



# HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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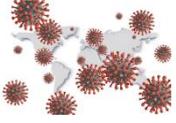
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It is great to see that the local infection rate has continued to drop over recent weeks and is now much lower than it was at the start of the year.

However, the latest data (updated yesterday) showed that in 'Grange, Halton Brook & Hallwood Park' there has been a slight increase in the last week – with the rate being 20 per 100,000 (an increase of 6 from 14 per 100,000 last week).

With this in mind, especially following the most recent relaxation of lockdown rules and regulations, we would like to encourage you to ensure that you stay safe and continue to follow the guidance relating to Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air.

Please wear a face covering when you come to school and make use of the free home lateral flow tests that you are entitled to – so you can carry out these tests twice a week. Alternatively you can continue to have non-symptom lateral flow tests at The Grangeway Centre every 4-5 days.

### Thank You to Bridgewater Garden Centre!



The children in our Reception Class are focusing on MiniBeasts as part of their learning; and have been looking at creating habitats to encourage lots of different insects to visit our school.

This week we received three bags of compost and five trays of bedding plants – for the children to use in their outdoor area. These were donated, free of charge, by Bridgewater Garden Centre on Halton Road (Runcorn) – and we are very grateful for this. *They even delivered all of these to our school!*



### What's Going On This Week?

Today the children in Year 5 have been taking part in a JuniorSTEM Lego Workshop – to provide them with an opportunity to apply the knowledge they gained during their Design Technology Topic Week prior to Easter – and to extend their understanding of gears and mechanical systems).



Our Year 6 children have also been taking part in a workshop focused on Internet Safety. This has been delivered by the local Youth Engagement PCSO and was aimed at ensuring all of the children know how to keep themselves safe online. *This is a key message that we stress to all of our children from very early on in their time at our school – and it is important that we continue to*

*revisit this regularly (especially as the children appear to be spending an even greater proportion of their time using mobile phones, iPads, computers and laptops).*

It is our intention to share more about both of these events in next week's newsletter.



The parents/carers of our youngest children will have also received a message via Studybugs.com, inviting them to receive a small selection of books to keep at home. *The latest research suggests that children learn to read more easily if they are only exposed to fully phonetically decodable books. Therefore we have had to remove a wide selection of wonderful books from our home reading scheme – and replace these with lots of new books.*

The books that we are no longer able to use can still be enjoyed by children if they are read to them by an older sibling, parent or other family member.

Please take advantage of this offer by responding to the Studybugs message!

### PE Kits

When you send your child to school in clothing on their PE day, could you please ensure these are suitable for sporting activities (rather than just a non-uniform outfit).

What they wear should not restrict their movement, be too heavy or contain features that may scratch or hurt others if they brushed past them. Equally, it is paramount they have suitable footwear (trainers).

Sporting attire – t-shirt, shorts, track suit, etc – is what we would expect all of our children to wear.

Our school PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and suitable footwear. *We allow the children to wear tracksuits or other sport clothing, dependent on the weather – when they take part in sport and PE activities outdoors.*

Please remember that the children, by wearing these all day, will be outside at playtimes and lunch – so they need to be safe and appropriate.

### Parent Governor



If you are interested in becoming a member of our Governing Body, the deadline for nominations is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April (at 10:30am).

The nomination form was included in our last school newsletter (Newsletter 19) and each child was given a paper copy to bring home at the start of this week.

*23<sup>rd</sup> April – Happy St George's Day!*