



**HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**NEWSLETTER 19**

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**COMIC RELIEF**

Although this year's **Comic Relief** Day in school – last Friday – was a lot more 'low-key' than it has been in previous years, we still managed to raise £138.20.

Thank you to everybody who made a donation!

#### Farewell and Best Wishes to Mr Bradshaw



I am sure it will come as much of a surprise and with great sadness to all of you, as it was to the staff in school, to hear that - after 16 years - Mr Bradshaw will be leaving our school.

Mr Bradshaw has been successful in applying for a new post in Halton supporting vulnerable children, as an Education Support Worker, and will be taking up his new post immediately after Easter - which means that next week will be his last week working at our school.

We would all like to wish him the very best for the future - knowing that he will do amazingly well in his new job - and, there is no doubt, that our school will not be the same without him.

Miss Eustace will be returning to our school, full time, earlier than planned - to support the team of teachers in Upper Key Stage 2 for the remainder of the school year.

It is unfortunate that due to current restrictions, we are not able to give Mr Bradshaw the usual send off in a whole school assembly. However, I am sure that lots of the children and families will find a way to pass on their best wishes and gratitude before he leaves us at the end of next week.

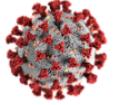
#### Thank You Mr Gallagher!

The children (and staff) in Reception would like to say a 'huge' THANK YOU to Mr Gallagher – our school Premises Manager – for building them a magnificent Bug Hotel; in preparation for their new topic – on MiniBeasts – after Easter.



I'm sure it will not take long for lots of insects and invertebrates to take up residence in their new home!

#### Reminder: Call for people with wider COVID-19 symptoms to get tested



**Halton Borough Council's Director of Public Health is urging residents to get a Covid-19 test if they are showing any of the wider symptoms of the virus.**

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste. If you experience any of these symptoms you should self-isolate and get tested.

But if you are feeling generally unwell, with new symptoms you should also get tested. This is because there are other symptoms which people have also been testing positive with, they include:

- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New persistent Fatigue
- A persistent headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you have any of these wider symptoms, you should get a test at one of Halton's symptoms-only testing sites. While awaiting your results, if possible please stay at home and minimise contact with others, especially those who may be vulnerable. If your result is positive then please self-isolate.

If you require medical advice please phone 111 or contact your GP as normal.

#### **Eileen O'Meara, Director of Public Health for Halton, said:**

"The virus is constantly changing, and it is important we change with it to adapt our approach and keep people safe. We have found that people may not think they have COVID-19 because they do not have the classic symptoms and so we have widened the set of symptoms eligible for testing at our symptoms-only testing centres. This will help to ensure people are not spreading the virus without knowing.

"But remember, the very best way we can all keep each other safe, is to stay at home. If you must leave home, keep your distance, wear your face covering and wash your hands regularly.

"If you still need to go into work, or have to care for someone, get a regular no-symptoms test at either Grangeway Community Centre or Ditton Community Centre – these are sites for people with no symptoms, so it is really important you do not attend these sites if you have any of the classic Covid-19 symptoms or this wider range of symptoms.

How to get a test:

- Anyone with **no symptoms**: Grangeway Community Centre or Ditton Community Centre open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm, Saturday/Sunday 10am to 2pm. No booking required. Occasionally, at busy times, you may need to queue but we are working very hard to ensure people get through the centre as quickly as possible, within 15 minutes in most cases. Please observe social distancing and wear face coverings when visiting the test centre. For more information go [www.halton.gov.uk/smart](http://www.halton.gov.uk/smart)
- Anyone **with the three main Covid-19 symptoms** should self-isolate and get a test at an NHS Test site; in Halton these are located at The Heath Business Park; behind St Paul's Health Centre, High Street, Runcorn, or Kingsway, Widnes. You can book a test online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.
- Anyone **with the wider range of Covid-19 symptoms** should get a test at an NHS Test site; in Halton these are located at The Heath Business Park; behind St Paul's Health Centre, High Street, Runcorn, or Kingsway, Widnes. You can book a test online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119. If your test result is positive, you should self isolate for 10 days.

For more information, including what support is available visit [www.halton.gov.uk](http://www.halton.gov.uk)



## Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our Governing Board.

The Governing Board is asking you to nominate a parent or carer of a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

The Governing Board, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Boards have three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors need not be experts in education but they do need to:

- have an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children; and
- the time and willingness to get involved.

The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Board.

Our Governing Board expects governors to attend six termly meetings each year; to gain a clear overview of both 'Resources' and 'Curriculum & Standards' (and the school as a whole). These meetings usually take place at 5:00pm – and are currently taking place remotely (through Microsoft Teams). In addition, all governors are given at least one area of responsibility and are encouraged to make at least one visit to the school - as a Governor – and invest time getting to know the staff; so they can gain a valuable insight into how the school is run.

In return, our Governing Board commits to provide you with:

1. a structured induction;
2. provide access to quality training; and
3. provide you with an experienced governor as a mentor.

Our Governing Body currently consists of:

- Anne Simmons (Chair of Governors)
- David Jones (Vice Chair of Governors)
- Anthony Hilldrup (Headteacher)
- Mark Dennett (LA Governor)
- Laura Whiting (Staff Governor)
- Kirstie Moremon (Parent Governor)
- Jo-Ann Brockie (Co-opted Governor)
- Gavin McBride (Co-opted Governor)
- Diane Mercer (Co-opted Governor)
- VACANCY (Parent Governor)

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to the governance at our school please contact Mr Hilldrup (Headteacher).

If you would like to make a nomination for parent governor - please complete and return the attached nomination form.

**Parent Governor Nomination Form**

Please enter IN BLOCK LETTERS the name and address of **the person being nominated for election**:

Name:

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Address:

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Signature of person nominated:

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Signature of proposer (if different to nominee):

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Name and address in BLOCK letters of **proposer** (if different to nominee):

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***Please include a Personal Statement (maximum 250 words) which will be used, should the school receive more than one nomination, to inform other parents and carers of the reasons why you would like to become a parent governor at Halton Lodge and what skills you would bring to the role.***

I wish to submit my nomination for the election of parent governor.

I confirm that I am willing to stand as a candidate for election as a parent governor and that I am not disqualified from holding office for any of the reasons set out in the School Governance Regulations.

Signed.....

Print name.....

Dated.....

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 10:30am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Personal Statement:

**RJG FOOTBALL COACHING will be running a FOOTBALL and GOALKEEPING Easter Camp at our school – over Easter!**

For now, these are the only sporting activities that they can run safely - within the current guidelines - as they know they will be able to hold these activities outside.

Just Snacks and Lunch will be indoors

These will be held on: Monday 12th April, Tuesday 13th April, Wednesday 14th April and Thursday 15th April...

...from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day!

Spaces will be limited so please book your child's (boys and girls) place in advance to save disappointment.

4 to 12 year olds (and all abilities) welcome.

All COVID-Safety rules will apply.

Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm  
(Cost £40 for the week)

Or £12 per day.

All children will need a packed lunch and a drink.

Fun packed week with lots of enjoyable sessions.

Learning new skills (working ABC)

All coaches DBS checked and qualified in first aid.

To book your child a place, contact Ronnie Green on 07712621727.

**Halton**  
Community Centres

Free take away lunch for children in Halton

Castlefields Community Centre, Runcorn and Upton Community Centre, Widnes will be providing a Take away lunch for children aged from 5-15.

Sporting activity cards and equipment provided

Booking is essential as we have limited availability.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals will be given priority for this offer.

Valid from 6th April to 16th April 2021

To Book call:  
Castlefields Community Centre on 0151 511 7474 or Upton Community Centre on 0151 511 6161

www.haltoncommunitycentres.co.uk

**ELITE**  
coaching solutions

Working in Partnership with Edsential

CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES

**FREE Easter Sports Camp**

'Coaching the future - today'

<b>VENUE 1</b>	Transform Widnes St John's Church, Greenway Rd, Widnes WA8 6JX
<b>VENUE 2</b>	The Bridge School, Chadwick Rd, Runcorn WA9 2JW
<b>DATE</b>	<b>WEEK 1</b> Tue 12th - Fri 15th Apr <b>WEEK 2</b> Mon 12th - Thur 15th Apr
<b>TIME</b>	10am - 2pm
<b>COST</b>	FREE - Children must qualify for FREE SCHOOL MEALS

"Come and join Elite in partnership with Edsential for an action packed and active Easter Holiday! Our friendly and fun environment, allows children of all abilities to enjoy time with their friends and develop crucial skills along the way.

**A mixed bag of activities from Dodgeball & Football to Crazy Golf & Volleyball**

There's something for everyone. Children will also get to enjoy our added healthy Lifestyle Activities. Afternoon Tournaments are included, with a **HEALTHY LUNCH PROVIDED & PRIZES TO BE WON!**

"This Easter, Elite are on a mission to get children back active safely! Holiday Camps will be adapted, following government guidelines for your peace of mind and your child's safety. All Coaches have received training, so you can be assured your child can concentrate on having fun whilst we keep them safe. All Coaches are provision specialists and are members of their governing body. With fully enhanced DBS checks, up to date first aid qualifications, public liability insurance & appropriate qualifications!"

**Bookings by – Thursday 1st April 2021**

To reserve a place please contact  
Callum Appen on t: 07738 963 607 or e: callum@elitecoachingsolutions.co.uk

\*\*We can only refund payments made when 48 hours cancellation is given before the commencement of your booking. All payments must be made prior to attendance, failure to do so will result in re-entries not being made. Late payments will also result in further charges. Registered office: 225 Trentham Road, Telford, Shropshire TF2 7HE.