Halterworth weekly bulletin

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break and managed to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. The weather this week has certainly felt much more autumnal than it did before the holiday, With the change in weather, a little reminder to make sure your child is coming into school each day with adequate clothing. We aim to go outside in all but the heaviest rain, so please make sure they are dressed for this.
It has been lovely to see the children returning to school this week refreshed and ready for a busy half term ahead. My word, we have lots of fun and engaging learning planned for them.
This week, I have had the pleasure of spending time with our Year 6 children on their residential visit. It is always a privilege to accompany children on residential trips, as they provide a wonderful opportunity to see them in a different light and allow them to shine in a new environment. Our Year 6 pupils have been a real credit to both the school and their families. They have demonstrated excellent manners, resilience and open-mindedness when faced with new challenges, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity. A huge thank you must also go to the staff who have given up their week away from their own families to make this experience possible for the children. We couldn't offer these experiences without our dedicated team.
Meanwhile, back at school, Year 5 have been continuing to create their beautiful poppies as part of their learning about Remembrance. The finished pieces are looking absolutely stunning and we are very much looking forward to displaying them in the Abbey in the coming weeks. I am sure they will be admired by all who see them.
I would also like to remind families that applications for our Year R cohort starting in September 2027 opened last week. If you have a child due to start school next September, please remember to submit your application through Hampshire County Council before the application deadline on 15th January. If you know of friends, neighbours or family members with children due to start school, we would be grateful if you could help spread the word about our wonderful school. Information about the application process can be found here: https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR

Have a lovely weekend.

Julie Bray
Head Teacher

NESSY
This year we are very lucky and now have a Nessy license for every pupil in school. The Universal Literacy offer from Nessy includes: Whole School access to Hairy Reading (ideal for 4-6 year olds) and Nessy Reading & Spelling (ideal for 6-11 year olds).
We have now set up all of the licenses and your child will be coming home with their login details either this week or next week. If your child was already on Nessy Reading and Spelling, their account details and access will continue as previously within school. We hope you enjoy exploring this program with your child/ren at home - there are many fun games and activities to access and these progress as your child's knowledge and skills increase. Children may also be able to access these activities in school as part of their learning challenges within provision for Years R to 3.
Many thanks,
Jenny

Jenny Kittley-Davies
SENDCo

Book Recommendations from the children.

Y2 - The Pencil
''Creative and fun''

YR - Look Inside the World of Dinosaurs
''Interactive''

Important Reminders

Please remember to have your child's PE kit in school from Monday to Friday as PE days may vary.

Please park kindly and courteously around the school always. Remember we do have a Park and Stride arrangement with The Luzborough Pub which everyone is welcome to use.

Dates for your diary - Autumn/Spring 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 9th November	KS2 HSBC Finance Workshops
Monday 9th November	Y5 Portland Residential Parents Information Evening
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 30th November	YR Open Class - 2.45pm
Monday 30th November	Y5 Open Class - 3pm
Tuesday 1st December	Y1 Open Class - 3pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Y2 Open Class - 3pm
Thursday 3rd December	Y6 Open Class - 2.45pm
Thursday 3rd December	Y4 Open Class - 3pm
Friday 4th December	Y3 Open Class - 3pm
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
Tuesday 12th January	Y2 Kwame Workshop
Thursday 21st January	Children's Concert - Southampton Guildhall
Friday 29th January to Tuesday 2nd February	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd February	Y5 Young Voices
Wednesday 10th February	Y1 Visiting Zoo
Thursday 11th February	HSA Penny Wars - Non-uniform day
Friday 12th February	INSET DAY
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	HSA Zactiv Workshop
Thursday 25th February	SEND Coffee morning
Monday 8th March to Wednesday 10th March	Y4 Singapore - Minstead Residential
Wednesday 10th March to Friday 12th March	Y4 South Korea - Minstead Residential
Thursday 25th March	HSA Non-uniform Day - Wear your letter
Monday 29th March to Friday 8th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 12th April	INSET DAY

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.