

Halsall St Cuthbert's Newsletter J

Dogs Around School

It appears that there are dogs being exercised on the school premises. Each morning in the barked Activity Trail area, there are paw prints from what is probably a large dog. We are concerned that there will be dog mess and dog urine left on a daily basis and this is extremely unhygienic as the children use the equipment throughout the day. If you see people walking their dog on school premises, please let us know.

We need to stop them. They are trespassing.
Many thanks.

Labels on Clothes

Please could everyone check that their child's school clothes are all named. Items of clothing tend not to be lost and disappear, if the child's name is written on the tag. It also saves staff lots of time and parents lots of money. Thanks again.



Virtual Parents' Meeting

Tuesday 4th May (9-00am-4-00pm)

Information should already have been sent out regarding the Virtual Meetings.

Staff will be very busy throughout this day speaking to parents and providing a progress update following the recent round of assessments.

Please let staff know as a matter of urgency, if there is a time on that day when you will be unavailable to take a zoom call.

By Monday at the latest please.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer virtual meetings outside this window.

Thanks for your support and understanding in this matter.

School Improvements

Over the half-term holidays we managed to carry out the following work.

- Decorated the 3 sets of cloakrooms (infants, girls and boys)
- Repaired the outdoor shelters
- Cleared PTFA stores and field debris
- Painted the activity trail equipment
- Installed new LED lighting
- Refurbished restocked the fish tank
- Carried out temporary repairs to the car park. (hopefully this area will be tarmacked during half-term)

Collecting at the End of the School Day

Many thanks for your support with collecting children at the end of the day, for wearing masks, maintaining social distances and for leaving promptly. All this helps to reduce the risk of Covid spreading amongst our school community.

Please try and be there in the playground waiting, when your child emerges from school. Thanks again.

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Residential Holidays

We are so pleased that we have managed to secure new dates for our Year 6 Llandudno Holiday and the two PGL trips for the year 4 and 5 children.

Year Llandudno 14th-18th June

Year 4 PGL - 2nd-4th July

Year 5 PGL - 5th-7th July

It is worth acknowledging that these opportunities wouldn't be possible, if it weren't for the commitment of so many members of staff, giving up their time freely. They provide excellent supervision during these residential and they deserve our sincere thanks.

As a result of Covid restrictions and having to change the residential trip dates, certain events in the school calendar will need to be rescheduled.

We are hoping that some of our usual events will go-ahead and if they do, these are likely to be the amended dates.

Strawberry Teas Thursday 24th June (outdoors)

Family Fun Night and BBQ : Friday 25th June

Summer Carnival : Saturday 10th July

Sports Day : Tuesday 13th July (Res 14th)

Leavers' Service : Thursday 15th July (no change)

We would love to be able to arrange all these wonderful opportunities for the children but it may be that some will have to be cancelled again this year.

Many of these events involve a significant amount of organisation and rehearsals for the children. We have to consider the school time lost due to Covid lockdown and the need to help children catch-up on their lost learning.

It's not an easy balance to strike.

Thanks for your support in this matter.

Kidz Club and Breakfast Club

Whenever possible, please could you contact us in advance when you need Breakfast Club (Mrs Edney) or Kidz Club (Mrs Massam). We need to know numbers attending so that we can employ sufficient staff.

Breakfast Club : from 7-30am £4 from 8-00am £3

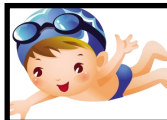
Kidz Club : to 4-30pm £4 to 5-30pm £7

Many thanks for you support for out-of-school provision.

Swimming

Children from Class C will be swimming each Friday starting next week 30th April.

The year 3 children from Class K will be swimming each Friday starting June 18th. (4 sessions)



Medication

Please ring school if your child ever needs to bring medication into school and complete a form. Please don't just put medication in the child's bag and ask them to be careful. This would be a safeguarding matter.

Forms are available from the school office. Many thanks.

Helping at Home

A massive thanks to all those parents who provide that essential support with homework reading, spelling, phonics, handwriting, tables etc. This investment in time really does make a difference and we can see this clearly in the children's eagerness to learn, their rate of progress and their achievement. Thanks.

