

# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have had another busy and exciting week!

I would like to start by saying how proud we are of our library champions. They are a group of children from KS2 who meet together weekly to promote the love of reading across school. This week, they met with an external design company to discuss their ideas for our school library. They were fantastic! The children will be working alongside Josh from Design Office to plan our library interior. The number one theme was an enchanted forest...watch this space!

We have had some excellent sport going on across school this week. Our Year 4 children have been swimming each day, and they have shown determination, resilience and we have seen so much progress in a short space of time. We would also like to promote our family fitness classes that take place after school on a Thursday. If you would like to attend with your child, please contact the school office and ask for a letter.

On Thursday we had our character curriculum day. The focus of the session was kindness, and can we make a difference to the world. Children reflected on their future aspirations and how they can make a difference to others. We spoke about the importance of being kind to everyone and how small acts of kindness go a long way!

Each Friday after school we will have our Zero Food Waste event at school. This will be held in our outdoor classroom on dry days, or in our Kid's Club room (KS1 playground entrance). Please come along and take what you can use.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

# Nursery



**We built a  
snowman!**

# Please remember

## CARS AND KIDS DON'T MIX

Please park away  
from our school



SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR  
THANK YOU

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# Author of the month

ZANIB MIAN



Little Rebels Children's Book Award  
2018 for 'The Muslims'.

It was at primary school that Zanib fell in love with writing. Despite this, she studied molecular cell biology at university and became a secondary science teacher before starting her career in publishing.

She realised that there was not always representation for every child in books, so set up Sweet Apple Publishing with a clear intention to publish representative children's books.

If you like **Annabelle Sami** or **Sam Copeland**, you'll love these books!

*Tell the stories  
that you have  
lived. People  
want to read  
them!*

Zanib Mian says:

# Strike

March 2023

Dear Parent or Carer

Following recent ballots by teaching unions, I am writing to inform you that I have received notification that teachers at Halsnead will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 (next week). There are many different teaching Unions within education; not all our staff are in the NEU, which is the Union that have voted to strike on this occasion. After completing a risk assessment of the school and reviewing the number of teachers that will not attend, we have made a decision to close the following classes:

Reception - CLOSED  
Year 1/2T - CLOSED  
Year 2S - CLOSED  
Year 3K - CLOSED  
Year 3/4K - CLOSED  
Year 5N - CLOSED  
Year 5/6D - CLOSED

The following classes will be open as normal:

Nursery - OPEN  
Year 1W - OPEN  
Year 4T - OPEN  
Year 6L - OPEN

Lunch grab bags will be available for any families entitled to a free school meal. These will be available to collect on Tuesday from the school office. If you would like to order a lunch for both days, please return and indicate on the slip below.

If you have any concerns, or need support or advice with arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will do all we can to support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Catt

# Poetry Corner

Nothing to Do

By Valerie Bloom

There are dishes in the sink  
And they're begging to be washed,  
There's the mess to be cleaned up  
From that banana you just squashed.

Come with me for a minute,  
Let me show you to your room,  
It is gasping for a visit  
From the dustpan and the broom.

It appears that all your bedclothes  
Have been fighting with your bed,  
And that plate of old spaghetti  
I am sure has long been dead.

There's a curtain of old cobwebs  
Stretched across your bedroom wall,  
And muddy wellies do not add  
To the decor in the hall.

Did you say that you've gone out  
And got yourself a maid?  
Then who is going to clear up  
That spilt cake and orangeade?

Come along, I'll introduce you  
To someone you ought to meet,  
This is Lady Vacuum Cleaner,  
She makes homes tidy and neat.

So you've finished all your homework  
And packed your school bag, I suppose?  
There are a million things to do  
Right underneath your nose.

I wonder why Mum  
Has to get in such a stew  
When I tell her that I'm bored  
And there's nothing here to do.



# VALUE AWARDS



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

**Half Term Value** - Kindness

**Children's value behaviour-** We treat people how we expect to be treated

**Significant person:** Heroes of the community

## Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Abby** - You have settled into our nursery and made lots of new friends. You show kindness with all the children in our class we are so proud of you.

**Dante**- What a week you have had. You have shown all our school values. You are such a kind and caring young man.

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Jace T** - Jace, you have spent all week on the top of our golden star! You have shown exceptional manners, kindness and collaboration this week. I have spotted you offering kind words to others and working as a team to achieve a goal. Well done mate. Keep it up! ☆

**Bonnie N** - Bonnie, every single day you show Kieron Kindness, and this week has been the same! You have been spotted inviting others to join into your play and heard saying kind words to others like, 'I love your hair today, you look beautiful.' Bonnie, well done! ☆

## Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Jacob F** - Everyday a huge smile spreads across your face as you show great positivity in school. You show kindness with your words and actions. Just like Kieron Kindness you are a great friend to others, giving out lots of caring hugs. Keep smiling Jacob.

**Lily K** - What a kind person you are Lily. It is so lovely to see you care for others. You always use your smile to welcome others. Your smiling face makes everyone happy as well as your big hugs. Thank you for showing kindness every day. What a star you truly are Lily.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Eliza R:** Eliza thank you for displaying such kindness. You use kind words and actions and think of others without wanting anything in return. Every day you brighten our classroom with your smile.

**Lexi:** Lexi you are incredibly kind to your friends and worry about them if they are upset. You listen to them and make them laugh! Don't stop showing Keiron Kindness - it is a wonderful trait.

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Dolce** - For always having a big smile on her face throughout the day, she spreads kindness throughout the classroom every day.

**Finley** - For being an excellent class member and always cheering his friends up with his humour.

## Year 3k-Mrs Keenan

**Callum** - Well this one an easy value star to give! You embody kindness every day. During FR, you are a true leader, you enjoy helping people and asking relevant questions to help expanded their learning. You show kindness to your table and thrive when helping others! Well deserved.

**Sophia** - Where do I start? You carry yourself with kindness each day! You love telling people wonderful and crazy facts (and I love listening to them!). You always are so loving and caring to all around you and enjoy helping others when they need it the most! Well done!

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Ashna A** - for always being a kind, caring and considerate classmate who always thinks of others. You are wise beyond your years and an excellent role model to others.

**Lucas**- for always being a good friend, you have such a kind and sweet natured soul and you always look out for others. You are pleasure to have in 3/4K.

## Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Brooke**, you are brilliant! I have heard so many wonderful things about you this week and how you have been so kind, respectful and gracious. Your gentle and calm approach makes others feel at ease and your kind words make people feel valued. I am so proud of you!

**Laila**, well done! This week, I have seen an aura of kindness surrounding you and everyone you interact with. You spread joy and laughter wherever you go and your infectious giggle lifts people's spirits. Great job!

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 5 - Miss Neale

**Harry-** Harry is a kind hearted and smiley boy who shows our values every day. He is a great role model for Kieron Kindness and is someone you can count on! Keep it up Harry!

**Caleb-** Caleb has had a fantastic week, showing kindness inside the classroom and out. He is someone you know will always be there if you need help or someone to talk to. Well done, Caleb!

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Aida S** has had a phenomenal week. She has blown me away with her determined attitude this week. She has also demonstrated how kind she is by listening to her peers when they feel down. Aida has also work tremendously hard during assessment week and performed really well. Well done, Aida, keep up the good work.

**Jake C** has been a superstar this week. He blew me away with his determination to do well in his assessments. He has shown random acts of kindness all week by helping around the class and school. I have been really impressed with his reading paper this week - it was simply phenomenal.

## Year 6-Mr Lenaghen

**Kole** - It would be impossible to have Keiron Kindness as our Halsnead Value for this term and Kole not to win it at least once. He is a role-model for the class and always leads by example. He is polite and kind to everyone he meets and is a wonderful friend to have.

**Ava** - If you are looking for someone who epitomises our value of kindness, then you needn't look any further than our Ava. She always leads with kindness and puts others before herself. She always has a smile on her face and can brighten anybody's day up.