



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our Friday newsletter. As we enter December it has been lovely to hear Christmas singing echoing through our school corridors as we all prepare for our Christmas celebrations. The children are all working really hard to practice for our carol services and Christmas performances. Today we had our Christmas bauble service at school. It was lovely to feel the sense of community and togetherness that Christmas brings. Each child across school contributed towards decorating our Christmas tree. It was a lovely reminder of what Christmas is all about - bringing families and friends together to celebrate.

Our Christmas Fair events have all gone live on our Lets Localise platform. You will all receive a parentapp letter with details on how to sign up. Please sign up to as many as you can; as all money raised will go towards our school fund to enable us to put on special trips and events for children throughout the year. We have a Christmas Raffle and a 'Water into Wine' online stall. Children will also have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets in school for our children's Christmas raffle. We have lots of exciting toys and gifts and a strip of raffle tickets can be bought in school for 50p. Children can bring in money next week and tickets will be sold to each class at the end of the day.

We have some more special sporting mentions in our newsletter this week, with lots of sports teams going out and representing our school so well in many different competitions. Some of our KS2 children took part in curling and Kinball competitions. It was lovely to see our school values on show throughout.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Dave Catt Head of School

**Strive to Achieve**

## School Admission Procedures - Primary Closing Date

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEPTION PLACE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2023

INTAKE IS FAST APPROACHING; 15TH JANUARY 2023. PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK TO APPLY ONLINE

[HTTPS://PARENTPORTAL.KNOWSLEY.GOV.UK/WEB/PORTAL/PAGES/HOME](https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home)

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

If your child was absent on the day of the nasal flu vaccinations and you would still like them to receive one, can you please bring back your consent form.



## Poppy Appeal



A huge well done to everyone who supported the royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We raised £327.00

## Mel Taylor-Bessant



The Christmas Carrolls is a Top 20 Bestseller!

If you couldn't guess from the title of her debut book - Mel loves Christmas! Her books capture the magic of the season and are pure joy to read. There are two more in the series yet to come, so the magic won't stop after you finish the first!

When she isn't writing her books, Mel runs 'Authorfy' which is a website all about authors and writing! All the classes in KS2 are reading one of Mel's books this half term!

Mel Taylor-Bessant says:



If you like Jenny Pearson or Benjamin Dean, you'll love these books!

Books can take you anywhere! Want to fly to the moon? Have afternoon tea with the queen? Pretend it's Christmas every day? Just pick up a book and it can take you there.

## POETRY CORNER

DANCE WITH ME WINTER

TWIRL WITH ME WINTER, IN THE ARCTIC SNOW,  
WHISPER GENTLY AS THE COLD, FROSTY AIR FLOWS.  
DANCE WITH ME WINTER, AS THE CRUNCHY LEAVES BLOW,  
SING SOFTLY WITH ME UNTIL THE MOON GOES.  
SWIRL WITH ME WINTER, AS THE ICICLES MELT,  
WHISPER QUIETLY AS YOU DECORATE THE TREES.  
SING WITH ME WINTER IN THE BITTER, WHITE SNOW,  
DANCE GRACEFULLY AS YOU DUST THE LANDSCAPE WITH THE  
SOFT MAGICAL SNOW.

BY

AMELIA G

YEAR 3

DANCE WITH ME, WINTER

DANCE WITH ME, WINTER ON THE ICY LAKE,  
TWIRL CALMLY AS YOU FREEZE THE LAKE.  
COME WITH ME, WINTER BESIDE THE COLD TREES,  
GLIDE HAPPILY AS YOU LEAD.  
RUN WITH ME, WINTER BELOW THE COLD GROUND,  
HOWL LOUDLY AS YOU BLANKET THE FOREST.  
PLAY WITH ME WINTER IN THE COLD OPEN HILLS,  
SKATE GRACEFULLY AS YOU SLIDE OVER THE ICE.

BY

GEORGE G

YEAR 3

DANCE WITH ME WINTER

DANCE WITH ME WINTER IN THE FROSTY WIND,  
TWIRL SLOWLY AS YOU COVER THE LAND WITH WHITE, SHIMMERING SNOW.  
SING WITH ME WINTER UNDER THE ICY BRIDGE  
RUN RAPIDLY ON THE CRISP CARPET OF SNOW.  
PLAY WITH ME, WINTER ON THE ICY, CRYSTAL LAKE,  
WHISPER SOFTLY AS YOU SWAY THE FROSTY COVERED TREES.  
TIPTOE WITH ME WINTER ON THE FROSTY SPARKLING PATH,  
SWAY GENTLY WITH ME WINTER, AS THE ARCTIC ICING-SUGAR FALLS.

BY SIENNA L

YEAR 3

## URGENT NOTICE: PARKING

WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL AND DRIVING INTO SCHOOL:

- DO NOT PARK ON THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL
- DO NOT PARK OVER PEOPLE'S DRIVEWAYS
- DO NOT DRIVE INTO SCHOOL TO PARK ON THE PREMISES (THIS IS CAUSING A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE TO CHILDREN AND PARENTS WALKING INTO SCHOOL)

We MUST ensure all children are safe when going in and coming out of school. Please do not move the cones that have been placed outside the driveway. Thank you for your continued support.

# Christmas

## at Halsnead

**Friday 2nd December**

Christmas bauble assembly/tree decoration.

EYFS-1.45pm and KS1-2.30pm

**Thursday 8th December**

Children to wear own clothes wearing a 'Christmas Jumper'

Christmas Dinner – Please note: Jacket potato is the other option

Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Christmas Book Share



**Monday 12th December**

EYFS Nativity 10am

**Wednesday 14th December**

KS1 Nativity 10am

**Thursday 15th December**

KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

**Friday 16th December**

LKS2 Carol service in school 1.50pm (Starts at 2pm) Everyone is welcome

**Monday 19th December**

UKS2 Carole service at church 1.30pm (Starts at 2pm) Everyone is welcome

**Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th December**

'Breakfast with Santa'

**Monday 19th December**

EYFS/KS1 Christmas party- Afternoon

**Tuesday 20th December**

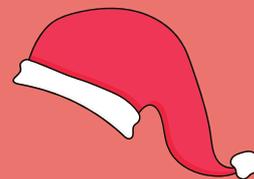
KS2 Christmas party- afternoon

**Wednesday 21st December**

Children's big present raffle- 1.30pm

Parent's raffle draw--11am

Value starts Assembly-10am





# Christmas list

- New phone
- Video game
- Headphones
- 100% school attendance**
- Clothes

Don't be on the naughty list and make sure  
100% school attendance is on your Christmas list.

**#everydaycount**



## My New Year's Resolution is to ....

*Achieve 100% school attendance,  
giving me the best start in life and more  
opportunities to learn, achieve and succeed.*

**#everydaycount**





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

**Half Term Value** - Resilience

**Value Behaviour of the Week** - We enjoy a challenge and approach hard work with a positive attitude.

### Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Stellar D**- For being a clear confident speaker. Well done, Stella!

**Zach B**- For really trying hard with his number work. Well done, Zach!

### Reception - Miss Lucas

**Mikey PF** - Mikey, you have showed brilliant Rosie Resilience this week! You have bounced back after difficulties and took change in your stride. You have been working very hard in English to write a full sentence, and I have seen that desire and resilience to carry on even if you make a mistake. Well done, Mikey, we are so proud of you! What a superstar.

**Florence C** - Florence, just like Rosie Resilience you understand that it is ok to make mistakes and find things tricky, as we are still learning! You have applied this attitude to your reading, and laughed off little mistakes, went back and tried again! Well done, Florence, keep up the brilliant resilient mindset! Very proud of you!

### Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Jasmine K** - I am changing your name to Jasmine Resilience! It is wonderful to see how hard you try in all areas of learning. You never give up, even when things are tricky. You are a very hard worker who settles quickly to work and never stops until it is completed. You have become an excellent role model for our class. What a super star.

**Logan M** - What resilience you have shown in your learning this week! It is fantastic to see how much you have grown in confidence in all aspects of school life. You always try your best and show real focus in your learning. You enjoy seeing pink pen and green stamps on your work, knowing you have been successful in your learning. Well done, Logan.

### Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Jorge-James**: JJ what a star you have been since joining Year 1! You have demonstrated our school values in abundance, particularly Rosie Resilience. Every day you have persevered and tried your best. You thrive off a challenge and this makes you work even harder. Well done JJ, you are doing amazing!

**Arabella**: Arabella, what resilience you have shown over recent weeks. Your writing has gone from strength to strength. You are helpful and caring towards your friends, showing Keiron Kindness and Robbie Respect. Arabella - you are my wing-lady, without asking, you are collecting books, tidying tables and handing book bags out. Thank you! Keep up the fantastic work.

### Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Harley** - I am so proud of the resilience you have been showing. You have matured exceptionally well this term, and I love to see you celebrating mistakes because you know they help us to learn!

**Cole** - There is only one word I can use and that is WOW! I am so proud of you Cole! You haven't let anything stop you from getting your work done. You use your initiative and overcome and hurdles you might find when learning. Keep it up, superstar!



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### Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Michael** - Resilient - WOW! Where do I start? Michael, you have shown an abundance of resilience this term. This last week you have worked your absolute socks off and shown how to keep trying and trying. I was thoroughly impressed when you told me you read a full novel within a few days! Keep it up!!

**Georgie** - Resilient - You embody our value of resilience every single day! Your spellings have continued to improve every single day! You never give up and are always thinking outside the box within English. Keep up the amazing work and progress.

### Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Shea G** - For always showing Rosie Resilience in everything you do; you are working so hard, and I am proud of the progress you are making! You are going from strength to strength. Keep up the fantastic work.

**Isla R** - For your fabulous writing, you have been working so hard to include everything you need in your writing. I am so proud of you! I am blown away with the progress you have made since year 1!

### Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Bobby** - Bobby, just like Rosie, you love giving something new a try and pushing your boundaries. This week you have tackled some tricky work and strived to achieve. You are always ready to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in! Keep up the good work, you're smashing it!

**Evie P**, you have learnt a lot from Rosie resilience this week. You have had the confidence to ask for help when things have been difficult and learnt that making mistakes helps you to learn. I am so proud of everything that you have achieved this week. Well done!

### Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

**Jake B** - Jake has had a wonderful week in year 5. He has shown all of our values, as always! Jake shows resilience in abundance when working on problems he doesn't understand or explaining the work to another member of the class. Well done, Jake!

**Scarlet L** - Scarlet is a valued member of year 5, showing our values every day. She has shown resilience this week in maths as we have been learning some very tricky multiplication sums. However, Scarlet did not give up and is now helping other members of the class understand! Well done, Scarlet!!

### Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Annabelle** - Annabelle embodies the Halsnead values, particularly respect. She is a role model to others and always lends an ear to a friend in need. She puts 100% into everything that she does and never fails to make us smile. I was really impressed with her determined attitude to do well in her writing! Well done, Annabelle, keep it up!

**Oliver Mc** - Olivia has had an incredible week! Oliver has really impressed me with his arithmetic skills in maths and with his swimming. I have also been impressed by Oliver's resilient attitude when faced with difficulties. Well done, Oliver, keep it up!

### Year 6 - Mr Lenaghen

**Ava Mc** - Ava is one of Halsnead's finest mathematicians, so much so, she even had a go at teaching the class how to multiply fractions using a bar model, which was delivered excellently! She has incredible resilience, always seeking to push on in her work and get onto the additional challenges.

**Isla C** - Isla has put a colossal amount of effort this week into her poetry. She has gone out of her way to take her learning home and independently research ideas and vocabulary for our poetry writing. This has helped her to write a fantastic poem that wouldn't look out of place in a published poetry book.