Halterworth weekly bulletin

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and productive week has flown by at school; as I walk around the building, I have started to hear one of the sure signs that Christmas is approaching. From the hall come the wonderful sounds of children practising their Christmas songs, filling the school with excitement and festive cheer. The children are already working incredibly hard on their performances and we look forward to sharing these with you. Further details about our Christmas productions and performance dates will be communicated soon.

This week, I have also been spending time looking at our new reading model, which we introduced across the school earlier this term. It has been a real pleasure to talk with children from different year groups about their reading experiences. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with children telling me how much they are enjoying the new approach. It is clear that the structure and support provided are helping to improve not only their reading fluency and comprehension but also their confidence to read aloud and discuss what they have read. Seeing children become more assured readers is incredibly rewarding and reinforces the importance of ensuring that reading remains at the heart of everything we do.

Reading at home continues to play a vital role in children's success. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly outside of school make greater progress in vocabulary development, comprehension and overall academic achievement. Even just 10-15 minutes of shared reading each day can make a significant difference over time. Whether your child is reading independently, reading aloud to you, or enjoying a book together, these moments help to foster a lifelong love of reading while strengthening essential literacy skills. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.

One of the highlights of the week was an assembly led by our Charity Ambassadors. They shared with the whole school the three worthy local charities they have chosen to support and raise money for this term. The children spoke with such confidence, enthusiasm and passion, clearly explaining why these causes are important and how our school community can make a difference. Opportunities such as these are one of the things that make our school so special. Seeing our pupils develop their leadership skills, speak with conviction and show genuine compassion for others makes me immensely proud.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Julie Bray
Head Teacher

Dear Parents,
As we are constantly on the lookout of ways to improve our school for the benefit of children and wildlife we are asking for donations of bulbs or Hillier vouchers. If you could pop any donations to the school office we will plant up the school grounds this Autumn.

Thank you
Mrs Beeching

Book Recommendations from the children.

Y2 - The Pencil
''Creative and fun''

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

Important Reminders

Where possible, please can routine appointments for the children be booked outside of school hours.

Please do not walk through the car park during school hours.

Please be concious of your parking around the school especially now the parking is more restricted.

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

Wednesday 25th November	Y6 Parents Information evening SAT's
Monday 23rd November	KS1 Handwriting Parent Workshop
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.