



Halewood C of E Newsletter

October 2023

Message from Mr Catt

Welcome to our half termly newsletter.

What a wonderful first half term! I could not be more proud of the progress our children have made and the values they have shown each and every day.

We are really proud of all of our sports teams. Our cross-country team have been out practicing before school, come rain or shine. They have taken part in 2 races and all done themselves proud! We have also had some excellent results in our boys' and girls' football teams. Well done everyone!

This half term we have focussed on the value of friendship. We have reflected on many different Bible stories and verses around friendship, and the importance of being a good neighbour to everyone.

We put this into practise during our Harvest service, as children donated an overwhelming amount of food for a local foodbank.

We have worked really hard on using 'honey words', as the Bible tells us in **Proverbs 16v24**: Pleasant words are like honey, sweet to the soul and good for the body.

We also looked at many stories in the Bible that teach us about friendship, including the Good Samaritan, the unforgiving servant and the parable of the widow's offering. Children have taken part in weekly reflections and challenges related to each story or verse.

I am really proud of the kindness shown by children across the school. I have seen so many examples of kind acts that have made a real difference to someone else - a kind word, sharing a smile, opening the door for someone, asking someone how they are. I see this every morning out on the gate, and it really makes me realise what an amazing school family we have. Keep spreading that kindness over half term with each other. God calls us to love one another, just as He loves us.

Have a wonderful half term break.

God bless,

Mr Catt



Year 6 / Reception Buddies

Reception parents were invited to attend a special assembly to see their child and their Year 6 buddy who will help them to settle into life at Halewood C of E and provide a friendly face and role model. The children love meeting up with their buddies in school.



School Photographs

On Thursday 9th November, the school photographer will be in to take individual class photos. An email has been sent home with details

Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will have poppies, key rings and wristbands available from the school office. Minimum donation £1 per item.



News from home

We love to hear what you've been up to at home.

Keep us posted on twitter @halewoodcofe



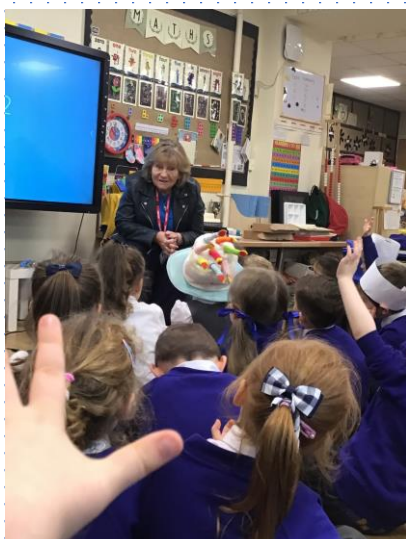
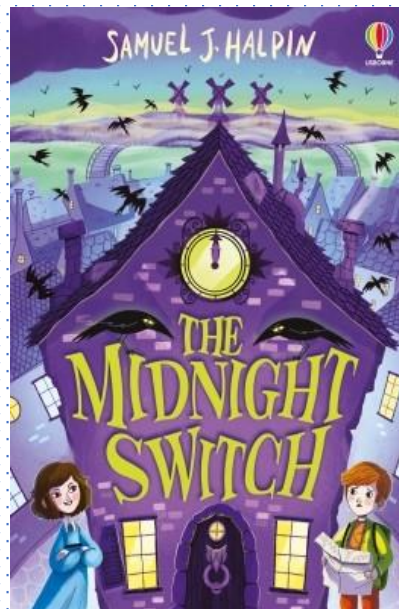


Harvest Festival

Our children delivered a wonderful Harvest festival celebration and reminded us of the need to be both generous and thankful. Thank you to parents and carers for your kind and much needed donations to Knowsley Foodbank.

Key Stage 2 'Read with Me'

Thank you to parents and carers who joined us to read to their child. Together, they enjoyed the first chapter of *The Midnight Switch* by Samuel J Halpin and discussed what their predictions and thoughts were on the text. There were some fantastic discussions about vocabulary and what might happen next. What a lovely way to spend an afternoon.



Author Visit

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 were treated to a visit from author Phill Hughes who read her story 'The Brave Princesses', all about being kind. The children asked some fantastic questions and shared their thoughts and ideas on what it means to be kind to others and gave examples of when they or their friends have shown kindness.

Our new school lunch menu will apply after half term. This has been uploaded to our website.



Three Choice menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week one	Monday Meatballs Sub with Tomato Sauce, Cheese, Salad & Coleslaw Vegetable Korma with Rice Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Bananas and Custard, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya, wheat May contain: Lupin, oats, rye	Tuesday All day breakfast - Scrambled Egg, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown & Beans All Day Veggie Breakfast - Scrambled Egg, Quorn Sausage, Hash Brown & Beans Knorr Cream of Chicken soup, Tuna, cheese, ham or egg filled roll Cookie, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Lupin, oats, rye sulphur dioxide & sulphites	Wednesday Tuna Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread & Salad Quorn Wrap with Salad & Coleslaw Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Fruit Muffin, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, crustaceans, molluscs, oats, rye	Thursday Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Tomato & Basil soup Tuna, cheese, ham or egg panini Chocolate Mousse with Mandarin Segments, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Oats, rye, sulphur dioxide & sulphites	Friday Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas (mushy or garden) Quorn Enchiladas with Rice & Peas Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Chef Choice - Fruit Cheesecake, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, crustaceans, molluscs, oats, rye, sulphur dioxide & sulphites
Week two	Monday Salmon Fish Fingers with Sweet Potato Mash & Beans Quorn Dippers with Sweet Potato Mash & Beans Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Frozen Toffee Yoghurt with Banana, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, crustaceans, molluscs, oats, rye	Tuesday Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Leek & Potato soup Tuna, cheese, ham or egg filled roll Fruit Flapjack, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Oats, rye	Wednesday Lasagne with Salad & Garlic Bread Cheese & Tomato Panini with Coleslaw & Salad Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Strawberry Mousse Break with Strawberries, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Oats, rye	Thursday Roast Pork with Mash, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Quorn Meatballs with Mash, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Knorr Cream of Chicken soup, Tuna, cheese, ham or egg panini Jelly & Fruit, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya	Friday Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet with Chips & Peas (mushy or garden) Veggie Pizza with Chips & Beans Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Fruit Sponge & Custard, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, crustaceans, molluscs, oats, rye, sulphur dioxide & sulphites
Week three	Monday Beef Burger on a Diddi Roll with Crissscuts & Beans Quorn Burger on a Diddi Roll with Crissscuts & Beans Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Frozen Toffee Yoghurt with Banana, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, oats, rye, sulphur dioxide & sulphites	Tuesday Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread Quorn Cottage Lasagne with Salad & Garlic Bread Tomato & Basil soup Tuna, cheese, ham or egg filled roll Brownie, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Oats, rye	Wednesday Chicken Korma with Rice Chefs Choice Pie with Mash, Peas & Gravy Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Butterfly Cake, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Oats, rye	Thursday Roast Chicken with Mash, Stuffing, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Quorn Sausage & Mash with Gravy & Seasonal Veg Leek and potato soup Tuna, cheese, ham or egg panini Chocolate Mousse Break with Banana, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, celery, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya	Friday Fish Stars with Wedges & Beans Vegetable Chow Mein Stir Fry Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna or coleslaw filling Cookie & Milkshake, fruit or yoghurt Contains: Cereals containing gluten, eggs, fish, milk, mustard, soya May contain: Celery, crustaceans, molluscs, oats, rye, sulphur dioxide & sulphites

Available daily: Fresh fruit, yoghurt, water, milk and fruit juice.

Many of the options available can be adapted to suit various diets, should your child have any dietary needs please contact your school and our Kitchen Team will be happy to accommodate. (V) denotes vegetarian option or vegetarian version available.



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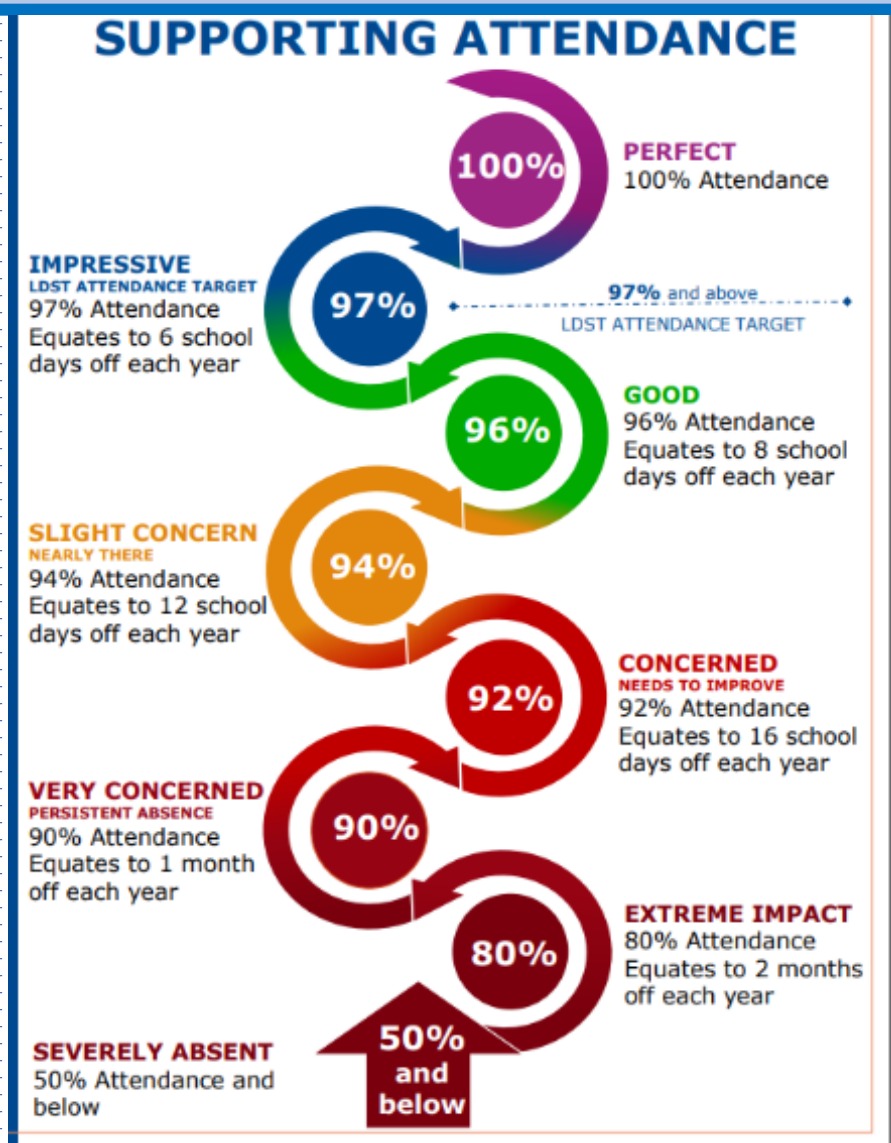
Healthy Families – Key Stage 2 event

Knowsley Council and the NHS have teamed up to deliver a Healthy Families Course to support families with physical activity and healthy eating. Why not join us each Tuesday from 3-4pm for 5 weeks beginning 14th November to learn new skills and access some handy resources. A letter has been sent home to register for this. This applies to Years 3-6.

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.

Our ladder below illustrates how many days absence impact attendance .



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 learning.

Congratulations !

Mr Tunstall

We would like to say congratulations to Mr Tunstall who has successfully been appointed as class teacher and teaching and learning lead at another one of our Trust schools, Cronton C of E. We are so grateful for all that Mr Tunstall does for Halewood C of E and know that he will thrive in his new role. We will be saying an official goodbye at the end of the next half term.

Child of Excellence

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

Reception – Aoife & Theo

Year 2 – Stephanie & Brodie

Year 4 – Keira & Seb

Year 6 – Ruby & Lucas

Year 1 – Vincent & Dolcie

Year 3 – Erin & Mikey

Year 5 – Grace & Zack M



Cross Country

Fantastic work from our cross-country team , many of whom were racing for the first time. Brilliant attitudes, team support and many PB's set – those early morning sessions have certainly paid off !

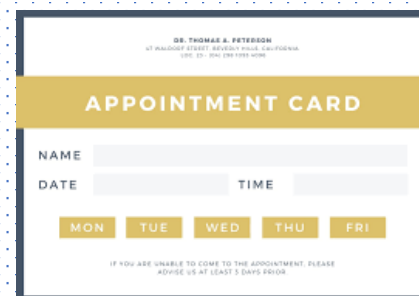
Football

Both our boys and our girl's football teams have put on some amazing performances this half term with some great scores and each showing fantastic teamwork, energy and skills and most importantly, played with a huge smile on their face!



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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APPOINTMENT CARD

NAME

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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.



Diary Dates

6th November – School reopens 8.40am
6th – 14th November – Year 5 Bikeability
9th November – Individual School Photo Day
10th November – KS1 Parents Reading Afternoon
17th November – Children in Need Day
20th – 22nd November – Year 5 Robinwood residential
21st November – Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting
29th/30th November - PPRD
1st December – Bauble Service
5th December – Mince Pies and Coffee Morning
12th December – Y1-3 Nativity (am)
Foundation Stage Nativity (pm)
13th December – Foundation Stage Nativity (am)
Y4-6 Nativity (pm)
14th December – Y4-6 Nativity (am)
Y1-3 Nativity (pm)
15th December – Christmas Jumper Day
18th December – Christingle Service
19th December – School Discos
20th December – School Closes 2pm



Wishing you all a wonderful half term.