



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter of the term. I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas from all at Halsnead. I hope that you enjoy time together with family and friends and find time to celebrate together. I would like to thank you for your support with our Christmas events this week. We have raised over £400 from our virtual Christmas fair - all of which will go towards providing experiences for our children to enjoy over the course of the year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We are really proud of our children for their performances in our carol concerts this week. The children practiced learning new carols and Christmas songs and really enjoyed performing to family and friends.

We have so many exciting activities planned for next week, including our Christmas parties, online Christmas pantomimes and our Halsnead Value Awards special assembly. We look forward to an exciting final 2 days next week!

Merry Christmas and best wishes to all of our Halsnead community this Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

Strive to Achieve

MERRY
christmas

We will see you on **Monday 20th December** and **Tuesday 21st December** next week for the last two festive fun-filled days of school in 2021!

School Admission Procedures - Primary Closing Date

Please note that the closing date for Reception place applications for the September 2022 intake is fast approaching; **15th January 2022**. Please follow the link to apply online: <https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>
Please see the attached poster for more information.

PARENT GOVERNOR Vacancy

Please see attached an advert that we posted on our school website regarding a Parent Governor vacancy. This will commence in 2022.

Kid's Club & Dinner Payments

If your child attends Breakfast and/or Kid's Club, please ensure that any outstanding payments are up to date to avoid losing your place in January.

If you have any outstanding dinner money debts, please pay these as soon as possible. All payments are to be made via Parentapp.

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **13th December 2021**.
Congratulations to **3K** who achieved **100%** attendance — well done!
Overall school attendance was **92.1%**
OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: 97%

Year 3 - Miss Keenan	100
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	97.5
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	96.8
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby	95.7
Reception - Mrs Wills	94.6
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	91.8
Reception - Miss Lucas	90.6
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	88.3
Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	87.6
Year 6 - Mr Owen	85.7
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	82.8



The Heath Family (NW)
A Multi-Academy Trust



Christmas

at Halsnead

Monday 20th December

Panto AM – Aladdin

Party Day - Children to wear party clothes and bring into school any pre-packaged/dated food – crisps, sausage rolls, cakes biscuits etc

Tuesday 21st December

AM – Values Assembly via Microsoft Teams (Parents of children awarded invited).

School closes for Christmas. Your child will finish at the normal time.

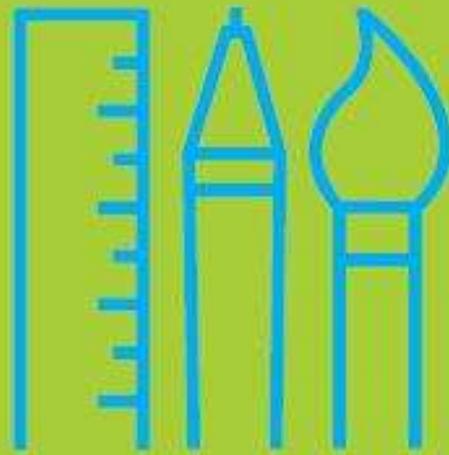
School will return on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for the Spring term.



DT Day

Yesterday, the whole school participated in DT Day. From baking cakes and making their own pizzas and healthy snacks, to sewing intricate baubles for the Christmas tree - every class enjoyed a fantastic day! All designs were based around a Christmas theme. Products were designed, created and evaluated. It was a really successful day, which encouraged the children to collaborate and use their integrity when problem solving. Well done everyone!





Parents of pre school children
It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2022 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2022

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2022.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2021 and 15 January 2022 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142



HALSNEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR (February 2022 or sooner subject to vetting process)

What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of Trust Appointed, Parent, Staff and Associate Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves. We are currently looking for a Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- time and commitment to spare
- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Parent Governor at Halsnead Primary School.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping students reach their potential

What is the Governing Body's Role?

- oversight of the finances for the school
- decide on the number of staff
- decide on the level of pay for teachers
- help to decide the priorities for the school when the school improvement plan is being developed
- ensure the national curriculum is taught to all pupils
- set targets for pupil achievement
- publish national test and exam results
- compare the performance of their school to similar schools
- receive information about the quality of teaching in the school
- have a published strategy for dealing with parental complaints and concerns
- ensure health and safety issues are addressed
- set the times of school sessions
- consult the Principal when making decisions
- ask challenging questions
- help develop school policies and procedures
- consider the repair and maintenance of school buildings
- consider the use of school premises outside school hours
- appoint committees of governors to look at specific issues such as finance, staffing, inclusion.

If you are interested, please contact Amanda Tyrell, Administrator, at Halsnead Primary School, Pennywood Drive, Prescott L35 3TX, 0151 477 8130 or by email ATyrell@HPS.theheathfamily.org.uk for an application form (closing date: Friday 17th December 2021) The Heath Family (NW) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students and the post is subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (formerly Criminal Records Bureau). Further information about DBS checks can be found at www.gov.uk/crb-criminal-records-bureau-check.

VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



Our School Values - Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Collaboration, Integrity, Kindness

Half Term Value - Resilience

Value Behaviour of the Week - We review, edit and retry work with a positive attitude.

Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Nursery: Nursery - You have all been superstars this term. Each and everyone have you have shown resilience in many ways. I am proud of all your achievements. I hope you have the best Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

Reception - Miss Lucas

RL: Reception, I couldn't be prouder of each one of you! This half term you have all shown our school values in everything you do. There isn't a day that goes by without another adult making a positive comment about your actions and words. You all strive to achieve in everything you do, but you all know and understand the importance of making mistakes. Your determination to keep on trying, just like Rosie Resilience is admirable and something to be proud of. Mrs Irving and I are so grateful that we get to spend every day with you all. Have a lovely Christmas break and enjoy your time with your loved ones! 

Reception - Mrs Wills

RW: Class RW, I am so proud of the resilience you have all shown this term. It has been lovely to see you all growing in confidence and determination. You all enjoy challenging yourselves by trying out new activities. It is wonderful that you keep going until you succeed. You have all been just like Rosie Resilience helping and encouraging each other. I am so lucky to have a class full of superstars. Thank you children.

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

1K: Wow! How quick has our first term in Year 1 gone! You have all made me so proud with how much resilience you have shown every single day, I know Rosie Resilience would be so proud of you! Thank you all for your hard work and for making me smile every day too. We have ended the term with a fabulous week, our lovely Christmas Carol service, making fruity Santa faces and a special visit from Santa this morning! I know that next term will be just as amazing and I am looking forward to seeing how much more progress we all make! Have a lovely Christmas and I will see you all in 2022!

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

1 2 T: During this half term, we have focused on the value resilience. All pupils in 1 and 2T have demonstrated this value in abundance. Everyone has problem solved and reasoned in maths. In English we have used conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and adverbs to write our own version of The Terrible Beast! We have used fantastic collaboration skills, working as a team to complete scientific group activities and perform group balancing sequences as part of gymnastics. All pupils have persevered and rolled their sleeves up when they found a school day challenging. We have learnt it is ok to make mistakes as this shows we are learning. I am extremely proud of every child for all the hard work and determination they have shown, you really do deserve a wonderful Christmas break with your family. Enjoy every moment and I look forward to seeing you return to school in January for lots more fun. Merry Christmas!

VALUE AWARDS

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

2S: Our value this half term was resilience. I am so proud of 2S who show resilience day in, day out. We celebrate mistakes and love to remind ourselves and each other that mistakes are good because we learn from them! We've faced challenges when writing about a Terrible Beast, and worked together to improve our writing and have thrived from lots of new spelling rules! Well done 2S. As always, I am so proud of you all!

Year 3 - Miss Keenan

3K: - Resilience - Where do I start? You have all been absolutely amazing! Each and every one of you have come to school with resilience. You try and try until you get it right and you know that getting answers wrong is all a part of the process and you learn from it. You are an absolute inspiration to me daily when you try your best everyday. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending every day with you and you have taught me so much. I am so proud to be your teacher!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

3 4 EW: 3 and 4 EW - What a half term we have had. We have been busy being scientists on our trip to the Catalyst Museum, demonstrating our school values of Robbie Respect, India Integrity and Colleen Collaboration perfectly. You have embraced the new topics we have covered with resilience and you have all strived to be just like Andy Aspiration. Your warm smiles and happy faces have been a delight to see every day, just like Kieran Kindness. Keep being amazing, well done, we are proud of you. Mrs Westoby and Mrs Elwill.

Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

4R: 4R, this first term has flown by! You have all worked so hard, Mrs Jones and I have been impressed by your resilience and aspiration. You are a lovely class; you make us laugh and smile every day - it's been a pleasure getting to know you all! Have a lovely Christmas and we'll see you in the new year to have more fun! Bring it on 2022 - we're ready for you!

Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

5L: What a fantastic term we have had in 5L. We have produced brilliant balances and sequences in gymnastics, solved many mathematical problems in maths, investigated microorganisms in science and produced some fantastic narrative stories in English. The resilience that the children have shown this term has made us all so proud and each and every one of them has tried their best in everything they have worked on.

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

5 6 D: 5/6D have blown me away this half term with their determined attitudes to learning. I couldn't be prouder of how they conduct themselves both inside and outside of school. You show resilience in abundance and never fail to make me smile. Thank you for all your hard work! Enjoy a well earned break with family at Xmas and I'll see you all in the new year. I am the luckiest teacher in the world!

Year 6 - Mr Owen

6O: 6/O you have had such a difficult term and I have been overwhelmed by the resilience you have shown. The progress you are making because of your attitudes towards learning is really starting to show and I am excited to see how much more progress is going to be made in the New Year. Have a safe and enjoyable rest over the festive period, ready for another term of intense, hard work - your very proud teacher (Mr Owen).