amateur Boxing Club

	Ladies Fitness Boxing	Open Age 6yrs & Up	Agers 6-10	Agers 11-15	Agers 16 & Up	Elite Boxers
MON		4.30pm	5.30pm	6.30pm		
TUE		4.30pm	5.30pm	6.30pm		
WED		4.30pm	5.30pm	6.30pm	7.30pm	
THUR		4.30pm	5.30pm	6.30pm		
FRI		4.30pm	5.30pm	6.30pm		
SAT	CLOSED					
SUN	10am	11am - 1pm				

Session Prices
 Under 16's - £3 per session or £10 per week
 16 & Over - £4.50 per session or £15 per week

Come and Try for Free !

First session FREE

Bring Plenty of Water, wear suitable sports clothes & trainers

Recruiting Yrs 1-5, Girls & Boys

No Experience needed !...Just

- Fast Feet
- Friendly Smiles
- Winning Ways
- Coaches DBS Checked & Qualified with England Netball.

Every Sat 10-11.30
 @ ST Chads, Runcorn,
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