

Halsall St Cuthbert's C.E. Primary School Newsletter L

**School reopens on
Monday 24th February
8-55am
(Breakfast Club from 7-30am)**

Mothers' Day Service

This year, it is our intention to hold the Mothers' Day Service on Friday 6th March at St Cuthbert's Church at 2-30pm.

We have made this change because in the past years, fewer and fewer children have been attending on the Sunday.

We are also responding to comments in the parent questionnaires. It will actually be the first time that some of our children have been involved in a Mothers' Day service and the first time that all the children will be involved together. It should be a lovely occasion.

We are expecting the event to be very busy.

Parents who attend can collect their children from the church at the end of the day.

Any remaining children will be walked back to school to be collected there, or to attend either the sports club or to attend the Kidz Club.

Thanks for your support in this matter.

Kenyon Shield Winners : Spring 1

Rec : Lucas Shalliker

Year 1 : Imogen Edwards

Year 2 : Poppy Bedwell

Year 3 : Hannah Raven

Year 4 : Jemima Hardman

Year 5 : Annie Molloy

Year 6 : Edward Spencer

These children have had a fabulous half-term in school. Congratulations and keep it up.



Quiz Night

This was another very popular night for all the quiz buffs. A big thanks to the PTFA, everyone who helped out and those that came along.

And a massive thanks to Miss Hampson our quiz mistress, for sorting all the questions and games.

It was great fun.



School Owls



As part of a whole school Geography initiative we have introduced the children to four Travelling Owls. In order to support children in learning some key Geographical locations around

the globe, we have enlisted the help of four cuddly owls to accompany us on our travels. There are two large maps (UK and World) displayed in the school hall ready for us to map any continents, countries or cities our school owls visit. Whenever the children are off on their travels and don't mind an extra passenger, the owls will join them on their trip. The children were involved in an owl naming competition and the owls have since been named Paul (after Reverend Paul, since one owl travelled to Cork for a visit), Luna, Snowball and Donut. This half term they will be travelling to London, the Lake District, Austria, Scotland, the Maldives and York. They also have trips to Greece, Dubai, France, Croatia, Antigua and Mexico in the pipeline! What a lucky parliament of owls we have at Halsall! The initiative from Mrs Floweth has proved very popular with the children and they can't wait to take an owl away on holiday.

Dropping Off : Car

A big thanks to those parents who have been supportive in using the drop-off facility each morning, when they only have junior children. As well as releasing more spaces for parents with little ones and reducing congestion, it's also helping children gain that confidence and independence as they move up through the school. Thanks.

Swimming

Children from Class C will be going swimming at Park Pool after the half-term holidays.

(Sessions start on 26th Feb)

10 children from Class G will join them in the 1st week.

They'll be practising for the schools' gala on Tues 3rd Mar.

Please remember kit and goggles and to remove ear studs.
Thank you.

Times Tables

When children have instant recall of their times tables, it is a great help when they are carrying out calculations and problem-solving activities. In an effort to help the children develop instant recall of their "times tables" we are holding half-termly tests and awarding children badges if they gain 100% in a strictly timed test.

2,5 and 10 is Bronze badge

3,4 and 8 is Silver badge

6, 7 and 9 is Gold badge

(Lots of children were awarded a bronze this week)
These badges can be worn on cardigans and ties etc. If lost, parents are able to purchase a replacement. Hopefully these badges will provide the incentive for children to revise hard, learn their tables and become better mathematicians.

Parent Consultations

**TUESDAY 24TH MARCH
FROM 2-00PM**

We'll be sending home a letter in the 1st week back, asking parents to indicate whether they prefer an early or a later appointment.

Please complete this form and return it asap if you have limited flexibility.

Thanks

Seat Belts

We have reminded the children today about the importance of wearing a seat belt when travelling in a car. To keep them safe, we have also reminded them about not unclipping their belt before the vehicle has completely stopped. Some children are so keen to get to school and be so quick to get out of their car, they're sometimes unclipping early and putting themselves at risk. We don't want anyone to get hurt. Thanks.



Administering Medicine

Staff will willingly administer medication to a child if a form has been completed and handed in to school. (antibiotics and other medication prescribed by a doctor) As regards paracetamol-based Calpol, this will only be administered to provide basic pain relief or reduce discomfort if a child has a temperature.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter.