

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

21ST JULY 2023

Welcome to our newsletter.

I would like to personally thank you all for your kindness, support, encouragement and partnership over the past few years. Working at Halsnead has been an honour and privilege and I will never forget my time here. Halsnead is an incredibly special place.

This is because of the strong sense of community that exists. I would like to personally thank all of the parents and carers for your support in helping your children achieve their very best.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the staff at Halsnead. We have the very best staff; they have been an incredible team to work with and they give so much to help make our school the very best place for our children.

Finally, a big thank you to all of our children. I will miss them all so much. It is the children who make Halsnead such a special place. They are kind, happy, hard working, wonderful and all have very bright futures ahead of them. I will miss each and every one of you.

Thank you for all of the kind words and encouragement over the past week. The kindness, gifts and messages mean a lot.

Finally, our wonderful Year 6 children say goodbye today. They have been an amazing cohort and will be missed by all. Their passion, energy, enthusiasm and the joy they have brought to our school has been phenomenal. Year 6, keep believing in yourselves, you can achieve anything. The sky is your limit.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for everything.

Mr Catt

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A big farewell



We would like to take this opportunity to wish both Mr Catt and Mrs Thomas All the very best for the future and Good Luck in their new roles.
From all at Halsnead Primary School



Poem of the week

It is the end of school day
 and down the long driveway
 come bag-swinging, shouting children.
 Deafened, the sky winces.
 The sun gapes in surprise .

Suddenly, the runners skid to a stop,
 stand still and stare
 at a small hedgehog
 curled up on the tarmac
 like an old, frayed cricket ball.

A girl dumps her bag, tiptoes forward
 and gingerly, so gingerly
 carries the creature
 to the safety of a shady hedge.
 Then steps back, watching.

Girl, children, sky and sun
 hold their breath.
 There is a silence,
 a moment to remember
 on this warm afternoon in June.

By Wes Magee



Golden coins winner



Amelia-
Rose S



The school day for all children will
 begin at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Children will need to be lined up on
 the school yard and ready to come
 into school at 8.40am.

SCHOOL TIE

If you would like to purchase a
 school tie, please order and pay via
 'Parentpay'

Elasticated tie £3.50

Non-elastic tie £4.00

The holiday dates for
 the next academic year
 are on the school
 website.

School will re-open 5th
 September 2023



Summer Holiday Wellbeing

Well, it's that time of the year again... the summer holidays! The next six can be a stressful and financially draining time of year, however there is no reason why these weeks can't be jam packed with fun and happy times with your little ones.

Here are some useful tips so you can keep your cool this summer and avoid stress:

Keep it simple!

There is lots of pressure to fill every day of the summer holidays with amazing trips out, however the kids usually just want to spend time with you doing the simplest of things.

Try picnics in the garden or the local park. Where can you walk to and explore? Perhaps download fact sheets from the internet about flowers and trees, bugs and butterflies and get the kids to find and identify as many different species as possible. Even if you don't have a picnic blanket, take a couple of old towels. Take the ball games from the garden with you and if there is a group of you, a good game of rounders is always fun.

Remember – you don't have to fill every minute for the children with something fun. It's okay for them to 'be bored' now and then, this is what can get their creative juices flowing and encourage development of their ability to be okay with their own company and be inventive.

Fun outside

Paddling pool fun – Kids love fun in the water. It can keep them amused for hours. Don't bother with expensive toys for the pool, raid the kitchen for your jugs, plastic cups etc and let them be inventive with their water play. Bring the bath toys in.

Don't have a paddling pool or the shops have sold out? What about a large washing up bowl, plastic toy box – perfect for water play.

Check local publications and council websites for ideas on days out...they don't have to cost the earth.

Be social

Being with the kids is great, however you still need some adult interaction. So, to kill two birds with one stone, why not invite family or friends around for the afternoon now and then or go to the local park. This way the kids get to socialise too and possibly play with other children, and you can have a good catch up over a cuppa.

Wind down the week before back to school – The kids have been used to late nights, wearing what they want, bbq's in the garden and hopefully having a ball. It is time to introduce the routine gently so they are rested before school begins again in September.

Re-establish the bedtime routine and start talking about the friends in their class and familiarising them with school related conversations – always keeping things lighthearted. Maybe ask what they are looking forward to doing or who they are looking forward to seeing when they get back to school.

Remember though, that it is okay for your children to express their feelings about going back to school and it is okay for them to feel a bit sad – this is normal and will most likely fade as soon as they arrive at the school and see their mates. Talking about these things during play or at bath time can be a good distraction and a way for you to gauge how they are.

Suggest to the children to make a scrapbook of the summer holidays – they can stick photos, leaflets, draw pictures or write about something they enjoyed. This way, they have something to take back to school with them and will easily be able to write about their holidays if asked by the teacher.

Think about when you are going to go shopping for the school uniform, shoes and PE Kit. Can you order items online so you don't have to go to the shops?

If you are going away on holiday, do enjoy the time away from your normal environment. Remember, BACK TO SCHOOL will be upon us soon enough as will the normal routine...so have some fun and have a great summer. ♥

Source: <https://www.mentalwealthhub.com/blogs/parents-survival-guide-to-the-summer-holidays/>

BRITISH VALUES

British Values

As part of our spiritual, moral, social, and cultural (SMSC) curriculum we promote the British Values. British values underpin what it is to be a British citizen in a modern and diverse Britain and promote moral and cultural understanding that celebrates the diversity of the UK.

The government set out the following values in Education:

Respect for the rule of law

Individual liberty

Democracy

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

ASSEMBLY RESOURCE

Read through the information found below about the new champion in the Countryside Code campaign.

Who is the new champion of Natural England's Countryside Code?

Natural England, the government organisation responsible for informing and educating people about nature and the countryside, and its partners, have joined together with Aardman, the company behind Shaun the Sheep, to launch a new campaign raising awareness of the Countryside Code.



Shaun the Sheep and his endearing friends are the perfect illustration for the next generation of explorers on how to respect, protect and enjoy nature, whether in parks in towns and cities, at the seaside or in the countryside.

Marian Spain, Chief Executive of Natural England

Share your thoughts on the use of Shaun the Sheep and friends.

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Resource one

Look at the resource below sharing some of the guidelines from the Countryside Code, which applies to Wales and England.



Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking

Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

DOG POO BAG IT BIN IT!

No lighting fires

Be nice say "HELLO!" share the space

ALWAYS KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL & IN SIGHT!

Leave gates as you find them

Care for nature Do not cause damage or disturbance

Plan your visit

Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside

No littering! Keep the countryside in sheep shape!

The Countryside Code applies to all outdoor spaces. Have you followed these guidelines when visiting local parks? Have you ever visited the countryside? Did you follow these guidelines?

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INFORMATION



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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Half term Value: Aspiration

Staff value behaviour: We are driven in the pursuit of our own improvement and the improvement of the school.

Children's value behaviour: We set ourselves high targets and work hard to reach them

Significant person: William Shakespeare

Nursery-Miss Hoang

The children in nursery have blew us all away this year! I am so proud of you for all your achievements. I am super excited to see what you all do next year! Have a wonderful summer lots of love Mrs Hoang

Reception-Miss Lucas

Reception, what a year! All I can say is wow! Every day you have all shone bright like stars, pushed yourselves to achieve your absolute best, and shown kindness in abundance. You have filled not only the reception classroom with joy, light and love, but the whole school! Every day this year people have commented on how amazing you are, and I could not agree more. Thank you for the best year, continue to be kind and flourish into the amazing little humans you are. We will miss you so much! Enjoy your summer off, and make sure you visit when you are in Year 1! x

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Well, 1W what a fabulous class you have been this year. We are very lucky to have worked with you all. We have had many giggles along the way. We have loved hearing about your adventures as you all love to share your life stories with us! Wishing you all a fun filled summer break. Thank you for making each day fun.

Love from Mrs Wills and Miss Pattie

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Wow! What an amazing year we have had! I cannot quite believe we have reached the end of our time together. We have laughed, cried, frowned, smiled and most importantly bonded. Thank you for being a wonderful class and helping me become a better teacher. Have the most exciting summer holidays and rest your brains ready for September...your new teachers are so lucky to have you. Lots of love Mrs Thomas x

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

2S - Something I often do is sit and look back through your books to see how far you have come since September and it blows me away every time. You have not only made progress with your learning, writing stamina, and presentation but you have also made progress in life! I have loved seeing you mature and grow over the last 11 months - it makes me love being a teacher.

We have had highs, lows, lost and gained (many) teeth along the way, but it all makes for a fantastic year! I will miss you all so much next year, but I know that you are so ready for the juniors. Continue to be yourself, show our values and remember that 2S are the BEST!! ♥

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Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Year 3K - WOW WHAT A YEAR! I am so proud and astounded by the amount of growth and progress you have all shown! You have proven that hard work and determination pay off. You have all matured into beautiful young boys and girls. Enjoy your summer and relax! I am going to miss you beautiful, smiley faces and cheery good mornings! I look forward to seeing you in September when you are a big year 4!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Congratulations

To class 3/4K on a fantastic year! each and every one of you has shown remarkable growth as individuals. Your hard work, kindness, and joyful presence have made this year truly special. As you move on to your new classes, I wish you all the luck and success in the world. May you have a lovely summer filled with laughter, adventures, and relaxation. Keep shining brightly, and I look forward to seeing even more amazing things from each of you in the future. Well done, class 3/4K

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

WELL, DONE 4T!!

We did it! You have all impressed me so much throughout the year. I am so proud of each and every one of you. I wish you all the best in year five - please remember to come and visit me!

Year 5 - Miss Neale

5N- What a year we have had together! I could not have asked for a better class to welcome me into my first year of teaching! Thank you for making me smile and laugh every day and thank you for working so hard! I cannot wait to see you progress even more in year 6! Good luck and I will miss you all so much! Miss Neale x

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

5/6D - What a year we have had! You have blown me away everyday with your positive attitudes to learning, resilience and how kind you are to others! You never fail to make me laugh - even if I am the punch line to your jokes! I will miss your energy in class next year and I know how lucky I am to have been a small piece in the journey that is your life. Thank you all. Enjoy the summer break before the next chapter in your lives begin and remember – YOU HAVE GOT THIS!!!!

Year 6-Mr Lenaghan

All 6L - Wow! What can I say that has not already been said about this wonderful class? Today is the day we say goodbye to these special children. This year has flown by, and we have had so many fantastic memories. We have laughed and cried, supported each other every single day and will treasure the time we have spent together. I wish them all the best on their next adventure - they will be missed!