

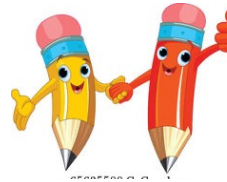
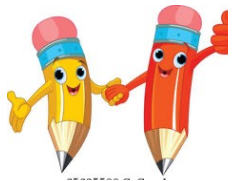


Halewood C of E Newsletter

February 2023

Thank You to Friends of the School

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers involved with Friends of the School. Due to their hard work fundraising, we have purchased some 'Write Like A Ninja' books to make writing more fun, samba drumming workshops and will soon be looking at some new playground equipment. Thank you to Mr Doran for kindly arranging match-funding from our Christmas fundraising.



Writing Buddies

A number of our Year 6 children are now 'Writing Buddies' to children in some of the other classes. Each pupil will support their 'buddy' in developing their writing and editing skills. They set targets for them to work towards for the following week. Amazing support and encouragement on show!



Eco Warriors

Say hello to our Eco Warriors! These children help to conserve energy around the school, making sure that lights and smart boards are switched off when rooms are not in use. They are doing an amazing job!

Enrichment Opportunities



Halewood University



We are delighted to announce the return of Halewood University! This is an amazing opportunity for children to take part in a wide variety of clubs - craft, art, dance, app design and French to name a few!



B Tales Musical Theatre Club

Natasia, director of B Tales has launched a new Musical Theatre after school club for Key Stage 2 pupils building up confidence in singing, acting and dance. The children have been having lots of fun and learning new skills.



Year 4 Chester Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic day in Chester. They became Roman soldiers for the morning and had a workshop learning all about the Romans and the significance of Chester.

EYFS Chinese New Year Celebrations

Our Chinese New Year adventure in Early Years was fabulous. Culture, tradition, story, The Year of the Rabbit, lanterns, dragons, role play, dancing and of course our Chinese banquet.



Sports

School sports clubs

This half term has seen the return of lots of our after school sports clubs. The children have shown great team work, encouragement and confidence. Nothing has stopped them – not even cold, snowy mornings!



Dodgeball

A massive well done to our Year 5 dodgeball team for their super attitudes and determination at the Knowsley SSP dodgeball competition. They were a credit to our school !



Basketball

Our basketball team put on an amazing display of teamwork and skills to go unbeaten at the Knowsley Basketball Competition.



Swimming

The early morning training sessions certainly paid off for our swim team who showed determination and fantastic team spirit at the Knowsley Swimming Gala. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



Child of Excellence

Well done to these children who are winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Forgiveness. These children show how to be a kind friend to others and are great role models in our school.

Reception – Eveyln & Calla
Year 1 – Madleine & Finley
Year 2 – Hattie & Jacob
Year 3 – Isabella & Blake

Year 4 - Thomas & Freya
Year 5 - Estelle & Jude
Year 6 - Jacob & Elise

Parking

We have been contacted by a number of local residents regarding parking during school drop off and pick up. Please show care and consideration and park safely, without blocking pavements and driveways.



Attendance and Punctuality

We aim to encourage and assist all pupils to achieve excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. Therefore our target for all pupils is to achieve at least **97%** attendance over the course of a school year, with no unauthorised absences.

If there are any issues which you feel are affecting your child's attendance at school, please let us know and we can work together to try to support your child.

In addition, we would encourage your child to arrive at school for 8.40am in order to gain the maximum benefit from their learning. From 8.40am, children have morning tasks such as handwriting, spelling, grammar maths and comprehension to further enhance their in class learning.

Children arriving at school after 9.50am will be marked as late.

Health and Wellbeing

Drop in sessions

YPAS Liverpool offer drop in sessions at the below locations to support children and families. (No appointment necessary)

ALTERNATIVE TO CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs



YPAS North Hub
Croxdale Road West,
L14 8YA

YPAS Central Hub
36 Bolton Street,
L3 5LX

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road,
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Liverpool CAMHS YPAS
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Wednesday: 9am - 8pm
Thursday: 9am - 8pm

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Thursday: 9am - 8pm
Friday: 9am - 6pm
Saturday: 12pm - 4pm

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Food for thought

Our Picture News session this week looked at the latest 'craze' – Prime. The children looked at the power of influencers, how they affect our behaviours and whether this is a positive thing.

Let's look at this week's story



A drink called 'Prime Hydration' has arrived in the UK and as quickly as it arrived, it sold out. The creators of the drink are online influencers KSI and Logan Paul. After opening, some shops saw pushing and shoving as people tried to get their hands on the drinks, with many deciding to limit customers to one bottle per person. The craze did not stop at the supermarket shelves; on eBay, the drinks were up for sale for thousands of pounds each. The founders of Prime, KSI and Logan Paul, have a combined YouTube following of over 40 million people.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



Reflection



Influencers may have thousands or even millions of online followers; people who admire or look up to them. Whilst they may guide some of our choices, it's important for us to remember to make our decisions with an open mind, considering both positive and negative consequences.



Online Safety

Staying safe online

National Online Safety have provided a guide to chatting to your child about keeping safe online

Download >> <https://bit.ly/3js4lt4>



There are a number of online safety webinars coming up

13th February 7-8pm
Social Media and Parental Controls

22nd February 5-6pm
Online bullying, social media and modelling good behaviour

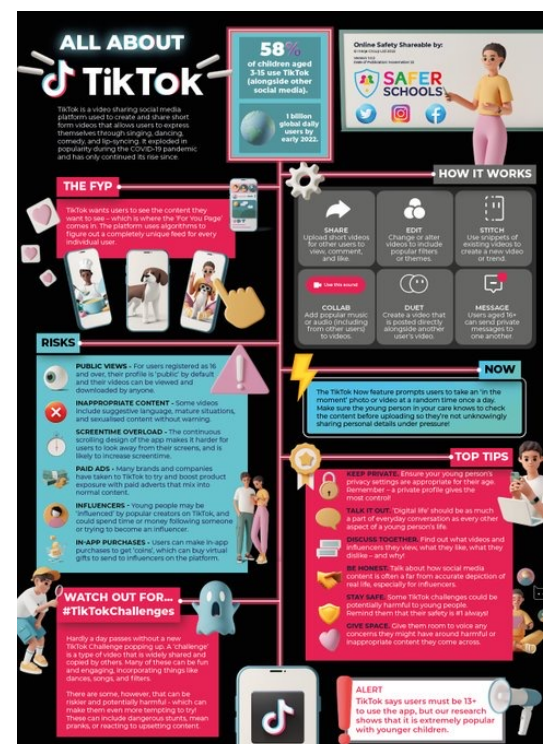
28th February 7-8pm
Social media, online gaming and cyber bullying

An email was sent to all parents with links to each of these webinars. If you need this be re-sent to you, please contact the school office.

Tik Tok

Check out the latest guidance on Tik Tok including its new feature Tik Tok NOW

<https://bit.ly/3VcxStV>



Reminders

Drinks

Please can we remind parents and carers that the only drink children are allowed during lessons is plain water. For their lunch time drink, children may bring juice, but no fizzy drinks.



Dogs

We would like to remind parents and carers that we do not allow dogs on site, regardless of whether they are walking or being carried. This is for the safety of all children and for the upkeep of the school premises.

Appointments

Please note that appointment cards or letters will be required for any time taken out of school for medical appointments. We are only able to note this as an authorised absence if we have a letter or card.

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17 HADDOFF STREET, READING, RG1 1AA, UK
0118 987 6543

APPOINTMENT CARD

NAME

DATE TIME

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO THE APPOINTMENT, PLEASE ADVISE US AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR.

Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office between 8.30 and 9.00am. Calls must be made to us each day **and an absence note brought in with the pupil on their return.** Unreported absences will be logged as unauthorised.



Office hours

Please note that the school office hours are 8.30 – 4.15pm.





Keep us up to date

Please could we ask that you notify us of any changes to address, telephone number or emergency contacts.

News from home

We love hearing what you have been up to outside of school. Keep us updated on Twitter @halewoodcofe



Diary Dates



Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
(Children can dress up as a character from their favourite book)

W/B 6th March – Assessment Week

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 23rd March – PPRD (school closes at 12pm)

Thursday 30th March – Easter Service at St Nicholas, 1.30pm

Thursday 30th March – Discos, Rec & KS1 4pm, KS2 5.30pm

Friday 31st March – School finishes for Easter Break, 2pm

Monday 17th April – Back to school

Wishing you all a wonderful half term

