



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It was great to see so many of our new Reception children be joined by at least one of their family members for their first school meal - in the hall - on Thursday.

While statistics show that we should have just over 130 of our families entitled to receive a free school meal, we currently have just 100 families who have claimed this entitlement.

If you think you may be one of the 30+ families who may be eligible to claim, please visit <https://cyp.halton.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx> and scroll down to the FREE SCHOOL MEALS section.

If you feel you may be eligible, please take a few minutes to check. If you already have a child who receives free school meals, you still need to apply for each subsequent child who starts school.

In addition to the government covering the cost of your child's school meals and receiving supermarket vouchers during the school holiday periods, for each family that claims free school meals, the school receives an extra £1345 per pupil – each year - for the next 6 years.

This is a huge amount of money – and allows our school to have an extra (third) adult in our Reception class, a specialist reading teacher (who supports children in all age groups) and three extra teachers throughout the remainder of the school (one in KS1, one in LKS2 and one in UKS2). *This year, because we are also receiving extra funding to support the children to 'recover' the lost learning that will have happened during the school closures, we also have two extra members of staff helping the children to 'catch up'; and help accelerate the progress they are able to make in school.* It would be fantastic if we could keep this going!



Clothes Recycling Bank

Our School Council has made its first decision of the school year – and has chosen to have a clothes recycling bank delivered to school.

The children (and staff) already recycle all of the paper and cardboard that we cannot reuse in school – by placing this in the blue recycling bins along the main corridor. However, the children now want to recycle any unwanted clothes – that cannot be reused - too.

If you have any spare school uniform that no longer fits your child, but is still in good condition, you can (provided it has been washed and cleaned) hand this in at the school office; and we will use it for spares (or hand it to a family that would welcome some extra uniform).

However, from Monday, if you have any clothes that you wish to put in the recycle bank, please consider bringing in to school and placing it in the clothes bank that will be situated next to the bike store.

The children – through the school council – will decide how any money raised through this initiative is invested.

Reminder: We politely request for ALL of the children to wear just black and/or white sport clothing on their PE days.

It is vital that the clothing children wear is suitable for them to take part in sporting activities.



PTFA

Our school has a Parent, Teacher & Friends Association which, due to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic, has not been able to organise any events over the last 18 months.

In an attempt to relaunch the PTFA calendar – which has included bingo evenings, school discos, Christmas and Summer Fayres, surprise rooms and film nights – we are inviting any adults (parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, aunties, etc) to come into school – on **Tuesday 21st September at 2:00pm** – for an initial meeting to share your thoughts and ideas on what we could do this school year.

If you are able to come along, please do. The meeting will finish at 2:45pm – so you can collect your child from school at the end of the day. Equally, if you have any thoughts or ideas but cannot attend a meeting at this time, please share these with somebody who is attending or email these to sbm.haltonlodge@halton.gov.uk (so these can be shared at the meeting).



Meet The Teacher

This week the teaching staff have attended almost 7 hours of extra training, after school.

This is why we have delayed our 'Meet The Teacher' sessions until next week.

In the interest of the health and safety of our parents and carers, the staff in each year group will be uploading a presentation containing all of the key information for this year on to Seesaw next week. Along with this presentation, you will be invited, on a specified day, to pop into the classroom (at the end of the day) to have a look round and speak with the teacher if you have any questions.

We hope by avoiding the risk of increasing the rate of transmission of Covid-19 - which would be inevitable if we were to have around 20-30 parents crammed in to each of our classrooms throughout next week – that we can continue with our plan to gradually return to normal (and have parents in school for a greater number of special events) during the course of the academic year.

The parents/carers of the children in Mrs Dixon-Gibbon's class should have all of the information they need – as this was shared with the adult who attended the Stay & Play session. However, if you have any further questions, please speak to one of the Reception Class staff members at the gate.

Reminder: Our school day starts at 8:40am!

Further details about the Clothes recycling scheme:

Did You Know?

An estimated 350,000 tonnes of used clothing goes into landfill in the UK every year!

70 million trees are cut down every year to make our clothes!

In the UK, we throw away 570kg of clothing every minute! That's the equivalent of 4380 t-shirts.

95% of discarded clothing can be recycled or upcycled!

The carbon footprint of 1 new t-shirt is greater than driving a car for 35 miles!

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT

SHIRTS	TROUSERS	SHORTS	T-SHIRTS	JEANS
JACKETS	JUMPERS	HOODIES	POLO SHIRTS	JOGGERS
BAGS	BELTS & TIES	BOOTS	HATS	GLOVES
SHOES	TRAINERS	CLEAN/NEW UNDERWEAR	SKIRTS	DRESSES
VEST TOPS	JEWELLERY	SWIMWEAR	LINGERIE	IF UNSURE AS TO WHETHER WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS, GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT!

WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT

RIPPED/STAINED	SOCKS	DIRTY UNDERWEAR	BATH ROBES	SLIPPERS
PYJAMAS	WORKWEAR	UNIFORMS	PRINTED ITEMS	OLD FASHIONED

Welcome to Recycle 4 School

Why Bother?

Recycle 4 School

is a free fundraising scheme, which helps schools raise funds through **textile recycling**.

We are fully committed to helping schools raise money in a way that is **eco-friendly**, educational and best of all, at no cost to them!

Not only this, we help raise awareness of the importance of **textile recycling!**

All bags must be clean & dry!
We do not accept dirty or wet bags.

*It seemed a trivial thing to do...
To give away my party shoe.
I hadn't worn it in a while,
They seemed to me so out of style.
So when my mum said 'chuck them in'
I did so with a wryly grin.
Better I thought – than in the bin.
As time went by, I soon forgot
The thoughtlessness of my cast off.
I watched the news and was bemused!
I thought I saw my pair of shoes!
Dancing on some happy feet
Where music & laughter & poverty meet.
The shoes that had once graced my feet,
Where dancing on another street.
The heels still kicking – a soul reborn.
A second life granted,
And so gratefully worn.*