



## HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

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#### The Year Ahead

We always strive to give parents and carers as much notice as possible for all of the special events that are planned to take place in school.



Here is an outline of the school calendar for this academic year (2019/20), as it stands at the moment. We will update you about any extra events as these are added, throughout the year.

#### September

Our VALUE for this half term is '*BEHAVIOUR (including Being Me In My World)*'

F 13<sup>th</sup> September – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 18<sup>th</sup> September – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Year 4 (am) and Year 3 (pm)

Th 19<sup>th</sup> September – Individual School Photographs

F 20<sup>th</sup> September – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

M 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 6 Ancient Greek Day

W 25<sup>th</sup> September – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Year 6 (am) and Year 5 (pm)

Th 26<sup>th</sup> September – Get Singing for BBC Music Day

F 27<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Morning (from 9:00am to 10:45am)

#### October

Tu 1<sup>st</sup> October – PTA Planning Meeting (at 3:30pm)

W 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Year 1 (am) and Year 2 (pm)

F 4<sup>th</sup> October – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

Tu 8<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Class Trip: Delamere Forest Explorers

W 9<sup>th</sup> October – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Year 4 (am) and Year 3 (pm)

F 11<sup>th</sup> October – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 16<sup>th</sup> October – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Year 6 (am) and Year 5 (pm)

W 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Parents' and Carers' Lunch (from 11:30am)

F 18<sup>th</sup> October – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

Tu 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Flu vaccinations (by Halton School Health Team) for all pupils

W 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Outdoor Learning (Forest School) sessions for children in Reception (all day)

F 25<sup>th</sup> October – Non-Uniform Day (in support of PTA Christmas Fayre). Donation of a bottle for the bottlebola recommended.

F 25<sup>th</sup> October – Golden Activities (am) and PTA Halloween Disco (from 1:15pm to 2:00pm for Infants; and 2:00pm to 3:00pm for Juniors)

**Half Term – School is closed  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

#### November

M 4<sup>th</sup> November – School reopens for pupils. Our VALUE for this half term is: '*ENTHUSIASM (including Celebrating Differences)*'

M 4<sup>th</sup> November – Prime Virtual Reality Day for pupils in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Tu 5<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening (from 3:10pm to 5:40pm)

W 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening (from 3:10pm to 6:40pm)

F 8<sup>th</sup> November – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

F 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need

F 15<sup>th</sup> November – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

M 18<sup>th</sup> November – Chester Zoo Workshops for the children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

F 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents' and Carers' Lunch (from 11:30am)

F 29<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Non-Uniform Day (in support of the PTA Christmas Bingo) - £1 donation recommended

F 29<sup>th</sup> November – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

## December

Th 5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Tombola (from 5:30pm) and Christmas Bingo (from 6:00pm) in the school hall

F 6<sup>th</sup> December – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

F 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fayre (from 3:10pm to 4:45pm)

M 16<sup>th</sup> December – Save The Children ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ (suggested £1 donation) and Christmas Lunch for all pupils

W 18<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity Performances at 9:30am and 1:45pm

Th 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church (TBC)

F 20<sup>th</sup> December – Golden Activities (am) and school closes at 1:40pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – School is closed  
from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

## January

M 6<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens to pupils. Our value of the half term is ‘*ATTITUDE (including Dreams and Goals)*’

F 10<sup>th</sup> January – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

Tu 14<sup>th</sup> January – PTA Planning Meeting (at 3:30pm)

F 17<sup>th</sup> January – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Year 3 & 4 Parents’ and Carers’ Lunch (from 11:30am)

F 24<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 Class Assembly (at 9:10am)

F 31<sup>st</sup> January – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

## February

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Residential Visit: The Delamere Centre (Foxhowl)

F 7<sup>th</sup> February – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 United Utilities Water Cycle Workshop

Th 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Class Assembly (at 9:10am)

F 14<sup>th</sup> February – Golden Activities (am) and Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

**HALF TERM – School is closed  
from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

M 24<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens to pupils. The VALUE for the half term is ‘*DETERMINATION (including Healthy Me)*’

W 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 swimming lessons start (Year 4 continue swimming but Year 5 lessons end)

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Residential Visit: Maes-y-Nant Activity Centre (Robinwood)

F 28<sup>th</sup> February – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

## March

F 6<sup>th</sup> March – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

W 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 Parents’ and Carers’ Lunch (from 11:30am)

W 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening (from 3:10pm to 6:40pm)

Th 12<sup>th</sup> March - Parents’ Evening (from 3:10pm to 5:40pm)

F 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sport Relief

Th 19<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Mother’s Day SURPRISE ROOM

F 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Class Assembly (at 9:10am)

Th 26<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Non-Uniform Day (in support of PTA Easter Bingo) – suggested donation of one chocolate easter egg

F 27<sup>th</sup> March – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

Tu 31<sup>st</sup> March – PTA Easter Tombola (from 5:30pm) and Easter Bingo (from 6:00pm) in the school hall

## April

Th 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 3 Class Assembly (at 9:30am)

F 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Golden Activities (am) and Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS – School is closed  
from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

M 20<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens to pupils. Our VALUE for the half term is ‘*COURAGE (including Relationships)*’

F 24<sup>th</sup> April – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

Tu 28<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Planning Meeting (at 3:30pm)

Th 30 April – Year 2 Class Assembly (at 9:10am)

## May

F 1<sup>st</sup> May – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)

M 4<sup>th</sup> May – School is open. **This is no longer a Bank Holiday.**

## F 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed: May Day Bank Holiday

F 15<sup>th</sup> May – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)  
W 20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day: Juniors (am) and Infants (pm)  
F 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 Class Assembly (at 9:10am) and Golden Activities (am)

## HALF TERM – School is closed from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May

### June

M 1<sup>st</sup> June – School closed: INSET DAY  
Tu 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School reopens to pupils. Our VALUE for the half term is 'FREINDSHIP (including Changing Me)'  
Th 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Chemistry With Cabbage Science Day  
F 5<sup>th</sup> June – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)  
F 12<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Class Assembly (at 9:10am)  
Tu 16<sup>th</sup> June – New Intake Information evening (at 5:30pm) for families of children starting at our school in September 2020.  
Th 18<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Father's Day SURPRISE ROOM  
F 19<sup>th</sup> June – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)  
F 26<sup>th</sup> June – Halton Lodge Has Got Talent Grand Final (pm)

### July

F 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Whole School Non-Uniform Day (in support of PTA Summer Fayre) – suggested donation TBC  
F 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)  
F 10<sup>th</sup> July – PTA Summer Fayre (from 3:10pm to 4:30pm)  
W 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production (from 6:00pm)  
Th 16<sup>th</sup> July – Golden Activities (am) and Family (Celebration) Assembly (from 2:40pm to 3:05pm)  
F 17<sup>th</sup> July – School closes at 1:40pm  
20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July: School Closed: INSET DAYS

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS – School is closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

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If you have not yet filled in and returned your orange **Data Collection Sheet**, could you please complete these and return them to the school office 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.

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## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – at 3:30pm PTA Meeting

As you may have noticed in the long list of events detailed above, the next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October (at 3.30pm) at the school. All parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles of the children who attend our school are most welcome to attend.

The purpose of the first meeting is to plan the Halloween Disco and a range of Christmas events.

### Holiday Dates for 2020/21

We have already been asked by a number of families about when the school holidays will be from September 2020 onwards. These dates are always available on the school website – see *Holiday Dates 2019 to 2021*.

If you are starting to plan your holidays during the next academic year, these are the holiday dates for 2020/21:

	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	Thursday 3 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Spring Term	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Summer Term *	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
	Monday 7 June 2021	Friday 16 July 2021

\* Includes May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

### INSET Days

Wednesday 2 Sept 2020	Monday 19 July 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021	Thursday 22 July 2021
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### Aldi's Kits For Schools

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.**



### After School Clubs

During this half term, all of the teaching staff at our school will be involved in a large number of twilight training sessions – in addition to the regular staff meetings and other after school commitments – totalling over 12 hours of extra training!

The focus of this training will be to develop a more consistent approach to behaviour and classroom management - and how best to tackle any disruptive behaviour that may arise in our school - exploring the most effective ways of delivering PE (as we will be introducing *Real* PE at our school) and also working together to refine our approach to teaching Writing; so all of this training should have a positive impact on every child, in every class, from the beginning of the school year.

However, as a consequence of this, it is not reasonable to also expect staff to run an after school club this half term. Therefore, all of the clubs that we are able to offer this half term will be run by external providers:

#### **Invasion Games Club**

Cost = £9 for 6 weeks (£1.50 each week)

Time: Monday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm

Place: School Hall (or Playground)

Available for: Years 1 – 3 (Max 24)

Leader: Mr Pybus (Active Soccer)

#### **Dance Club**

Cost = FREE

Time: Tuesday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm - TBC

Place: School Hall

Available for: Years 4 – 6 (Max 30)

Leader: Year 12 students from St Chad's

*This club will run for THREE weeks, starting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, and culminate in the children who take part performing in The Primary Dance Show – hosted by St Chad's – in October. More details to follow.*

#### **Forest Schools Family Engagement Club**

Cost = £12 for 6 weeks (per child) – adults are free (£2 each week)

Time: Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:30pm

Place: School Field

Available for: Years R – 6 (Max 30 – including adults)

Leader: Mr Thorpe (Edsential)

#### **Dodgeball Club**

Cost = £9 for 6 weeks (£1.50 each week)

Time: Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm

Place: School Hall (or Playground)

Available for: Years 3 – 6 (Max 24)

Leader: Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)

#### **Infant Football Club**

Cost = £9 for 6 weeks (£1.50 each week)

Time: Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm

Place: Football Court – shin pads must be worn

Available for: Years R – 2 (Max 18)

Leader: Mr Smith (Active Soccer)

#### **Junior Football Club**

Cost = £9 for 6 weeks

Time: Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm

Place: School Field – shin pads must be worn

Available for: Years 3 – 6 (Max 24)

Leader: Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)

#### **Destiny Dance Club**

Cost = £2 per week

Time: Friday – 3:10pm to 4:30pm

Place: School Hall

Available for: Years 4 – 6 (Max 35)

Leader: Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Urmson

Hopefully we have been able to offer something that interests the vast majority of our pupils!

#### Great Opportunity for our Year 6 Pupils:

Murder Mystery Evening: *Highly Suspect presents*

GARRY JOTTER AND THE MAGICAL MURDERS

**When: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Where: Halton Lea Library**

**Tickets: Early bird £7.50 (book before 16<sup>th</sup> September) / £10 - Book [online](#) or at any Halton Library**

Highly Suspect are coming to Halton Lea Library straight from performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where they wowed international audiences with their murderous antics and puzzles. They will be performing their own crazy take on Harry Potter - asking the audience to be the super sleuths and crack puzzles and conundrums along the way in order to find out who the murderer is! This event is a real showstopper and should not be missed! Analyse the evidence, interrogate the suspects and separate the fact from the fiction to solve the mystical murder and catch a killer.

As home to the spell casting world's most famous bespectacled child prodigy Gary Jotter, Pigblisters School of Magic and Mystery is the first choice of educational establishment for all aspiring warlocks and witches. But something sinister lies at the heart of the school, threatening the lives of pupils and teachers alike. When headmaster Grumbledum is found dead, having been seemingly sawn in half, everyone must unite to find the magical murderer before the mysterious Nethyr-Vault opens, releasing an ancient evil that could destroy the school forever!

Suitable for children age 10+ (if accompanied by an adult to help solve the mysteries)!



### AUTUMN TERM After School Clubs

The after school clubs that will be operating this half term are:

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLACE	LEADER
Invasion Games Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 1, 2 & 3 [Max of 24 pupils]	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall (or Football Court)	Mr Pybus (Active Soccer)
Forest Schools – Family Engagement Club £12 for 6 weeks	Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 30 people] All pupils MUST be accompanied by an adult!	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:30pm	School Field	Mr Thorpe (Edsential) – supported by Miss Bishop and Mrs May
Dodgeball Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Infant Football Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years R, 1 & 2 [Max of 18 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Field or Football Court – <b>shin pads must be worn</b>	Mr Smith (Active Soccer)
Junior Football Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Field or Football Court – <b>shin pads must be worn</b>	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Destiny Dance	Years 4, 5 & 6	Friday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall	Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Urmson

All of these clubs will start NEXT WEEK. **Please return all slips to the SCHOOL OFFICE.** Places will be allocated in a first come, first served basis – until the clubs are full.

**Please ensure that you include the necessary payment associated with any clubs requested and assume that your child has been offered a place UNLESS YOU ARE CONTACTED TO INFORM YOU OTHERWISE. If we do not have more than 10 people wishing to attend each club, then it is likely we will cancel the club after the first week – as we are not able to subsidise the cost of running these clubs below this level.**

### Autumn Term 2019 – After School Club REPLY SLIP

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to take part in the following after school club(s)  
– and enclose any payment that is required:**

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLEASE TICK
Invasion Games Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 1, 2 & 3 [Max of 24 pupils]	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	
Forest Schools – Family Engagement Club £12 for 6 weeks	Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 30 people] All pupils MUST be accompanied by an adult!	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:30pm	Please include the names of all children and adults who wish to attend:
Dodgeball Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	
Infant Football Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years R, 1 & 2 [Max of 18 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	
Junior Football Club Cost = £9 for 6 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	

**At the end of the club my child will walk home: Yes / No (please circle)\***

*\*Only children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home – at the end of a club – but only with their parent/carer’s signed consent.*

At the end of the club my child will be collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (by parent or carer): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_