

Halling Primary School Newsletter



Head Teacher's Message

Dear parents/ carers,

What amazing weather we have had this week! The sun has been shining which has been lovely. I hope you have all managed to safely enjoy the sun. Although next week isn't expected to be as warm, if your child is attending school, please continue to ensure that they bring in sun cream which they can apply independently, hats and plenty to drink.

This week, we have welcomed back a few more of our fantastic families which has been brilliant! The children have settled in beautifully and adjusted to routines well which is great - well done. We would like to remind parents of children in Reception, years 1 and 6 that they have up until Wednesday 1st July (9am) to request that their child returns to school. Regrettably, we will be unable to accept pupils after then as we sadly do not have the space, nor staffing capacity to open up anymore 'bubbles.'

A smooth transition between year groups and into a new school is absolutely paramount and at Halling, we pride ourselves on our effective transitions. Due to Covid19, our transitions will be different this year but we will still ensure they are equally as effective. You will receive a letter from your child's new teacher on Monday 6th July. In this letter will be an introduction to the new adults in the class, routines and expectations for the following year. Following the letter, on the week commencing 13th July, your child's new class teacher will post a video message from the child's new classroom so that the children can visualise their new room and teachers. We aim to have a transition morning/ afternoon for every child in years R - 6 on Monday 20th July or Tuesday 21st July. During the session, they will meet their new class teacher, teaching assistant and be in their new classroom. They will also be given a holiday Home Learning challenge in preparation for September. You will receive a letter next week outlining when your child will be in for the transition session and the protective measures that will be put in place to mitigate the risk of Covid19 transmission.

This week, class teacher's and myself have nominated pupils that we feel have continued their learning momentum throughout lockdown. The children that have been chosen have received one of my new Headteacher's awards and should be extremely proud of themselves. There will be more nominations from myself and class teachers next week so please continue to either send in photographs, learning or just an update on how you are all doing.

This week, attached to the newsletter, I received a wonderful powerpoint from Leo Eggleton about his trip to zoo. Have a read - it looks like the family had a lot of fun! If you have any stories/ videos/ powerpoints etc you would like to share of your trips, please send them in to the office - I look forward to hearing from you all! ☺

Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that Miss Fenson and Mrs Nicholls who will be expecting a new addition to their families. Miss Fenson is expecting her first baby in October and Mrs Nicholls will be expecting her second child in October. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating both Miss Fenson and Mrs Nicholls on their wonderful news! 😊

On a sadder note, Mrs Donald, who has been our Extended Hours Provision manager for the last year, has sadly left. Mrs Donald will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Kendall will be overseeing both Breakfast Club and After School Club as of September 2020 when we will hopefully be able to reopen. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Kendall who I'm sure will do a fantastic job as she knows the children and routines well. I sent an email earlier this week in regards to an After School Club assistant position. If you are interested in the role, please either email office@halling.medway.sch.uk or call the school office and I will be happy to talk you through any details.

We will sadly also be saying goodbye to Miss Ashton at the end of this academic year. Miss Ashton has been at Halling for several years and has taught many children during her time at the school. Miss Ashton will be dearly missed and we wish her every success in the future.

As we have a few changes as mentioned to staff, I would like to welcome Miss S Lees, Miss A Finch and Miss C Martin to our team as of September. Miss C Frampton will be in class full time as of September too. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating our new staff members who I'm certain will settle in beautifully. Mrs A Husband will also be returning from maternity leave which I'm sure children will be very excited about.

On Monday 6th July, as explained, you will find out who your child's teacher is and they will have the opportunity to meet their new class teachers (including the new members of staff) on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, we are always available. Please do not hesitate to either email office@halling.medway.sch.uk or call 01634 240258.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Our week in pictures



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