

### Lunchtime Support

A big, big thanks once again to any parents with DBS, who have volunteered as welfare assistants when we have been short-handed recently. It's really important that we maintain our staffing levels at lunchtime to keep our children safe. A big thanks again.

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### Thermos Flasks

For health and safety reasons, we ask that children do not bring in a thermos flask with their packed lunch. We cannot check the temperature of the food in the container and the inner lining can sometimes shatter. Thanks.

### Mrs Wilson : New Challenge

Sadly, Mrs Sue Wilson will be leaving Halsall at the end of the half-term. Mrs Wilson has been a valued member of staff at Halsall St Cuthbert's for many, many years. She initially supported as a volunteer parent, then supported as an employed teaching assistant, eventually settling in her preferred phase, the Early Years. More recently, Mrs Wilson gained QTS after following a part-time course at Edge Hill University. She is now ready for a new challenge and hopes to secure full-time employment as an EYFS teacher in the near future. I'm sure that she'll do brilliantly. We wish her all the best for the future. Good luck

### School Reports

The reports will be sent home at the end of this half-term. Hopefully they'll provide parents with brief update as to how their child is performing in school. The reports should also answer any of the questions that parents posed on their reply slip. Thanks.



### PTFA Funds : School Trips

As you will be aware, the PTFA has often raised substantial sums and has remained committed to funding school trips and certain special activities. (saving us having to ask parents for donations like in most schools). This is extremely rare. Until the PTFA is able to organise fund-raising events again, we will need to ask for donations. I apologise for this but at present there is no alternative. Thanks for your understanding and support at this very difficult time.

### Covid 19 : Important

If someone in the household shows Covid 19 symptoms, please do not send your child into school until the person with the symptoms has been tested and received a negative result. Now that the children have settled-in, they are trying hard and are catching up on missed work, the last thing that we want is an outbreak of cases and having to close a bubble or even the whole school. This would be massive blow and inconvenience to so many families. Thanks.

### Faith Garden

We are presently revamping the school's Faith Garden. This area is primarily used by years 5/6 as an area for discussion, reading, contemplation and spiritual reflection. We have tidied up the area, cleared weeds and undergrowth and planted 400 daffodils and a dozen varied, new shrubs. These should establish quickly in the spring and look wonderful.



### Playground : Social Distancing

Could I please remind everyone of the importance of social distancing on the playground. The vast majority of people collecting children have been absolutely fantastic and have ensured that they always keep well apart from others. We want to reduce the possibility of any Covid transmission as much as possible. Many thanks. Please leave the playground promptly once your child has been released and is in your care.

### School Places

**We still have a small number of spaces available in certain classes and if you know of anyone who is keen on their child attending Halsall, please let them know and encourage them to contact school to arrange a chat and a tour.**

### Pick-Up 3-30pm

We would ask parents/carers to make sure that they are in the playground prior to the children being released at 3-30pm. Some of the children are quite upset when there is no one to pick them up and everyone else is leaving with their parent. If there is no one to collect by 3-35pm, the child will be passed on to Kidz Club and a small childcare fee will be payable. If you are going to be late please ring school and let us know. Many thanks for your concern and support with this matter

### Harvest Hampers

**A massive thanks to everyone who has sent in harvest goods. The response has been amazing and everyone has been so generous. Rev Ian Hopkins blessed all the donations the other day. The goods will be distributed to the many needy people and families in our society in the next few weeks. There will be a harvest service at 8-00am this Sunday 11th October. Thanks again.**

