



Halewood C of E Newsletter

February 2024

Message from Mr Catt

As we come to the end of another half term, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our children for all of the hard work and effort this half term.

It has been a challenging half term for our whole school community. I could not be more proud of the love shown by children, staff and parents and carers towards one another. We have really seen Jesus's love spread across our community through the kind words, actions and support towards one another. Our school values have been more important than ever and we have seen these in abundance across our community.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of two of our parents, Sian Caddick and Caroline Burton. We will continue to pray for the family and friends and will continue to be here for anyone who needs support. Please continue to pray for both families.

This half term we have been focussing on the value of forgiveness. Children have learnt about the importance of saying sorry, and following Jesus's example of forgiving one another. We are really proud of our child of excellence winners who were voted for this half term.

I would like wish you all a restful half term. Thank you once again for your continued support.

God bless,

Mr Catt



A Snowy Day !



What a fun day we had when we woke up to snow one morning ! The children had lots of fun in the making patterns and building snowmen !



Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors have been out in full force, making sure our school is as eco friendly as possible – turning off lights when rooms are not being used, promote recycling and keep our school environment tidy. They took part in a school litter pick with Mr Coleman and left the place spick and span !



Dodgeball

We are so proud of our Dodgeball Team who represented our school in the Knowsley SSP Dodgeball competition. They gave a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and school values.



Swimming



What a swimming team we have !
They took part in the Knowsley Swimming Gala
and gave a fantastic display of skills,
determination and encouragement for their
peers and for some, this was their first gala !
A massive well done to everyone !



Year 4 Chester Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Roman museum in Chester. They got a chance to be archeologists and to learn about food, bath houses and to be Roman soldiers !



Number Day

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended Number morning. It was brilliant to see so many faces and see the children so engaged and having fun with number games and challenging their parents and carers.



Number
Day 2024



Fundraiser



On the last day of half term, we invited children to accessorise their uniforms with yellow to raise funds for Marie Curie and Claire House – two charities at the heart of our school community at this time.

Thank you so much for your generous donations. We have raised a fantastic £367.50 to support these charities in the amazing work that they do.



Big Book Swap

What a morning we had at the Halewood C of E Book Swap !

The children loved seeing their books go to a new home and were excited to choose a different book to take home. We have so many amazing books to add to our school library and to share with our Church community and groups.

Thank you for your support.



Halewood CultureFest

Invites you to create a Scarecrow.



Be part of the Halewood Scarecrow trail during Halewood Culturefest 2024 which runs from Friday 14 June - Sunday 23 June.

Anyone can take part, individuals, schools, community groups, churches and clubs. Maps will be produced showing the locations of the Scarecrows and there will be a guided walk around the trail in the afternoon of Sunday 16th June

Can you please let us know by 26 April at the latest if you/your group will be putting up a Scarecrow and if so where it will be located.

If you are interested in joining us in this exciting Scarecrow trail then please contact

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or any member of the CultureFest Steering Group.



Attendance

Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance winners so far with 97.5%

Whole school attendance to date is 96.8%

Class attendance to date



Reception – 96.8%

Year 1 – 97.2%

Year 2 – 97.1%

Year 3 – 96.5%

Year 4 – 97.5%

Year 5 – 96.5%

Year 6 – 96.8%

Congratulations to our Attendance Champions and winners of our Goodie Bags

Reception - Isabella

Year 1 – Hannah

Year 2 – Amy

Year 3 – Freya

Year 4 – Katie

Year 5 – Zach G

Year 6 – Estelle

Attendance – what do the percentages mean?

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.

This table shows how many hours of learning are missed in line with your child's attendance percentage and number of days missed in a full academic year.



% attendance	Days off school	Number of hours missed learning
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
96%	8	40
94%	12	60
92%	16	80
90%	19	95
80%	38	190

Child of Excellence

Well done to the winners of our Child of Excellence Awards for the theme of Forgiveness. These children demonstrate our Christian value by showing what it means to forgive and be forgiven. They are amazing role models and we are so proud of them.

Reception – Eliza & Seb C

Year 1 – Orla & Harry Year 2 – Evan & Jacob

Year 3 – Eliza & Michael Year 4 – Joshua & William

Year 5 – Emily & Maisie Year 6 – Ryan & Reuben

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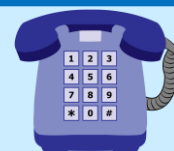
Child of Excellence

Our Christian Ethos team planned and delivered a fantastic collective workshop based on the theme of forgiveness. It was a collective worship of a different kind, with interactive reflection stations in which the whole school took part.





Absence and Appointments



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.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT EMAILS AS A REPORT OF AN ABSENCE AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A CALL IF AN EMAIL IS RECEIVED.

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.

Office Hours

Just a reminder that the school office hours are 8.30am – 4pm.



Diary Dates

19.02.2024 – School reopens 8.35am

27.02.2024 – Parent and carer curriculum meeting 3.30pm

04.03.2024 – 08.03.2024 – Assessment Week

07.03.2024 – Assessment Week

11.03.2024 – Inclusion Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm

15.03.2024 – Red Nose Day

20.03.2024 & 21.03.2024 – Red Nose Day

25.03.2024 – Coffee with the Headteacher 9am

27.03.2024 – Easter Service 1.30pm

27.03.2024 – School Discos

28.03.2024 – Child of Excellence 9.15am

28.03.2024 – School Closes 2pm

News from Home

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



Keep us posted on twitter
[@halewoodcofe](https://twitter.com/halewoodcofe)



Wishing you all a wonderful half term.