Halterworth weekly bulletin

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been another busy and learning-filled week at school, with children across the school demonstrating excellent engagement, enthusiasm and pride in their learning.
This week in assembly, we have been focusing on our school value of curiosity. The children explored the inspiring story of William Kamkwamba and were fantastic at identifying the innovative thinking, determination and problem-solving skills he demonstrated. They then reflected on how they, too, can be curious learners by asking thoughtful questions, exploring new ideas and thinking creatively about ways to make our school and wider community even better. It was wonderful to hear the children's ideas and see their enthusiasm for making a positive difference.
I have also had the pleasure of looking at the wonderful writing being produced across the school. I have been incredibly impressed by the ambitious vocabulary that children are using so confidently in their work. Developing vocabulary was a key focus for us last year and it is fantastic to see the clear impact of that work. Across all year groups, children are making thoughtful word choices that bring their writing to life and help them communicate their ideas with increasing precision and creativity. They should be very proud of what they are achieving.
This week, we were also delighted to welcome back Mrs Gill Cornwell, who has re-joined the Halterworth team as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3. Mrs Cornwell is already settling back into school life, and we know that both the children and staff will enjoy working with her once again.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week of learning ahead.

Julie Bray
Head Teacher

Halterworth Book Fair

Please come and visit our Book Fair in the training room after school on Monday. Monday is the last chance to buy. We have a room full of creative and inspiring books for the children to choose from. Purchases are card only, no cash payments, thank you.

Parking outside of the school

Please do not park on any single or double yellow lines on Halterworth Lane during school drop off or pick up times. This blocks passing places and makes the road very congested and dangerous for pedestrians.

Book Recommendations from the children.

Y3 - How to train your Dragon
''The dragons are really friendly''

Y3 - A Darkness of Dragons
''A thrilling book about a boy and his two friends''

Important Reminders

Gentle reminder – Please no mobile phones in the playground. No taking pictures or videos of your own children or anyone else's in the playground. There is always the risk you may capture another child's image who you do not have consent for.
Please keep mobile phone use outside of the playground.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term

KS1 Nativity Dates

YR - Tuesday 15th December 9.15am or 5.30pm
Y1 - Wednesday 16th December 9.15am or 5.30pm
Y2 - Thursday 17th December 9.15am or 5.30pm

Monday 19th October	Book Fair
Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 20th October	Y2 Winchester Science Museum Trip
Monday 20th October	Y6 Virtual Pasta Making Workshop
Wednesday 21st October	Y4 Winchester Trip to support Anglo Saxon topic
Thursday 22nd October	Y1 Milestone Museum Trip
Thursday 22nd October	Y6 Virtual Pasta Making Workshop
Friday 23rd October	Wacky Hair day - HSA Non Uniform Day
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November	Y6 Fairthorne Residential
Thursday 5th November	SEND parent coffee morning
Monday 9th November	KS2 HSBC Finance Workshops
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Friday 13th November	Y6 Southampton Art Gallery Workshop
Wednesday 25th November	Y6 Parents Information evening SAT's
Friday 27th November	HSA Wreath Making
Monday 7th December	Rocksteady Concert
Tuesday 8th December	KS2 The Abbey Concert
Thursday 10th December	Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 10th December	Christmas School Dinner
Monday 14th December	KS1 and KS2 Panto - Robin Hood
Tuesday 15th December	School Council - UK Parliament Trip
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school for Spring Term
Thursday 7th January	SEND Coffee morning
Thursday 21st January	Children's Concert
Friday 29th January to Tuesday 2nd February	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd February	Y5 Young Voices
Wednesday 10th February	Y1 Visiting Zoo
Friday 12th February	INSET DAY
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Half Term

⚡☎ SFC HALTERWORTH UPDATE ☎⚡

Thank you to all families who signed the Parent Pact. We now have over 1 in 4 Halterworth families committed to delaying smartphones. This is a huge step forward for safeguarding our children's mental wellbeing!

Our school is now in the top 3 schools in all of Hampshire for number of 'Parent Pacts' signed. Check out our stats here: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact-results?schoolSort=top®ion=hampshire

Looking for a way to connect with other Halterworth SFC families? Please join our WhatsApp group and say hello! 👋
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Db8iLJ9azS83dBb1Ii0wVu?mode=gi_t

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. Anyone can make a referral. At Halterworth Primary School, Mrs Bray is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Miss Easton, Mrs Wright, Mrs Crosland and Mrs McStay are the Deputy DSLs. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.