



Hallgate Primary School January Newsletter



Resilience



Respect



Kindness



Integrity



Aspiration



Community

A message from the Head...



Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break. I would like to begin with a thank you for your support and positivity during the festive period. The wide variety of Christmas events were very well attended and it was wonderful for the children taking part in the nativity to see so many family members in the audience. I'm sure you'll agree that both the Reception, and KS1 Nativity performances were magical and showcased what amazing students and staff we have at the school. Thanks also go to the Friends of the school for their rather 'boutique' Christmas shop. I believe they will return at both Mother's and Father's day so watch out for updates next month.

Spring term is traditionally incredibly busy as it is very short (11 weeks) and marks a transition for pupils between settling into new classes, and really making progress towards their end of term targets, not least for our children in KS2 who will sit SATs tests shortly after Easter. As ever, the best way to support your children at home is with regular reading and plenty of sleep - not dissimilar to adults! Thank you for your continued support of the school.

School Facebook Page

Following consultation before Christmas, we are delighted to share our new Facebook Page (search Hallgate Primary School). We are so proud of all that happens in the school and feel it's important to share this where possible as sometimes school can feel like a 'closed book' to parents and families. Please be aware that all communication remains via the the school office and we cannot reply via the Facebook site.



EYFS works update

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have seen various works taking place around the EYFS area. A tree has been removed and the new gate and fence will hopefully be completed soon. Before the end of the school year we are looking to landscape the grassed area and decorate inside - watch this space!



Year 5&6 Dome

The children had the most fantastic time experiencing the Space Dome earlier in the week. The inflatable dome filled the hall and helped the children to understand the more complex aspects of their space topic. Although I do not wish to dwell on the negative, a significant proportion have yet to contribute financially for the event. Although this is a 'voluntary contribution', additional events like this cannot go ahead unless we can be sure to cover the cost. If you are yet to pay, please could you do so via Parent Pay.



Year 6 Residential Meeting (current Y5s)

We are excited to confirm the dates for the Y6 Peat Rigg residential for the next academic year. In hope of milder weather, the trip will take place from the 21st - 23rd September 2026. We would like to invite all parents /carers of children in the current Y5 cohort to a meeting on Monday 26th January at 5pm to find out more about the trip (Door 7 opposite the main office).

This is a fantastic trip and we really hope that all the children will come as this may well be our final visit to Peat Rigg and is a superb opportunity to make memories as a year group and build friendships heading in to their last year at Hallgate.



Friends Disco

The Friends of Hallgate have organised a school disco on Thursday 12th February for children in Reception to Year 6. This is always a fun event and enjoyed by the children (and staff!).



FS2/KS1 Disco - 4.15-5.00pm

KS2 Disco - 5.30-6.30pm

The cost will be £2.50 per child (please have the correct money) and the children in KS2 can bring a maximum of £5 for the tuck shop.

If your child attends after school club on this evening, a member of the team will be in touch to confirm arrangements.



Star badges

A huge congratulations to the following pupils for being awarded their star badges

Red Star (200 house points)

Ricky H

Yellow Star (400 house points)

Molly C

Blue Star (600 house points)

Betsy A

Harvey S

Jacob A

Joshua O

Green Star (800 house points)

Raghav P

Zackary P

Charlotte W





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Key dates

- 9th January..... FS2 Toy to School (kept for 2 weeks)**
- 14th January..... FS2 & Y6 National Child Measurement Programme**
- 15th January..... FS2 Mini Pedestrian & Y2 Scooter Skills**
- 20th January..... FS2 Stay and Play 8.45am**
- 20th January..... Y4 Pedestrian Skills & Y6 Moving On Workshop**
- 22nd January..... FS1 Stay and Play 8.45am**
- 26th January..... Year 6 (current Y5) Peat Rigg Meeting 5pm (Door 7)**
- 30th January..... FS2 Toy Museum (parents/carers invited 3pm)**
- 5th February..... FS2 Stay and Play 8.45am**
- 10th February..... Safer Internet Day**
- 11th February..... FS2 Chinese Dragon Dance (parents/carers invited 3pm)**
- 12th February..... FS2-Y6 School Disco**

Family Help Service

Melanie from the Family Help Service will be in school on Monday 12th January for the afternoon. She is available to help families with a variety of issues – from picky eating to behaviour to bed times. If you would like an appointment with her, please contact the school office on 846136.

Spring Clubs

New clubs for spring include TTRS and Fitness Club. Please keep your eye out for more information on clubs and sports events over the coming days. In addition to our staff lead clubs, we will continue to work with Cottingham High School and the Hull FC Sports Partnership.



Google Forms

From Easter, we plan to centralise our club booking system. The list of clubs available will be sent out with a link to a Google Form to make the booking. We have had difficulty in the past with Google Forms, however have worked with our IT services to rectify this.

To test if the system will work on your device, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/eGbiBA4VdPtX3qDu8>

If you cannot follow the link, please let the office know as after Easter this will be the only way to book clubs. Thank you.

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Staff updates



Staff News

At the end of term we gave thanks and said goodbye to Miss Snellgrove who had done a fantastic job supporting pupils in KS2, and also to Mrs Hucknell who has worked in the kitchen for a number of years. We also said a sad goodbye to Mrs Branfield who has worked at the school for over twenty years. Mrs Branfield has made a huge difference to the children in our community and is now looking forward to spending her retirement looking after her grandson. We wish them all the best for the future.

We also welcomed some new, and not so new, faces. Mrs Clark has joined the KS2 team as a teaching assistant and Mr Chadwick returned to the school as a KS1 teaching assistant, having first taught at the Junior school before the infants and juniors merged. I'm sure you will join me in extending a warm Welcome to both.

Meet the HPS Safeguarding Team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr J Sheppard



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Mrs L Longden



Mrs M. Chamberlain



Mr P Hardcastle



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