



Headteacher News

My apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out to you this half term – I can't believe how quickly the weeks are flying by! So far this half term, we have been very busy in school and there always seems to have been something going on over and above the normal week's activities. I hope you have been enjoying our tweets and uploads onto Seesaw and Tapestry (Class 1 only) to give you just a flavour of some of these. Please do also check the updated dates list as we may have had to make one or two changes to our previously published dates. We do try to keep to published dates as much as possible but on occasions a change of date is unavoidable!

Staff have endeavoured to keep their class pages on our website as current as possible so I would always advise you to check out this page if you need a resource. The website is a great place for copies of letters, forms and other information too, so make sure it is in your favourites bar!

Reading Raffle

Well done to Zac McCreary, for being the lucky winner of the Reading Raffle which was drawn at the end of last half term. It is now only just over a week until the next winner will be revealed. Keep on encouraging the children to read and comment in their records – we have seen a marked improvement in the children's attitudes to their reading and books. 😊

Bug Club

All pupils have been allocated books and can now log in to Bug club to enjoy reading them and complete different activities.

How to log in to Bug Club

1. Search www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter your School ID.
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3. Enter your username and password.
Pupil's first name and initial of surname (lower case) e.g. Joe Smith would be joes
Password is **pupil**
4. Click **Login**.
5. Your homepage screen will now appear

Please use the help section on the Active Learn website for information and explanations on how to use the eBooks.

Happy reading

SATS 2018

Y6 are more than half way through their tests and are coping brilliantly. They have been enjoying their breakfast each day in school and have really approached the assessments in a calm and sensible manner. My thanks must also go to Mrs Windridge, Mrs Watts, Mr Sherwin and Mrs Pantazides who are all Governors of the school and who have given up their time to come and monitor our administration of these tests as an additional security measure for the school.

Y2 are preparing now for their formal SATs assessments next week but we always try to find ways to do this without putting too much pressure on the children. Please help us by ensuring the children stay calm and don't see the tests as something to worry about.

Medicines in School

Please can I remind parents that we should only be asked to administer medicines which need administering **4 times** a day. There is a form available on the website which needs completing prior to the medicine coming into school and being stored in the office. There are a number of forms which need completing by school staff and so it can take some time to do this, even when you have already completed the original form at home. I apologise but this is a Halton requirement.



Sickness & Upset stomachs

At this time of year we seem to get an increase in the numbers of children with sickness or tummy upsets. Please can I remind parents that for the sake of avoiding passing any bugs onto others can they ensure that children have not been sick or had any upset stomach and **have eaten successfully** for at least 24 hours prior to them returning to school. Remember, if you suspect Norovirus then the advice is to keep the children off school for 48 hours. We have had cases of children being sent back to school when they are clearly still unwell and this just keeps the bugs circulating round the school!



Staff News

Miss Woodward and Mrs Lockhart will be starting to pop into school for a few 'keeping in touch' days over the next half term in preparation for their return in the last week of term. Mrs Lockhart will be in slightly more due to commitments as SENDCo and also linked to her taking over with the new Reception class in September. Exciting news for Miss Simcock is that she has been granted a 12 month secondment opportunity and will be moving to teach in Dubai for a year. We are all going to miss her dreadfully but will look forward to hearing about her exciting adventures and experiences. Following the half term holiday I will be able to write to parents to confirm the rest of the staffing and class arrangements for 2018/19.

Mobile Phones

Can I please remind all parents and carers that our entire site is a mobile free zone, so please do not use your phone whilst inside the school boundaries.

Dogs

Unfortunately I need to also remind everyone that the site is also a dog free zone so please do not come onto site with your pets. As a dog owner myself I know this can be difficult and you may wish to walk and make the most of the better weather (we hope!) but if you are bringing your dog then please arrange to meet your child outside the gate. If your child is in KS1, either ring the school office or pop a note in their Reading Record and let us know the name of another parent you would be happy to allow to accompany your child to the gate, but don't forget to tell them you have nominated them too!

Building Plot adjacent to the School House

Eagle eyed parents may have noticed the wooden fence going up this week along our metal boundary fence by the school field, KS1 outdoor area and the side of the School House. This now protects the children from any safeguarding issues linked to the development of the site next door. I think KS1 children in particular are quite disappointed as they loved watching the diggers (from a distance of course!)

Suncream

Reminder to parents that suncream should be applied before school and not sent in with your child. As all day one application suncream is readily available this should not cause too much of an issue and avoids a lot of fuss and mess in school. Remember to also ensure your child has a named hat and a named water bottle in school. Thank you.

And Finally.....

Don't forget to check the updated dates list and the website for information you need.

We will continue to try to send a newsletter out each half term. As a staff we hope you all enjoy the half term holiday – remember we finish on Friday 25th May and return to school on Monday 4th June when all the classes will be having their class photographs taken. We will send out a text on Sunday 3rd June to remind you all 😊

Mrs Roberts & Staff

If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or other comments to make, please complete this slip and return it to school or email your positive comments/suggestions to sec.daresbury@halton.gov.uk