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NEWSLETTER 01

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Last year we were very fortunate to secure a grant of £20,000 to enable us to reduce the financial burden for the families who have children at our school.

This allowed us to:

- subsidise all residential visits (£5461.35),
- cover the cost of all class visits and visitors (£5480.75),
- provide free after school clubs (£4600),
- provide music enrichment for the children in Year 5 – who all got to learn how to play the guitar (£1550),
- issue each child who would be at our school this September with a free new school polo-shirt and PE top (£2636.97).

We also reduced the cost of school meals from £2.50 to just £1.50 per meal – for all families whose children are not eligible for free school meals. This is something that we have continued this school year.

Last week it was confirmed that the same organisation would be providing the same level of financial support – which is something we are extremely grateful for!

We are looking to reinstate the Year 4 & Year 5 residential visit to London (in May 2023) - and we are very much aware that costs associated with fuel, energy, transport, accommodation and food continue to spiral.

Therefore, for this year, we have allocated:

- £11,920 to subsidise the cost of all residential visits. (Our Year 6 families will be aware that we have been reduce the cost of the Year 6 residential from £235 to £135 already this year).
- £5250 to cover the cost of as many educational visits and visitors as we can. (The teaching staff are busy booking experiences for the children in their class – and you will see some of these will be taking place this term. This funding also helped to pay for the transport to/from Chester Zoo for the children in Years 1 to 6 last week).

If you have a child who went to the zoo, you will soon receive a letter which can be exchanged for a FREE family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) to gain entry to Chester Zoo – on any non-school day - between now and 22nd March 2023. We apologise that we are not able to extend this to the children in our Reception class – we did try! If you have more than one child at our school, the letter will be sent home with the eldest child. If these letters get lost or damaged, they cannot be replaced – so please take great care of them. Equally, if you know that you will not use the free pass – or have an annual pass already – please consider returning these to the school, so they can be allocated to another family.

- £2920.93 to employ a play therapist to support those children who need this the most.

At present, we are also offering a significant number of after-school clubs for free. This is something that we may not be able to do for much longer – but we do not want to deter any child attending a club that they love and enjoy (so please come to speak with us if the cost ever becomes a barrier for your child to attend).

We still have places in a number of the free after school clubs that are taking place this half term. Please have a look on School Spider to see if there are any that your child could attend.

This year we will also be having a series of Inter-House Sporting Competitions, which will cover:

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| - Autumn 1 | Tag Rugby |
| - Autumn 2 | Indoor Athletics |
| - Spring 1 | Dodgeball |
| - Spring 2 | High 5 Netball |
| - Summer 1 | Handball |
| - Summer 2 | Cricket |

At present, the Year 6 pupils are considering if they would like to be a Sports House Captain and we have entered a wide range of inter-school competitions throughout the year. The first of these took place last week – and we are very proud of our Year 5 & Year 6 High 5 Netball Team who finished joint second in an inter-house competition held at The Heath School. The players just keep getting better and better and we feel that we will have a very strong High 5 Netball Team ready to compete to win the trophy at the next inter-school competition, next term.

School Photographs

If your child was in school on Wednesday, they should have arrived home with a small piece of paper with their name and a QR code on it. This provides all of the information that you require to see your child's school photographs – and to place an order (if you so wish).

Halton Health Improvement Team

Welcome to the first Healthy Schools Newsletter for the 2022-23 school term. Halton Health Improvement Team have given the newsletter a revamp and are now using Padlet.

Parents newsletter:

<https://padlet.com/HaltonHIT/kxkmsfbkonytivbs>

Dates For Your Diary

As we have now reached the end of September, we thought it was important to share the dates of some key school events with you:

Fri 30 Sept Year 1 Geography Study of the Local Area

October

Mon 3 Oct Year 3 Inter-House Tag Rugby Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Wed 5 Oct Year 6 (am) and Year 5 (pm) class visit to Gillmoss Recycling Centre

Wed 5 Oct 13:30 to 15:30 – Year 3 & Year 4 Inter-School Tag Rugby Competition (at Halton Lodge Primary School)

Mon 10 Oct Year 5 Inter-House Tag Rugby Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Tues 11 Oct (pm) Year 3 class visit to Halton Lea Library to meet Dr Matt Prichard (and watch a Magic Science Show)

Wed 12 Oct (am) Year 6 class visit to St Chad's to take part in a Sports Day – Children will need to wear PE kits

Mon 17 Oct Year 6 Inter-House Tag Rugby Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Tues 18 Oct (pm) Year 2 class visit to St Andrew's Church

Wed 19 Oct 15:30 to 17:00 – Year 5 & 6 Quicksticks (Hockey) Inter-School Competition at The Grange Academy

Half Term = 24th to 28th October

Mon 31 Oct Year 1 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

November

Tues 1 Nov Parents' Evening (Day 1 of 2)

Wed 2 Nov Parents' Evening (Day 2 of 2)

Thurs 3 Nov Flu vaccinations (for children in all year groups) – provided parental consent has been given

Mon 7 Nov (pm) Year 3 Diwali Workshop

Mon 7 Nov Year 2 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Tues 8 Nov (pm) Year 5 taking part in "I'm A Scientist Get Me Out Of Here!"

Wed 9 Nov 13:30 to 14:45 – KS1 Inter-School 'New Aged Kurling' Competition at St Martin's Primary School

14th to 18th Nov Anti-Bullying Week

Mon 14 Nov Year 3 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Mon 14 Nov (pm) Year 5 class visit to Halton Lea Library

Fri 18 Nov Children In Need Day

Mon 21 Nov Year 4 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Wed 23 Nov 13:30 to 14:45 – KS1 inter-School Boccia Competition at The Grange Academy

Mon 28 Nov (pm) Motivational Speaker (Bart Gee) leading whole school assembly... followed by workshops for Year 5 and Year 6

Mon 28 Nov Reception Inter-House Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Wed 30 Nov 15:30 to 16:45 – Year 3 & Year 4 Inter-School Athletics Competition at The Grange Academy

December

Mon 5 Dec Year 5 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Mon 12 Dec Year 6 Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition – Children will need to wear PE kits

Tues 13 Dec 13:45 – Infant Nativity Performance

Wed 14 Dec 13:45 – Infant Nativity Performance

Tues 20 Dec Christmas Jumper Day – including Christmas Lunch (for all children and staff)

Wed 21 Dec School closes at 13:45

Christmas Holiday = 22nd December to 3rd January

January

Wed 4 Jan School reopens at 08:40

Dates of other important school events – beyond the Autumn Term – will be shared with you in due course. We also hope to add a few more events, such as a Halloween Disco for the children, to the diary dates between now and Christmas!