



School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very exciting week this week as our new Reception children have completed their first full week attending school full time and staying all day. They have settled into their new classes well and we are pleased to welcome them and their parents into our school community!

This week school has started to return to a pre-Covid normality as we have finally been able to hold Key Stage assemblies and sing together. We needed to explain to some of the year groups in the school what an assembly was as they had not had this experience before.

We have started to receive pictures of entries to our 'Great Lunt's Heath Bake Off' and we look forward to receiving more images of your creations next week before our 'Coffee' Morning next Friday. Remember to look for further information on the 'Newsletters' page of our website.

We hope the lovely weather holds for the weekend ahead so you can enjoy time outdoors as a family!

Kind Regards,

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This week's Award Winners are



Class	Awarded to....	Class Award for...
RL	Luca McCormick Hattie Sibley	<i>For showing super listening skills! For helping others and being a kind friend.</i>
RH	Frankie Fitzsimmons Esme Glover	<i>For always trying his very best with everything he does! For being a kind and caring friend to all!</i>
1L	Pippa Jones Daisy Gerrard Malachi Rea	<i>Always trying her best and being a super selfer! Brilliant effort in reading! Superstar Mathematician!</i>
1H	Arlo Allen Isabella Melia Zachary McCulla	<i>For always being polite and kind! Demonstrating awesome phonics! For producing fantastic Science work!</i>
2L	Edward Bennett Scarlett Murnane	<i>Brilliant effort with his handwriting. Excellent vocabulary work!</i>
2H	Zoe Mellor Carina Giannini Jasmine Murphy	<i>Showing focus and always giving 100% effort. Great understanding demonstrated in Maths. Working hard to improve her handwriting.</i>
3L	Emma Connor Jamie Lomax	<i>Being an excellent language detective in French! Cool calm attitude to his learning and being a role model.</i>
3H	Connie Turner George Ferguson	<i>Showing amazing perseverance with her handwriting and Maths. For always giving detailed explanations to support his answers.</i>
4L	Lucca King Daisy-May Kirk Freddie Spencer	<i>Always sharing excellent responses in class discussions. For writing an excellent Roman theatre factual account. Showing a real commitment to improve his presentation in writing.</i>



4H	James Latham Carly Flanagan	<i>Fantastic contribution and enthusiasm in during our Music lesson. Always having a 'can do' attitude to all aspects of her work.</i>
5L	William Bradley Erin York	<i>For being your best self in all subjects! For always having a positive attitude!</i>
5H	Blake Vale Jessica Davies	<i>For focusing in class and recognising his achievements! Asking great questions to help her make progress in her learning!</i>
6L	Heidi Cowley Haland Ava Jackson	<i>For being a great friend and giving wise advice! For persevering with her Maths and applying new strategies!</i>
6H	Luke Murray Michael O'Brien	<i>For showing great confidence in his Maths work! Stunning me with his piece of writing!</i>



We are so very proud of you all!



Year Group	<u>Lunchtime Stars</u> <i>For beautiful manners and outstanding behaviour</i>
Reception	Finley Thewlis
Year 1	Florence Gerrard
Year 2	Sylvie McCann
Year 3	Oscar Caldwell
Year 4	Carly Flanagan
Year 5	Esme Roach
Year 6	Hollie Grady



You are amazing!



News and Events

Playground reminders

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, even if they are on a lead or carried. We have several children who are afraid of dogs so kindly request that these are not brought to school when dropping off or collecting your child. If you must bring a dog, then this must be tied up and left outside the school gates.

Please leave any scooters or bikes in the bike shed rather than bringing these on to the school playground. If your child is riding their bike to or from school, then please ensure they are wearing a helmet for their safety.

Pupil Information Collection

All parents were sent an Evolve last week to collect information about your child. This form aims to collect all the information needed about your child to update our school records. We kindly request that this is completed and returned as soon as possible as it includes emergency contact information.

Parents Evening – Change of dates

Parents evening will run during week beginning 8th November 2021. Virtual meetings will continue to run via our Parent's Evening booking system and further details will follow. Unfortunately, due to other meetings we have been informed of this week we have needed to swap the dates for the year groups.

Rec, Years 2, 4 and 6 will now be held on the 8th and 10th November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

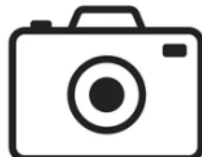
Years 1, 3 and 5 will be held on the 9th and 11th November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Lunt's Heath Open Evening – New Parents

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an open evening for prospective Reception parents on Thursday 21st October. Please encourage your friends and family looking for a place for their child to keep an eye on our school website, Facebook and Twitter pages as further information will be posted soon.

Year 6 - High School Open Evenings

We have started to receive information about High School open evenings, which we have sent home with your children. Please check the local high school's websites for more information about their events for prospective parents to inform your future decision.





British Values Drama

Class 3L have started drama sessions this half term run by Accent Music Company. The children were excellent performers, we have lots of budding actors in the class. The company will work with the other children in Years 3 and 4 throughout the year on a British Values project using drama, dance and singing.

School Clubs

After school clubs are as follows for this half term. Clubs are now full due to vast numbers, however these clubs will run again and priority will go to those who did not manage to secure a place this half term.

Monday AM	Judo – FROM MONDAY 20th September at 8am NB; This is a paid club run by Judo Education.
Monday PM	Year 1 and 2 Computer Club Year 3 and 4 Tennis Year 3 and 4 Football Club Year 5 and 6 Creative Art Club
Thursday PM	Year 1 and 2 Creative Club Year 1 and 2 Multi-sport Club Year 3 and 4 Creative Club Year 5 and 6 Football
Friday PM	Year 5 and 6 Multisport Club

All details of collection points and pick up times were included in the letters sent to parents and are all available on the school website.

PTA

Our fabulous PTA will be holding their first welcome meeting to all parents, old and new, on Monday 27th September at 5:30pm in our school hall.

Look out for our PTA members on the Key Stage 1 playground next week for you to ask questions or suggest fundraising ideas.

The PTA have their own informative newsletter but we shall include reminders of future PTA events in our weekly newsletter.



Harvest

As we approach our celebration of Harvest at the end of this half term, we are asking you to start considering if you could make a contribution to the Widnes Foodbank. Perhaps you could consider adding an extra item to your shopping for this collection. We will be collecting items in school during the week beginning 18th October and will pass on your contributions to them at the end of this week.

School Artist

Barry from Splash Art and Design joined us this week. The children in Year 6 really enjoyed working with him and have already produced some fantastic pieces of artwork. During the following weeks he will be working with different year groups based on our school text 'Here we are'.

Instrumental Lessons

We were pleased to welcome Martyn Lynch to school this week to provide Guitar and Keyboard lessons to the children. These were extremely popular and the children left their lessons buzzing about what they had learnt.

Great Lunt's Heath Bake Off and Macmillan 'Coffee' Morning



If your child would like to enter the Lunt's Heath Bake Off Competition then please post a picture of their bake on your child's Seesaw or Tapestry Account. The closing date for competition entries is Friday 24th September. Further information can be found on a separate letter on the school website.

Our 'Coffee' Morning for the children will take place in school on Friday 24th September where children may come to school in non-uniform and will be 'fined' £1 coin by their class teacher for doing so! We ask that children do not dye or spray their hair.

During the morning they will all enjoy juice, biscuit and a natter with their friends and if the sun shines, they can sit outside. **Please contact your child's class teacher directly if your child has any allergies that they should be aware of.**

Year 6 Bikeability

The children in Year 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in a Bikeability programme this half term. This will teach the children how to ride a bike safely. Initially the children's abilities are assessed on the playground along with the roadworthiness of their bike. Then if they pass level 1 of the training they are taken on to the roads surrounding the school in small groups to be taught how to ride safely. The children will need a bike and helmet to participate however these can be borrowed from the school if your child would like to take part and does not have their own. Look out for an Evolve this weekend for more information and to provide consent.

Year 5 Robinwood

Thank you to those parents who have opted to sign their child up for the Year 5 residential to Robinwood 3rd Dec - 5th Dec and have paid the deposit to reserve their place. Those parents will receive a further Evolve this weekend asking for personal information about your child that we will share with Robinwood. We will provide further information about the trip, nearer the time.



Funky Feet Friday

Funky Feet Friday launches on Friday 1st October and will be held on the first Friday of every month, making it easier to remember!

Funky Feet Friday is an initiative to encourage everyone to walk to school wearing their brightest or favourite pair of trainers or pumps and keep them on all day!

Snacks and Food

We are a **NUT FREE** school as we have a number of children with a **life threatening allergy**. Nuts are **strictly prohibited** as snack or lunch item such as Nutella bars, nuts and cereal bars containing any nut.

We are a **healthy school** but we also know that everyone deserves a treat now and then. With this in mind, from **Monday to Thursday** children must only bring **healthy snacks** ie; fruit, cheese, vegetables, oat bars (No chocolate, nuts, crisps (as a snack)). On Fridays they may bring a **NUT-FREE** treat such as Kit Kat or bag of crisps but **NOT** hard boiled sweets, chewy sweets, lollipops, sherbert, chewing gum etc. Free fruit is always available for all Key Stage 1 children.

Children must **only bring still, unflavoured water** into school, in a sports bottle, to drink during their **lesson times**. Juice is fine for packed lunches.

School Day Timings

Reception

Arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish **3.10pm**.

Key Stage 1

Years 1 and 2 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.05pm**.

Key Stage 2

Years 4 and 6 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.10pm**.

Years 3 and 5 arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish at **3.15pm**

PE Days

Reception start PE lessons in school on week beginning 13th September 2021

Years 1 to 6 start their PE lessons on week beginning 6th September 2021

CLASS	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
REC			OUTDOOR		INDOOR
Y1	INDOOR			OUTDOOR	
Y2			INDOOR	OUTDOOR	
Y3	OUTDOOR			INDOOR	
Y4	CLASS 4L SWIMMING *		4L + 4H OUTDOOR		4H ONLY INDOOR
Y5	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		
Y6		INDOOR		OUTDOOR	

Sweets

We kindly ask that you do not send sweets in to share with your child's classmates for any reason as we are a healthy school and have children with severe food allergies.

If it is your child's birthday they may wear a badge and we will make sure that we celebrate this in some way in class, if your child wishes

Jewellery

Ear rings must be plain silver or gold stud ear rings only – children will be required to remove any all other jewellery.

Hair

All long hair must be tied up. This is in the interest of health and safety.

P.E Kits

The children must wear a grey sweatshirt not a hoodie or a zipped jacket as these are unsafe for P.E.

Keeping Everyone Safe

If you need any information or answers to questions please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher first. Please appreciate that teachers are busy teaching their classes every morning and are not available unless it is an emergency. However teachers are available to meet after school. Face to face conversations are always best but if this is not possible then phone the office and request that the teacher returns your call after school closes providing brief details of your enquiry.



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM PHE AND HALTON REGARDING COVID-19 AND SCHOOL.

COVID-19 Guidance

CHANGES TO NATIONAL SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE

From 16th August, people who are under 18 years and 6 months, *or* who are fully vaccinated, will no longer legally need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, you are advised to get a PCR test, unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days.

However, anyone (regardless of age or vaccination status) who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms ((high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell) must get a PCR test as soon as possible, and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must then continue to isolate as usual.

What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the www.nhs.uk website, through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119 (NHS Test & Trace) if you do not have internet access.

Please see below for information on local test centres.

If your child has any of the above COVID-19 symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately and should not attend school.

Please phone the school to tell us that your child has COVID-19 symptoms and you are waiting for a COVID-19 PCR test result.

What should I do if my child's COVID-19 PCR test has come back positive?

Anyone with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the start of their symptoms, or
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic

Self-isolation means your child should not go to school/nursery, attend any out-of-school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care.

Please phone the school and tell them your child has a positive COVID-19 PCR test result and forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk It is really important you let school know if your child has COVID-19, so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19?

If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell), they do not have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19.

They are advised to have a PCR test before returning to school unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Children aged 5 and under do not need to take a PCR test unless they live with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) test?

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test, they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Other people who live in the same house do not need to self-isolate whilst you wait for the PCR test result, as long as they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.

What should I do if my child is unwell but doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child should not go to school if they are unwell. If you are worried, speak to your GP or a pharmacist, who will be able to advise you how long your child should stay off school/nursery. Otherwise we would recommend they stay at home for 48 hours or until the child is well. At the moment children do not need to get a PCR test if they do not have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lunt's Heath Primary School and Halton Borough Council will work together to keep you updated throughout the term, as needed. More information and advice can also be found on our website and Halton Borough Council website (www.halton.gov.uk).



Dropping Off & Collecting Children

The roads in the immediate vicinity of the school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We seek your help in keeping this area safe.

Please do not:

- stop or park on the zig-zag lines;
- park on the pavement or on bends;
- park in or walk through the car park. We ask that you act considerately and respectfully to our neighbours.

Please do:

- walk to school as often as you can;
- park away from the school and walk;
- consider residents and not block their driveways.
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Sun Safety

Should the weather start to improve (as it usually does when everyone returns to school!) please remember the simple steps that you can take to help protect your child in the sun:

- Continue to provide a fresh water bottle each day and encourage them to stay well hydrated;
- Apply sunscreen before school as required;

Provide a sun hat and sunglasses to be worn during periods outside (at own risk).

