

Morning Drop-off

We feel that the morning drop-off is going very well. A steady trickle of children arriving over the 25 minutes (8-30am—8-55am) reduces congestion in the cloakrooms and helps us to keep within the school bubbles.

Please could everyone try and ensure that children are able to leave vehicles promptly with their coats, lunches and equipment ready. This reduces delays and queuing on the main road, which is something that we really need to avoid.

Thanks for your support in helping the children arrive at school on-time, keen and ready to learn. This is a great help.

Reminders :

- Please do not drop-off until 8-30am when you can see members of staff on-duty, to supervise and care for your child.
- If you arrive after 8-55am the playground gate will be locked. Please park up and bring your child to the school office. Thanks.

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Staffing

Mrs Georgina Green (teaching assistant) has now left Halsall to take up a position in Further Education with the promise of support to achieve QTS status. It's an opportunity that she just couldn't turn down. We wish her well in this new and exciting challenge.

Mrs Green was a valued member of staff for over 7 years and we thank her for all her hard work and

Reading

Please, please, please make time to listen to your child read, discuss the text and complete their reading record book daily.

If your child is struggling with reading they will tend to struggle in all areas of their learning. It's really important. Thanks.

Homework Completion : Vitally Important

Covid 19 has had a massive impact upon the children's academic progress and achievement. So much time and learning has been lost. Children need to catch up. So now more than ever before, support and encouragement to complete homework is imperative. Unfortunately at present, there are a good number of children in each setting who are not completing the set homework or only completing a part of it. If you can, please invest time in your child's education and support the efforts of staff. We want all the children at Halsall to reach their individual potential and have a bright educational future.

With your help this is achievable. Thanks.

St Cuthbert's Church

As you will probably know, Rev Paul Robinson recently left St Cuthbert's to take up a position in Cork in Southern Ireland. For the interregnum, the Rev Ian Hopkins will be working with the church and its parish. Rev Hopkins will be liaising closely with the school and taking class worship on a regular basis. We wish him well in this new adventure and challenge.



Harvest Service

To thank God for our wonderful autumn harvest this year there will be a short Harvest Service at St Cuthbert's Church on : Sunday 11th October. (8-00am) The service will be recorded and will be available online.

As there are so many people struggling at the moment, we are still asking for donations of hampers. (tins/packets/veg only please)

These can be dropped off at the school during the week beginning the 5th October. Rev Hopkins will be in school later in that week to bless the hampers and we'll also record this and it'll be available to view on the school website. Many thanks.



Labels and Names

Apologies for the reminder, but please could parents name all items of clothing, including PE kit. We have so many items left in school (some brand new and hardly worn) that we can't return to the children as they are not named.

It would also save so much time if children could have their names on their water bottles, packed lunch box, pencil cases and any else that they bring to school. Thanks again.



Early Activities : from 8-30am

The extra time children are having in the classroom when dropped off earlier, is having an impact. We are seeing improved progress, growing confidence and a better "readiness to learn" at the start of the day. These sessions are making a difference. Thankyou.

School Places

We have several spaces in the classes at the moment. If you know of someone who may be interested in sending their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's, please ask that they contact school as soon as possible. Thanks



Safety in the Car Park

If you feel that someone is driving too fast and irresponsibly, please let us know, in confidence.

A big thanks for helping to keep our car park as safe as possible for children and families. When driving into the school car park, it is very important that everyone takes notice of the flashing sign on the school wall. It indicates the speed of the vehicle.

Travelling 6 mph or less : Smiley Face

Travelling 7 mph or more : Sad Face

Please try and achieve a smiley face

The car park can be a busy place and you are less likely to seriously injure a child if you are driving slowly, 6mph or less.

Please try to adhere to the limit, not only on entry to the school car park but also when driving around the island, parking up and when exiting on to the main road. Please let anyone know, if they drop-off or collect your child from school.

Many thanks for your consideration in this matter.



Volunteers In School

If there are any parents who would like to help out in school, supporting children with their reading, basic maths, handwriting, art etc, please let us know. Volunteers are always welcome. We can arrange a DBS check.