



# Hallgate Primary School April Newsletter



Resilience



Respect



Kindness



Integrity



Aspiration



Community

## *A message from the Head...*



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter from the whole team at Hallgate. The term has been hectic yet enjoyable and it's been wonderful to share so many exciting events with the children such as the visit to the Deep, the recent Year 3&4 production and the willow weaving workshops which took place over the last few weeks.

During Easter, the school will remain a hive of activity with refurbishment works taking place within the EYFS area. This may mean that the return to school on Monday will be slightly busier for EYFS children as the classroom returns to normal.

The summer term is no less busy, with Year 6 SATs, Sports Day, Swimming lessons and a whole host of events taking place. On the following page, we have outlined events planned for the last week of term as traditionally this time can be rather hectic. Please speak to the office should you have any questions.



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## End of Summer Term plans

We plan to end the school year on a high and feel it is important to recognise all that the outgoing Year 6 pupils have contributed during their time at Hallgate. We do understand that parents work, and hopefully having three parent-based events (Church, Assembly and Sing-out), will allow more opportunity for families to be part of the final week.

The end of term dates are as follows:

29<sup>th</sup> June. 14.00: Year 5&6 performance

30<sup>th</sup> June. 17.30: Year 5&6 performance

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July: St Mary's transition

6-7<sup>th</sup> July: Additional transition dates for Cottingham High (we will speak with affected pupils directly)

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July: Cottingham High Transition

13<sup>th</sup> July. 14.00: Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church. All parents invited.

14<sup>th</sup> July. 16:00: Y6 meal at Pascos

15<sup>th</sup> July: Fun day for Y6 (at Cottingham High. All Y6 children to attend)

16<sup>th</sup> July. 14:00: Y6 Leavers' assembly with refreshments after. Y6 parents are warmly invited.

17<sup>th</sup> July: School Awards. Parents of nominated children will be contacted.

17<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Sign shirts.

17<sup>th</sup> July. 14.50: Families are welcome to come to school as we sing out the Year 6 pupils **at 3.00pm**. All other pupils will leave at 3.30 as usual.

**17<sup>th</sup> July: There will be no after school club offered on this date**

## Wear Blue for Autism... 24<sup>th</sup> April

You may be aware that April is Autism Awareness Month. To help raise awareness and promote inclusion for autistic and neurodiverse pupils, schools and workplaces across the country are taking part in "Wear Blue" days.

At Hallgate, we will be wearing blue on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This could be something simple such as blue jeans, a blue top, or even a blue hair accessory. The day will be a non-uniform day, with a focus on celebrating understanding, acceptance, and inclusion.

We are not collecting donations, as this day is about raising awareness and supporting one another rather than fundraising.



## Easter Bake Sale and Crafts

A huge thank you to our children and families who entered the Easter Bake Sale. It's fair to say that the standard of the entries was beyond incredible which made the judging rather difficult! In the end, we raised over £500 towards OPAL - some of which has already gone towards our Willow Weaving workshop, but keep your eyes peeled for further developments outside.

Another Easter success was the traditional Easter Bonnets and Egg 'scenes'. Again, judging was almost impossible and we would like to thank parents and families for your support in making these wonderful creations at home. The children had a great time sharing their designs and the bar has been set high in preparation for next year...



## Flying the flag...

As part of our ongoing project to develop our school environment, we would like to celebrate the wide range of nationalities, cultures, and backgrounds that come together at Hallgate. One way we hope to do this is by displaying flags in the school hall to represent our diverse community.

If you would like your family's heritage to be represented – whether from Scotland, Somalia, or anywhere else in the world – please let a member of the office team know by email or, alternatively, pop in.



## Star badges

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

### Yellow Star (400 house points)

Hector C  
Max M  
Jakey  
Venba  
Max T

### Blue Star (600 house points)

Jacob  
Isabelle  
Phoebe  
Max O

### Green Star (800 house points)

Max P  
Arianwen  
Hannah M  
Earnest  
Sienna Rose  
Aria  
Oliver  
Barney  
Isabella  
Archie  
Harper  
Erin  
Dorothy  
Lawrence  
Clay  
Oliver P  
Finley  
Reuben

### Gold Star (1200 house points)

Lucas





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## Key dates

- 13 April ..... Children return to school
- 24 April ..... Autism Awareness Day (wear something blue)
- 4 May..... Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 11-14 May..... Y6 SATs
- 11-15/18-21 May... Y4 Swimming at Haltemprice (letter to follow)
- 12 May..... FS2 Stay & Play 8.45am-10am
- 14 May ..... FS1 Stay and Play 8.45am-10am
- 15 May..... Bee Lady Day (dress as a bee or in yellow and black)
- 20 May..... FS1 Sports Day (more information to follow)
- 22 May..... FS2-Y6 Sports Day & last day of half term
- 25-29 May..... Half term break (school open Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June)

## Free School Meals

In 2014, the government changed the rules around school meals when they agreed to provide free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This decision had a huge positive impact on young people in this country, and we can only hope that it is extended to KS2 and beyond in the future. However, one downside is that the number of applications for “free school meals” has reduced significantly as families, quite understandably, don’t feel the need to apply for something they will receive regardless.

If you believe that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply! Not only does it guarantee free meals for the remainder of both primary and secondary education, there are a whole host of other benefits which come with this status; food vouchers during holiday periods, reduced price music lessons, support with the costs of educational visits and so much more. If you think you would qualify, apply online here:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>



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