



Halstead Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

MARCH NEWSLETTER

What a term; Science Week, Pi Day, Shakespeare Week and snow days! And on the topic of snow, congratulations to the 31 children who made it in on March the 2nd – we definitely made the most of the weather as those of you who have seen the pictures on the Oak page on the website will know! Here are the notices:

Congratulations

Firstly, a big congratulations to Nicole. As you will know from the text you received, Nicole volunteered to have inches of hair cut off to provide real hair wigs for children who lose their own hair as a result of cancer treatments. Her efforts not only resulted in 8-9 inches of hair being donated but also £300 raised to help the charity further. A truly inspiring thing to have done and we are all very proud of her.

Secondly, congratulations to our netball team who did really well at the recent Sevenoaks Sports Partnership tournament. We were the only small school who entered a team and we finished fourth in our league with two wins and three defeats. One of the victories was against Sevenoaks Primary School who have over 60 pupils just in Year 6! Thanks to Mrs Saheed for coming and helping the team on the day as I was stuck to the organisers table with a stopwatch.

PE

We are making some minor adjustments to the delivery of PE because we have secured the services of a teacher who has a PE specialism. Mr Watts is already known to the children, especially those in Saplings where he has been teaching on a Thursday afternoon. As of Monday 16th April, our first day back, he will teach at the school all day on a Monday too. He will teach Oak class all morning, taking them for maths and PE. I shall then take Oak class in the afternoons, a straight swap from when I currently teach them. Mr Watts will then take Willow for PE in the afternoon to allow Miss Buxton to take her PPA time. Willow must bring their PE kits in with them to change into after lunch but Oak should come to school in their PE kit as their isn't time for them to change and still have the required amount of PE.

Radnor House, where we have been going swimming, informed us at the end of Term 3 that we would not be able to use their pool after the Easter holiday. This is not because of anything we have done. We are close to organising a replacement but it is unlikely that anyone will be swimming on the first week of the new term.

Thank you

In my last newsletter, I forgot to say thank you to Hancocks. Any of you who have been in the shop will undoubtedly have noticed the jar on the counter. Mrs Stevenson brought in the £115 that had been collected before we broke up. We are very thankful to all of the customers who have put bits of change in there and to Mrs Stevenson for counting it for us!

I should also like to say thank you for the anonymous donation that we received. I can't do it in person for obvious reasons but the school really do appreciate the generosity. We promise to put it to good use.

Parking

A polite reminder to park considerately around school. I am receiving an increasing amount of complaints from residents AND other parents.

While I'm having a rant about parking, I should like to issue a reminder that: you cannot park on the yellow zigzags at collection or pick up, you should not be using the entrance to the car park for turning and parents should not be using the staff car park at any time.

KS2 Pencil Cases

As we are going into the Easter break, it might be a good time to consider whether the KS2 pencil cases need anything topping up...

Term dates

Here are a reminder of some dates for Term 5. You will, of course, be informed of new ones should they arise.

16.04.18	Term 5 starts
25.05.18	Celebration assembly

Best wishes,



Leslie Hawkins