



**HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Our first newsletter of 2020 is aimed at providing you with an update of what is happening in school; and what we have planned for the Spring Term.

On Monday we opened 'The Fawns' SEMH Provision in the old Year 2 classroom. In addition to the refurbishments in this room, we have also had a Sensory Room installed. This is a specialist provision which all of the children in Halton may access – it is not just for the children who attend our school – provided they are aged 4 to 7, undergoing statutory assessment, the SEN Team agree that their primary need is social, emotional and mental health (SEMH); and it is likely that they will be able to reintegrate back into a mainstream school within two years. *This is a facility that many schools throughout Halton have been demanding for a number of years as, until the start of this academic year, there has not been a specialist resource of this type for pupils under the age of 7 within Halton. We are determined to ensure that this is a huge success.*



If you are interested in finding out more about The Fawns Provision or would like a look round after school, please let us know and we will arrange this for you.



Prior to the summer holidays, we were informed that Miss Eustace would be taking up a fantastic opportunity to travel and explore parts of Oceania and Asia (visiting Australia, The Philippines, Borneo, Vietnam, Malaysia and Bali). Obviously this will provide her with a wealth of opportunities to explore other cultures and lifestyles in these countries; and bring back new and exciting knowledge and ideas when she returns to our school in September.

Having had such a long time to plan for this, the school has been able to appoint a very experienced teacher to ensure that there is very little disruption to the education of the children in Year 1. Mr Foster has already taught the children in Year 1 (as part of the interview process), has attended staff training this term and will be spending some time in our school – to get to know the children and learn about the curriculum that we teach at Halton Lodge – prior to taking up the post on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Furthermore, Miss Hunt (who has worked with the children throughout the year) will also remain in



Year 1 so this transition period should be smooth and we will ensure the children are supported well throughout this period.

If any of the parents of the children in Year 1 would welcome the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher, Mr Foster will be in school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January and we will be welcoming parents and carers into school between 2:25pm and 3:25pm to meet him and learn more about his style of teaching.

Miss Eustace has also volunteered to hold the Spring Term Parents' Evening appointments with all Year 1 parents prior to her departure. The Year 1 Parents' Evening will therefore take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (between 1:00pm and 4:30pm). Letters providing Year 1 parents with the opportunity to sign up for an appointment will be sent out in due course.



Prior to Christmas, Libbi Urmson (who was working as one of the sport coaches at lunchtime) was successful in her application for an apprenticeship at a local nursery. This means that Mrs Doolan has returned to our school as a Middy Assistant.

I can also confirm that Mr Modaley will not be returning to work at our school and Mrs Urmson will be absent from school for several months. Mrs Urmson is due to undergo surgery and will require some time to recover from her operation. At the moment, Mrs Duckworth and Miss Little are providing additional teaching support in Lower Key Stage 2; to cover these absences. However, the school will be looking to make an appointment to replace Mr Modaley as soon as is logistically possible; and we wish him well in his future career.



Finally, to accommodate the needs of the school, we have been successful in securing some additional funding to better support the children at our school and have decided to invest this in a Pastoral Support Worker. The school interviewed for this post on Monday and we are pleased to announce that Miss Jones will be joining our fantastic team of adults on 10<sup>th</sup> February for a minimum period of 12 weeks. Miss Jones will be working with pupils who need additional support with their education and will hopefully prove to be a very valuable resource to have. There are lots of reasons why pupils may need additional support and being able to explore in greater detail the reasons for this; and to



provide effective interventions and support packages is something that we are very excited about.

As you can see, we have lots of things happening in school – many of which are quite exciting! However, here is an overview of some of the other things that we have planned for the next 4 months:

#### January

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

**W 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 1

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

**Tu 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Swimming lessons for pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 resume

**Tu 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Fit For Life Workshop in Year 3 (from 1:30pm)

**Tu 14<sup>th</sup> January** – PTA Planning Meeting (at 3:30pm) – all parents, carers and grandparents invited to attend

**W 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 2

**W 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Fit For Life Workshop in Year 6 (from 1:30pm)

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

**Tu 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Alcohol Awareness Workshop in Year 6 (from 1:30pm)

**Tu 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Year 1 parents and carers invited to 'drop in' to meet Mr Foster (new Year 1 teacher)

**W 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 3

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

**W 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Tobacco Awareness Workshop in Year 6 (from 1:30pm)

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

**M 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Dental Talks (by the school nurse) for pupils in Reception, Year 2 and Year 5.

**W 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 4

**W 29<sup>th</sup> January** – NEWSWISE Workshop for Year 5 and FIRST AID Workshop for Year 6 (from 1:30pm)

**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)

**W 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 5

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

**M 10<sup>th</sup> and Tu 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 Parents' Evening (from 1:00pm to 4:30pm)

**W 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 6

**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) and Golden Activities (am)

**F 14<sup>th</sup> February** – 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)*'

**Tu 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 swimming lessons start (Year 4 continue swimming but Year 5 lessons end)

**W 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 1

**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

**W 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 2

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

**W 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 3

**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** – Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents Wellbeing (Family learning) Workshop from 9:00am to 10:30am

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

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

**W 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 4

**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)

**M 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – The Image Theatre in school, performing 'The Reluctant Dragon' for the whole school (am)

**M 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Fire Brigade delivering Smoke Tent Workshop for Year 5 (pm)

**W 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 5

**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

**W 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Outdoor Learning (Forest Schools) for Year 6

**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)

### SPRING TERM After School Clubs

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

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLACE	LEADER
Year 6 SATs Booster - English	Year 6	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 6 Classroom	Miss Whiting and Mrs Williams
Sewing (Art) Club Cost = FREE	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 15 pupils]	Tuesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Classroom	Mrs Bickerton and Miss Hunt
Family Forest Schools Club £5 (per child) for 5 weeks	All Year Groups [Max of 20 families]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm <u>NO CLUB ON 11<sup>th</sup> December</u>	School Playground	Mr Thorpe (Edsential)
Football Club Cost = £5 for 5 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Field or Football Court – <u>shin pads must be worn</u>	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Year 6 SATs Booster - Maths	Year 6	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 6 Classroom	Miss Whiting and Mrs Williams
PE and Sport Club Cost £5 for 5 weeks	Years R, 1, 2 & 3 [Max of 20 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall (or School Playground)	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Destiny Dance	Years 4, 5 & 6 [Places already allocated]	Friday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall	Mrs Bickerton (supported by other staff members)

**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.**

#### Spring Term 2020 – 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
Year 6 SATs Booster - English	Year 6	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	
Sewing (Art) Club Cost = FREE	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 15 pupils]	Tuesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	
Family Forest Schools Club £5 (per child) for 5 weeks	All Year Groups [Max of 20 families]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm <u>NO CLUB ON 11<sup>th</sup> December</u>	
Football Club Cost = £5 for 5 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	
Year 6 SATs Booster - Maths	Year 6	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	
PE and Sport Club Cost £5 for 5 weeks	Years R, 1, 2 & 3 [Max of 20 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: £ \_\_\_\_\_