

Letter of Congratulations : Achievement

We received a joint letter from the RT Hon Damian Hinds MP and the RT Hon Nick Gibb MP the other week. The letter congratulated the school on its performance in the Key Stage 2 SATS last summer when 100% achieved the Expected Level in both Reading and Mathematics. It confirmed that this placed the school in the top 1% of primary schools in the country.

This is no mean achievement.

Well done to the children, governors and parents but especially to Mrs Galley and all the staff who work so hard to enable all children to perform so well.

Chess Tournament Success

At the district Chess Tournament the other day, Halsall St Cuthbert's won the small schools' trophy. Well done to Mrs Galley who organises the weekly Chess Club and to the children who must have practised really hard, both in school and at home. Special mention must go to James Totty who won all of his 5 matches and he's only in year 4. A star for the future no doubt.



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Administering Medication in School

If your child is fit and eager to come to school but is in the middle of a course of medication prescribed by the doctor (such as antibiotics) staff are willing to administer it.

Parents however, must complete and sign a **PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE** form and hand it into the school office.

In recent weeks we have also had parents sending their children into school with cough sweets.

As well as being a choking hazard, they may well be found or handed out to others and eaten and this may have consequences. Please do not send in medicated sweets/lozenges such as Tunes or Locketts etc. If in doubt please ask.

Thanks for your support in the matter.

Charity Cheques

We have now received thankyou letters from both Alder Hey Hospital and the NSPCC following our respective £1,500 donations. (monies raised from the Christmas shows) Hopefully the money will be wisely spent and provide a little more support for those in our community who may be sick, disadvantaged or vulnerable. **Thanks to everyone for being so**

School Places/Volunteers

1. If you know of someone who is interested in their child attending Halsall St Cuthbert's, please ask them to contact school. We can then record their details for future reference.

2. If you feel that you would like to help out in school, please let us know. We are always looking for people to listen to children read, help with book maintenance, the library etc. We'll arrange a DBS check.

All support is very welcome.

Spelling Winners : Spring Term 1

Year 1 : Oliver Madden Year 2 : Aiden Roscoe-Jones
Year 3 : Ben Maitland Year 4 : Jacob Hilton
Year 5 : Kai Greenough Year 6 : Brendan Houghton

Very Well Done To You All

After-School Sports Clubs

(2nd half of the spring term)

Tues : Sports Club Year 1+2

Wed : Dance/Drama Year 5+6

Thur : Athletics Year 4+5

Frid : Target Games Year 3+4

Information should have been sent out.
Please return forms and monies asap.

THANKS

PTFA Quiz Night

The PTFA is holding a QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 15th March. (From 7-30pm)
Miss Hampson will once again be our compere and quizmaster.
Tickets are £5 and are available from the school. People are asked to bring their own drinks and nibbles. There'll be lots of great spot prizes, fun and frolics.

Make up your teams up to 8 max.
Everyone is welcome. See you there



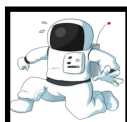
School Re-Opens Monday 25th February 8-55am

**Breakfast Club from 8-00am
Enjoy the break and stay safe!**

Kidz Club

The After-School provision at Halsall St Cuthbert's is provided by the school's Kidz Club. It is worth mentioning the points below -

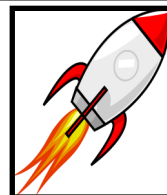
- *Of its 4 staff, 2 are actually qualified teachers and 2 have a Childcare 3 qualification.*
 - *The provision was recently rated Good following an OFSTED Inspection. (Nov 18)*
 - *Children stay on the school site and stay safe until they are collected.*
 - *The club has access to the school hall, the activity trail, the field and the playground.*
 - *Fees are low and discounts are available.*
 - *Snacks of toast, fruit and biscuits are free.*
- The Kidz Club needs to maintain its numbers so that it can remain financially viable and continue to meet the needs of its parents through the provision of quality childcare, long term.*



Space Week

We will begin our Space theme when we return after the half-term holidays. The children will find out more about the history of space travel, they'll consider life as an astronaut, they'll watch DVDs, carry out research and they'll study the stars, our solar system and its planets. They'll also think about the weather and scenery on other worlds and the possibility of life and aliens. They'll draw pictures and sculpt clay models of other lifeforms, design cardboard rockets, mould paper mache moonscapes and paint scenery.

All these activities should prove an inspiration for lots of descriptive writing and adventure text.



Kenyon Shields (Spring Term 1)

Rec : Noah Harrington

Year 1 : Harvey Banks

Year 2 : Charlie Williams

Year 3 : Francesca Helme

Year 4 : James Totty

Year 5 : Rachel Birks

Year 6 : James Harrington

These children have done brilliantly.

CONGRATULATIONS