



Halewood C of E Newsletter

December 2022

We have had an incredibly busy half term but it has been so much fun.



Farewell to Mr Smith

This half term, we said goodbye to Mr Smith after 17 years at Halewood C of E. Each class threw him a party and we celebrated with a special assembly and an early Christmas sing-song! We wish him lots of luck on his next adventure and thank him for all he has done for our school and our children.

Happy Retirement Mr Beesley

We also said goodbye to Mr Beesley who has been a Governor at our school for over 20 years. We wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him for his service and dedication.



Nativities

It has been wonderful to welcome families back to our school nativities after 2 long years. The children sang their hearts out and reminded us what Christmas is all about.



Developing our Children



Let's keep kids safe online

Having to stay home means kids are spending even more time exploring the online world. There's lots of exciting and educational stuff for them to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

The next workshop is on: Thursday 12th Jan 4pm on Zoom

To find out more, or book a spot, email halewoodce@knowsley.gov.uk

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

NSPCC 2021. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Registered charity England and Wales 218401. Scotland SC037127. Photography by Tom Hall. The children and adults pictured are models. 102010300.

ALL ABOUT TikTok

TikTok is a video sharing social media platform used to create and share short form videos that allows users to express themselves through singing, dancing, comedy and lip-synching. It exploded in popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic and has only continued its rise since.

58% of children aged 3-15 use TikTok (alongside other social media).

1 billion global daily users by early 2022.

Online Safety Shareable by: **SAFER SCHOOLS**

HOW IT WORKS

- SHARE** Upload short videos for other users to view, comment, and like.
- EDIT** Change or alter videos to include popular filters or themes.
- STITCH** Use snippets of existing videos to create a new video or trend.
- COLLAB** Add popular music or audio (including from other users) to videos.
- DUET** Create a video that is posted directly alongside another user's video.
- MESSAGE** Users aged 16+ can send private messages to one another.

RISKS

- PUBLIC VIEWS** - For users registered as 16 and over, their profile is 'public' by default and their videos can be viewed and downloaded by anyone.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** - Some videos include suggestive language, mature situations, and sexualised content without warning.
- SCREENTIME OVERLOAD** - The continuous scrolling design of the app makes it harder for users to look away from their screens, and is likely to increase screentime.
- PAID ADS** - Many brands and companies have taken to TikTok to try and boost product exposure with paid adverts that mix into normal content.
- INFLUENCERS** - Young people may be 'influenced' by popular creators on TikTok, and could spend time or money following someone or trying to become an influencer.
- IN-APP PURCHASES** - Users can make in-app purchases to get 'coins', which can buy virtual gifts to send to influencers on the platform.

WATCH OUT FOR... #TikTokChallenges

Hardly a day passes without a new TikTok challenge popping up. A 'challenge' is a type of video that is widely shared and copied by others. Many of these can be fun and engaging, incorporating things like dances, songs, and filters.

There are some, however, that can be riskier and potentially harmful - which can make them even more tempting to try! These can include dangerous stunts, mean pranks, or reacting to upsetting content.

TOP TIPS

- KEEP PRIVATE**: Ensure your young person's privacy settings are appropriate for their age. Remember - a private profile gives the most control!
- TALK IT OUT**: 'Digital life' should be as much a part of everyday conversation as every other aspect of a young person's life.
- DISCUSS TOGETHER**: Find out what videos and influencers they view, what they like, what they dislike - and why!
- BE HONEST**: Talk about how social media content is often a far from accurate depiction of real life, especially for influencers.
- STAY SAFE**: Some TikTok challenges could be potentially harmful to young people. Remind them that their safety is #1 always!
- GIVE SPACE**: Give them room to voice any concerns they might have around harmful or inappropriate content they come across.

ALERT

TikTok says users must be 13+ to use the app, but our research shows that it is extremely popular with younger children.

NOW

The TikTok Now feature prompts users to take an 'in the moment' photo or video at a random time once a day. Make sure the young person in your care knows to check the content before uploading so they're not unknowingly sharing personal details under pressure!

With constant changes and updates to social media platforms and websites, it is important to keep up to date to keep our children safe, both in school and at home.

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Lunchtime

It would be really helpful if you could practise with your children how to use a knife and fork for eating. This applies particularly to Early Years and Key Stage 1 children as we see lots of sausages and fish being eaten with hands! Thank you.

Charity and Fundraising

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your kindness and generosity in supporting our charities.

Poppy Appeal

A fantastic £158.27 was raised for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you all.



Children In Need

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to this year's Children in Need appeal. We raised a fantastic £303.50 for an amazing cause.



Christmas Jumper Day for Joel

We had lots of fun on Christmas Jumper Day and raised an amazing £254.21 for Joel, our sponsored child.



Christmas Raffle and Disco

Our Christmas raffle and disco have raised an amazing £1879.80.



Congratulations to our winners

Grace (Y5)	Lexi (Y4)
Mikey (Y2)	Finley (Y3)
Mae (Y6)	Keira (Y3)
Teddy (N)	Izzy (N)
Abigail R (Y5)	Ethan (Y6)
Jude (Y5)	



Child of Excellence

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

Reception – Lily & Joe

Year 2 – Bethany & Arthur

Year 4 – Maxwell & Ewan

Year 6 – Sienna & Herbie

Year 1 – Darcy & Joshua

Year 3 – Caleb & Thea

Year 5 – Haocheng & Amelia



PPRD

Thank you to parents and carers for attending PPRD on 30th November. We had an amazing turnout. It was a pleasure to share your children's progress and success with you.



Year 5 Robinwood Trip

Year 5 had an such a great 2 night stay in Robinwood. Despite the cold and rain, they challenged themselves and had lots of fun canoeing, climbing, caving, and facing the high ropes, zip wire, giant swing and the piranha pool!



Art Workshops

Year 2 and 4 spent a session creating some art with Heart of Glass. They loved being creative in the outdoors and made some lovely masterpieces !



Admissions Arrangements 2024/25

Halewood Church of England Primary Academy Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2024-2025

The governors of Halewood Church of England School are consulting on its proposed admissions arrangements for 2024-25. The consultation period runs until 31st January 2023. Changes in the policy are also reflected in the Supplementary Information Form ('Church Admissions Form'). The areas in which comments are sought are highlighted in our proposed admissions policy and we do not seek comments on any other areas. The full admissions policy, including clarification of definitions and all relevant documentation relating to the consultation can be found on our website

<https://halewood-ce-primary.secure-primariesite.net/admission-arrangements/>

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.

We have sent home an attendance update for every pupil from Reception to Year 6 to show you where your child's attendance is at the moment.

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.

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Keep us up to date

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

Choir

Our choir have worked so hard this term, learning new songs which they performed at the Halewood Christmas lights switch on, at Halewood Academy and during our Child of Excellence assembly.

They are a real credit to our school.



PE Kits

If you have any PE kits which your children have grown out of or no longer need, please could we ask that you drop them at the school office. Our supply of PE kits has dwindled and your help in topping up our 'spares' box would be greatly appreciated.

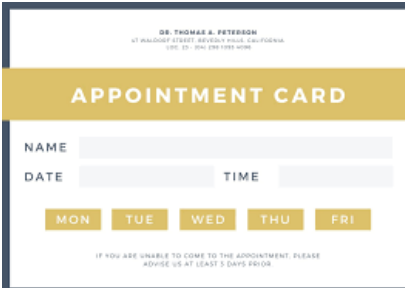


News from Home

We love to hear your news from home! Don't forget to tweet [@halewoodcofe](https://twitter.com/halewoodcofe) with your pictures and news !

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.



DR. THOMAS A. PETERSON
AT PEARSON CENTER, 8000 WOODLAND AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

APPOINTMENT CARD

NAME

DATE TIME

MON TUE WED THU FRI

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

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.

Diary Dates

Wed 4th Jan: Return to school

Thur 12th Jan: NSPCC Parent Online Safety Workshop

Wed 1st Feb: Year 4 trip to Chester

Fri 3rd Feb: World Faith Day

Tue 7th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Thur 9th Feb: LDST Mental Health Day
(Details to follow)

Fri 10th Feb: Child of Excellence, 9.15am

Fri 10th Feb: Break up for half term



Thank you to you all for your kind gifts and words. We have had another fantastic term of learning and having fun together with the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

