

## Early Start / Homework

Many thanks to all those parents who are monitoring homework, providing support and ensuring that set tasks are completed and returned on-time.

**This makes a big difference.**

Homework is very important as it is often set to consolidate and reinforce children's learning in the classroom and very often extend it.

**If children do not complete their homework, they will be at a disadvantage.**

Now more than ever, we need to give children every chance to catch-up on lost learning.

As well as rolling-out a comprehensive intervention programme for those who need extra support, we are also **opening school at 8-30am each morning** to give children the opportunities to read more, practise their handwriting, revise spelling and number bonds, write stories, carry out mathematics activities etc.

This is a significant commitment from staff and we can see the benefit it is having on many, many children. Please take advantage of this extra learning time for your child and help them to reach the Expected Levels for their year group.

**Thanks for your support for this initiative.**

## Halsall St Cuthbert's C.E. Primary School NEWSLETTER

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### Children in Need

The children loved their pyjama day today. Many thanks to everyone who sent in money or donated



### Year 6 Safer Cycling

Year 6 pupils will be following a Safer Cycling programme next week.

(Tues+Wed)



Could we ask parents not to enter the playground if the sessions are still continuing late into the afternoon. Please could parents use the checklist to ensure bikes are roadworthy. They can be dropped off at school on the Monday or Tuesday morning and they'll be kept safe in the school hall. Thanks.

### Face Masks

A big thankyou to everyone for wearing a face mask when coming onto the school playground or visiting the school office. It is much appreciated. If anyone has an underlying health condition and is unable to wear a mask, please let us know and that is fine. We would however, ask that anyone not wearing a mask, waits outside the playground gates and away from other parents and carers. **This is for the safety of everyone.** Thanks for your support and in this matter.

### Friday 20th Nov Bullying Awareness

#### Odd Socks Day

Children will be encouraged to come to school wearing ODD SOCKS



### Hand Sanitiser

At the start of the term, we asked that all parents provide children with a small bottle of gel so that they can sanitise their hands whenever they need to at their desks. This safety measure has been very useful and I am confident it has helped keep transmission of the virus within the classes.



**Please could you check your child bottle and replace if necessary.** As well as this, we always encourage children to wash their hands on a regular basis and use the disposable paper towels and hand driers. They are also able to use the many gel dispensers which are located around the school. Thanks for your help with this matter.

### Dog Mess

Once again, we've had to clear dog mess from the activity trail.

If anyone sees people with dogs on the school premises, please let us know so we can speak to them.

### DOJO : Switch On

We are now starting to send out more information through DOJO.

Please ensure that you have notifications **switched on** to receive messages.  
**MANY THANKS**

### Covid Guidelines : Self-Isolating

It seems that the guidelines change on a daily basis and it's hard to know exactly what to do for the best. Put simply though -

- If any individual in your household bubble shows Covid symptoms (cough, temperature, no taste/smell) **everyone** must self-isolate and the person showing the symptoms **must arrange to be tested.**
- If you get confirmation that someone in your one household has been in contact with someone who has tested positive, **everyone** must self-isolate. If anyone then starts to show Covid symptoms, they **must arrange to be tested.**

### Water Bottles

Many thanks for sending the children to school with a water bottle each day. This enables them to access a drink whenever they want and certainly helps to improve their concentration.

When children sometimes forget to bring their water bottle, we encourage them to let us know as soon as possible. We would not wish them to go thirsty. Thanks again.



### Christmas Activities

Because of Covid 19, we can't arrange our normal Christmas activities but we are determined to make sure that the children have a great time. Although a little different from normal, we are still organising party days, a Christmas Tree, a visit and presents from Father Christmas, a Christmas film, an entertainer, Christmas games and music. Each class will be decorated, the children will sing a carol for the school website and we are having a Christmas Jumper Day. The PTFA is also organising a Grand Christmas Raffle. It should be great fun.



### New Staff in School

In recent weeks we have appointed 3 new teaching assistants.

**Mrs Maria Dunne (HLTA) will support learning in the upper Juniors.**

**Mrs Gillian Lomax will support learning in the early years.**

**Mrs Caroline Woolrich will support Class K and Intervention groups.**

All arrive with lots of experience and glowing references and I'm confident that they'll be great assets to the school in the years to come.

A big thanks to the parents who have kindly helped out with welfare supervision, cleaning and Kidz Club, when we have been short of staff.

It's much appreciated. Thanks to Mrs Richardson, Mrs Stone, Mrs Edney, Mrs Barker, Mrs Taylor, Ms McNally, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Murphy, Ms Leivesley, Mrs Almond, Mrs Jones, Ms Davies. *Apologies if I have missed anyone.*