Halterworth weekly bulletin

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,
It's always a pleasure to see our children engaging so thoughtfully with both their learning and the wider world around them. This week has been a wonderful example of the curiosity, respect and enthusiasm that make our school community so special.
As part of Black History Month, children have been takiegn part in a range of workshops and learning activities. The children have approached these sessions with great respect and curiosity, learning about the significant contributions that Black individuals and communities have made in helping to shape the country and society we enjoy today. It has been fantastic to see pupils asking thoughtful questions, sharing their ideas and reflecting on the importance of understanding and celebrating our diverse history.
This week, I have also had the pleasure of looking at some of the wonderful writing being produced across the school. I have been extremely impressed by the quality of the children's work and the ambitious vocabulary they are using to create atmosphere and engage their readers. In particular, I was delighted to see the excellent work taking place in Year 5, where pupils are already using the 'show, not tell' technique effectively to build suspense and draw their readers into their stories. Their creativity and growing confidence as writers are a real credit to them.
Thank you to all our pupils for their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of the progress they continue to make and look forward to celebrating more of their achievements in the weeks ahead.

Julie Bray
Head Teacher

⚡☎ SFC HALTERWORTH NEWS ☎⚡

Congratulations to Halterworth on our first official smartphone free school year!

In honour of World Mental Health Day and "Hello Yellow!" we would like to encourage all families to consider signing up to the parent pact: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact

Thanks to an independent study by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, we have the first causal evidence that delaying smartphones improves mental health. In schools where at least 1 in 5 families have signed the parent pact, recorded mental-health needs were 8.2% lower – and the more families who joined, the stronger the effect became. https://ifs.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-07/WP202645-Smartphones-and-childrens-mental-health.pdf

Lots of Halterworth parents want to delay smartphones, but worry their child will be the only one. Let's show them they're not! Please look out for the Parent Pact Posters at the school gates and for more information check out: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/the-issue/solution

Together we can all improve mental wellbeing at Halterworth.

Book Recommendations from the children.

Y6 - The Swifts
''Lots of interesting characters and mystery's''

YR - The Gruffalo Granny
''Funny pictures''

Important Reminders

Gentle reminder - Please ensure all of your child's uniform, PE kit and forest school clothes are clearly labeled.

Many thanks.

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

Wednesday 14th October	YR Help your child with phonics parent workshop
Wednesday 14th October	Book fair
Thursday 15th October	Book Fair
Friday 16th October	Y2 Blown Away Trip
Monday 19th October	Book Fair
Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 20th October	Y2 Winchester Science Museum Trip
Tuesday 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
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd 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 Children
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 Pariliment Trip
Monday 21st Dec to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays

School Sponsorshp events coming up.

Our amazing **Mrs Anderson** is taking part in **Royal Parks Half Marathon this weekend! Good Luck Inga. 11th October for Alfie's Wish**. You still have time to sponser her, please click on the link below.
Thank you for all the sponsorship so far!
https://www.justgiving.com/page/inga-anderson-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=FR-h



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.