



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. Wishing you all a very happy new year! I hope that you all had a nice Christmas break and enjoyed time together with family and friends. We have been talking to children about new year's resolutions in school. It is a great time to make a new commitment to make a change. Talk to children about what resolutions they have made and what things they could really work hard at this year.

Our half term value is integrity. Each week we will be talking to children about our integrity value behaviours and reflecting on how we have shown integrity. Integrity is about choosing to do the right thing, even when it is hard.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including a range of trips and visitors to school. In February we will be welcoming the National Theatre into school to perform a live Shakespeare play to our KS2 children! We can't wait!

With rising energy costs and inflation, many are facing financial difficulties across the country. We are here to support in any way that we can. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and need some support, please come into school and speak to us. We are here to help in any way we can.

I hope you have a lovely weekend! We are so excited for the term ahead.

Mr Catt

Dave Catt Head of School

2023

WELCOME BACK



SPRING TERM

Spring term targets

Following Autumn Term assessments. Children are set new targets to work on during the spring term. These are shared with the children in school and are worked on when the children are completing their tasks in class. To view your child/children's class newsletter please look on our school website, click on learn with us, classes and then find your child's year group.



Primary intake reminder September 2023

If you have a child that is due to start school next September (Born between 1st September 2018 and the 31st August 2019) The online application is now open on the Knowsley council's website <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place>. Applications are about to close and should be made by Sunday



Let us know when.....

There has been change of contact details:

If anyone has been lucky enough to have a new phone for Christmas. Please make sure that the office has the details so that we can update our contact systems. Also if you have any changes to your address or email details. Thank you.

Changes in medical needs:

Has your child been recently diagnosed with anything that school should know about? are they now asthmatic and require an asthma care plan? All these things school should be aware of. If your child requires medication a form must be completed before school can administer anything.

Changes in circumstances:

If you feel there has been a change within the family which you think could affect your child and we should be aware of by us knowing this helps us to monitor your child and help if required.

Poem of the week

The Word Party by Richard Edwards

Loving words clutch crimson roses,
Rude words sniff and pick their noses,
sly words come dressed up as foxes,
short words stand on cardboard boxes,
common words tell jokes and gabble,
 complicated words play scrabble,
swear words stamp around and shout,
 hard words stare each other out,
foreign words look lost and shrug
 careless words trip on the rug,
long words slouch with stopping shoulders,
 code words carry secret folders,
 silly words flick rubber bands,
 hyphenated words hold hands,
strong words show off, bending metal,
 sweet words call each other 'petal'
small words yawn and suck their thumbs
 till at last the morning comes.
Kind words give out farewell posies....
 snap! the dictionary closes.



Author of the month

SIMON JAMES GREEN



Simon James Green has written 12 books (so far!) which range from picture books through to young adult novels. They include wonderful representation of the LGBTQ+ community, whose stories are told through Simon's hilarious writing and fun adventures.

The bright covers of his books will entice you in (you can definitely judge these books by their covers!) and keep you entertained with its pages.

If you like **Sam Copeland** or **Benjamin Dean**, you'll love these books!

Books are an invitation to the adventure of a lifetime. To accept, just turn the page!

'Life of Riley' was the winner of the Fantastic Book Awards, 2022.

Simon James Green says:

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE?
[HTTPS://WWW.GOV.UK/30-HOURS-FREE-CHILDCARE](https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)**

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STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

Be suspicious of new information

SHOW
RESPECT
TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT
IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T
CHAT WITH
STRANGERS

BE HONEST
WITH PARENTS
& CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION
before
downloading
anything

AVOID SHARING
PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to
trusted
apps

TAKE NOTICE
OF AGE
RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK
YOUR NEWS
SOURCES

Don't give away
personal
information

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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 - Integrity
Value Behaviour of the Week - We are role models to others.

Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Nelly - Nelly has had a wonderful first week back. She has shown integrity all week and has independently accessed all of our exciting activities. Nelly has wowed us with her counting well done Nelly.

Thomas - Thomas has shown us he is a fantastic mathematic this week. He accessed our maths challenge and could count objects to six and recognise his numbers to 10. Well done Thomas you super star.

Reception - Miss Lucas

Jonathon AV - Jonathon, what a brilliant first week back you have had! Just like India Integrity, you have been making good choices and showing others how to make good choices. You have been a role model to everyone, by modelling beautiful manners, great listening ears and kind words. Well done, Jonathon! We are very proud.

Lucas Y - Lucas, Lucas, Lucas, wow! You are just like India Integrity! You have come back from your time off with determination, kindness, and integrity. You have been making amazingly good choices and showing aspiration to achieve great things in your work. Lucas, we are very proud! Well done!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Mason R - What an excellent start you have made to the new term. It has been wonderful to see you arrive each day ready to learn. You have shown good focus when completing your work and you are proud to show your work to others. You have been working productively as both a partner and team member, supporting and encouraging your peers. Keep up the hard work Mason.

Raegan P - Raegan you are a shining example of integrity; you can always be relied upon to make the right choices. You are a caring class member who helps others in need and never judges others when they make mistakes but instead will offer them support. You have a real strength of character and never let us down. What a great role model you are Raegan.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Georgie A: Georgie, you are honest, kind, and respectful. You will politely make me aware if someone is making the wrong choice and you feel downhearted if you realise you have made an incorrect decision - this shows you care and you always learn from your mistakes. Georgie, we are very lucky to have you as part of the Halsnead community.

Delilah F: Delilah - I can honestly say that integrity runs through your veins! Every single day you demonstrate integrity in abundance. You always follow instructions first time; you will display all the school values even when you think nobody is watching and you stand up for what you believe in. Delilah, be proud of the young lady you are developing into.

VALUE AWARDS

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Lawrance - Lawrance is a wonderful example of integrity. He knows to make the right choice, and to always be honest. He has been working very hard this week with independent writing and has really challenged himself. Keep it up

Lawrance, I am so proud!

Louis - What a start to 2023! Louis has blown me away with his passion for learning. He has been eager to read new books and has clearly been practicing at home! I am so proud of you Louis, keep it up!

Year 3k-Mrs Keenan

Corbin - Integrity - Wow! What a start to the term! Corbin has shown integrity in abundance! He loves helping those around him and never looks for praise when doing it. He is a great friend and is always there for those who need him. A true role model!

Tom - Integrity - Another star! Where do I even start? Tom, you truly are an embodiment of integrity. You love helping those around you and you do it so naturally. You are always on task and trying your best in absolutely everything you do! What a great start to the term!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Georgie - for always being a shining example of India Integrity. You are honest; hard-working and a good friend to everyone. Thank you for being you.

Teigan - for being an excellent class member and always showing integrity in everything you do. You have a positive attitude to learning and you are a role model of behaviour in class and around school.

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

Karmen- you have blown me away this week! You have worked so hard and taken pride in your work. You show integrity by always making good choices, even when nobody is watching! You are always there to lend a helping hand and encouraging others when they are finding things difficult. You always put others before yourself and show kindness to everybody. Great job!

Alby- what a fantastic start to Halshead! You have got stuck in with your learning, spoken to new people and familiarised yourself with our school. We are happy that you joined our class and everyone in 4T is looking forward to learning with you throughout the year. Keep up the good work!

Year 5 - Miss Neale

Ruby- Ruby has had a great first week back after the break, settling back in very well. She has shown all our values, especially integrity. She has been willing to learn new things, and bursting to tell the teachers any new information she has gained! Keep it up Ruby.

Mia- Mia has settled back into school life very well this week! She has been trying very hard in her Maths and English lessons and has been showing all of our values and has been a very kind friend to all. Keep up the hard work Mia, all your teachers are very proud!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Ruby R-has shown great integrity this week. She was very honest during the 'gang' sessions and justified her thinking. Rudy has also made a great start to this half term. Well done, Ruby, keep it up!

Holly M-has had a fantastic start to this half term. She has been kind, helpful and shows great integrity. I have been impressed by her willingness to learn and enthusiastic attitude. We'll done Holly, keep it up!

Year 6-Mr Lenaghen

Isla C - What a superstar this young lady is! Not only has she come back with a brilliant attitude after Christmas, but she also wrote her own comic book during the holidays. It is filled with a well-thought-out storyline and beautiful illustrations. We love to see the children enjoying their learning!

Bobby - Bobby is a brilliant young man who has a massive appetite for learning. No matter the lesson, no matter the topic, Bobby will have a fact or a piece of knowledge to add, and this is all down to the learning and reading he does in his own time. Another fantastic example of children taking responsibility of their own learning.