



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Reflection on 2020

2020 has offered us all significant challenges.

On Thursday 19th March, a date that seems so long ago, I wrote to inform you that the school had been told to close for anyone other than key worker and vulnerable children to help delay the spread of the coronavirus. Here we are, almost nine months to the day, still in the midst of a pandemic!

Since that day, I have written to you many times – thanking you for your support and patience, explaining our 'new normal' and updating you on the rules set by the government. During lockdown, we loved receiving work and the video message many of you contributed to raised our spirits.

It was great to welcome you all back in September and school has been filled with laughter and smiles ever since.

We have a great deal to be proud of! From the positivity of parents when in isolation to the incredible flexibility and commitment of staff. However, it isn't us, it is the children that have shone most brightly. Their resilience, kindness and respect has impressed me the most.

I look forward to a more positive year next year. On behalf of all the staff at Halsnead, I hope you have a very merry Christmas!

Strive to Achieve



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THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes to our two trainee teachers Miss Swindells and Mr Greenhalgh for their hard work this term.

They have been working in Year 4 and Year 1 respectively and have become part of the staff team at Halsnead. We wish them both well as they move onto their next placement school after Christmas.

After the holidays we will be welcoming some new trainees to the team - watch this space for more information!

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

4R would like to say a special, 'Thank you - and goodbye' to Miss Swindells. Good luck in your new school. ♣

A big 'Thank you' goes to Mr Greenhalgh who has been working in 1K. All of 1K would like to wish him the best of luck in his new school! ♣

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **14th December 2020**.

Congratulations to 3 4 EW who achieved **98.7%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92.6%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby	98.7
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	98.3
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Olushonde	96.4
Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	95.5
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	93.3
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	93.2
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	89.5
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	82.7

Long JUMP Superstars

A big well done goes to Kian L V and Harrison D in 3 4 EW who recorded the longest distances in the whole of Merseyside for their long jumps during the KSSP Pentathlon!



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PE Spring Timetable

Please see the PE timetable for the Spring term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6O		5 and 6 D	5L	
1K		1 and 2 O		2S
4R	3K		3 and 4 EW	

Reception Place Admissions for September 2021

Please note the closing date for reception class applications for the September 2021 intake is 15th January 2021.

If you have already applied online you should have received an email to confirm that your application has been submitted to the Local Authority.

Please follow this link if you still need to apply online.

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

Seesaw & Tapestry Homework



As normal, homework has been set but will not be due back until the **8th January**. We do not mind when the homework is completed but the Seesaw and Tapestry accounts will not be monitored by class teachers until **5th January**. If you do need to communicate with the school, please email Miss Taylor on head@halsnead.co.uk

The Big Help Project Knowsley Food Support

Please see attached the times and locations for the Knowsley Foodbanks, Foodclubs and Food Support for over the festive period.

MERRY
christmas



CLASS VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



Nursery - Miss Lucas

Nursery! I couldn't be prouder of how you have all settled into school. Each and every one of you have shown resilience, kindness, respect, aspiration, collaboration and integrity by throwing yourselves into the new routines with big smiles on your faces! Your positive, can do attitudes are contagious and the relationships you have all made with each other and the staff are amazing. Our strong team work approach in class is all down to you guys, who show confidence and care in involving others in play and asking for help and checking friends are feeling happy. I can't wait to see you all after your Christmas break. I look forward to hearing all about what Santa Claus brought for you and what you did with your loving families.

Reception - Mrs Davies

Well done to all the children in class RD. This half term you have all worked really hard and tried your best at every challenge you have faced just like Andy Aspiration. You have showed me how kind you all are to your friends and teachers. You should all be proud of yourselves for demonstrating Halsnead's values.

Reception - Mrs Wills

I am so pleased with the resilience you have shown this term. You have all settled into your learning and are showing great enthusiasm and confidence as learners. You all strive to do your very best and work super hard each day. Even when activities are challenging you all keep trying until you succeed. I am very proud of you all and so lucky to be your teacher. Enjoy the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces in January.

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

All of the children in 1K have worked extremely hard on their writing this term and their progress is phenomenal, their final written outcomes for Beegu are AMAZING!!! They should all feel so proud of themselves because we are so proud of them!!! Their maths skills have also improved so much and it is lovely to see them becoming confident mathematicians. THANK YOU for such a fantastic time yesterday at the party. It truly was a real pleasure spending time with all the children laughing, dancing and having fun!!! They have all worked so hard this term and we are really looking forward to next year and seeing how much more progress they will make!!!

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! See you in January!

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

What a wonderful term we've had in Class 1 and 2 O! You have worked your little socks off! Thank you to each and every one of you for all the effort you have put into your learning. It has really paid off. This term we have focused on the school value of 'Resilience' and you have really demonstrated how to be like 'Rosie'. You have faced new challenges with a problem-solving attitude and this will help you with all aspects of your life, both now and in the future. I am bursting with pride when I think of the progress you have all made - well done!

CLASS VALUE AWARDS

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

2S, you have been superstars this term. You have shown resilience towards your work, respect and collaboration towards your peers and teachers, and you have taken on our new values of integrity and kindness brilliantly. Above all, you have shown aspiration. I beam with pride daily at your attitude towards school and I am so proud to be your teacher!

Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Year 3 have blown me away this term. They embody every aspect of the school values. They have continued to show resilience in the face of adversities both inside and outside of the classroom. The collaboration, kindness and respect they show to their peers and everyone within the school is astonishing. They have really matured over the past four months and have shown their care and want to learn every single day. A credit to their families and school!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

We have been delighted with how Year 3 and 4 EW have settled into their new class. The children have listened well to the inspiring stories of Katherine Johnson, JK Rowling, Mo Farah and Claire Danson, and they all have shown our value of resilience in abundance over the last half term. You have made your teachers exceptionally proud with the effort and attitude you have applied to your learning. Keep up the amazing work, after your well-deserved Christmas break. Mrs Westoby, Mrs Elwill and Mrs Irving.

Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

To the wonderful 4R! What a term you've had! You have ALL worked your socks off! I think I may have said that EVERY DAY since September. You have surpassed my expectations - with your attitude to learning, the effort you put into your work each day and demonstrating our school values. Thank you for making us smile. Now, enjoy your Christmas and New Year, Mrs Redmond and Mrs Jones xxx

Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

All of 5L - I have been so impressed with this class over the course of our first full term together. The kindness, respect, integrity, resilience, aspiration and collaboration they have shown has blown me away. We have had so many fantastic achievements and the children have so much to be proud of. I look forward to the new year to share many more success stories!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

5 and 6D - Thank you for demonstrating our school values throughout this term. You've showed fantastic resilience when faced with difficult challenges and great aspiration skills to do well in work that you have been given. I am so proud of each and everyone of you and cannot wait to see you flourish in the Spring term! Have a fantastic Xmas and New Year! Mr Doherty

Year 6 - Mr Owen

6/O have really impressed me this half term, particularly their resilience and flexibility when adapting to a new way of learning. None of them have complained about moving their learning online and all of those who have engaged in the learning set have produced some amazing work. You continue to blow me away with your hard work each and every day. Well done 6/O. I can't wait to see you all again in person in January!



Knowsley Council



Parents of pre school children

**It's time to apply for a school reception place
September 2021 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE 15th JANUARY 2021

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2020 and 15 January 2021 and must complete the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Access the online portal at home or in a Knowsley One Stop Shop or library.
- To read a full copy of the Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents booklet or to read about specific school admission policies and procedures, please visit the school admission pages on the Knowsley website – www.knowsley.gov.uk

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142



Online Safety Newsletter

December 2020

Twitch

Twitch is a live video game website. Users can search for a game and then watch the game being played live (or via playback) by another user. You should be 13+ to access Twitch, although according to their Terms of Service, users between the ages of 13 and 18 may use Twitch under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

As you can search for any game, your child might end up watching games that are not age appropriate for example, Call of Duty (18+). Twitch also streams live which means it is difficult to censor the chat so they may also hear unsuitable language.

Privacy Settings

Set up appropriate privacy settings for your child, including switching off messages from users your child does not follow. You can learn more here: <https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/twitch-account-settings#securityandprivacy>

Chat

Twitch gives users the opportunity to interact with others through the chat facilities. Whilst Twitch set out what their standards are, language can be mature plus they could potentially be chatting with people they don't know.

Block users

Ensure your child knows how to block or report users and content when using this service. More information can be found here: <https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/how-to-file-a-user-report>

More support/information

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/twitch/>

What is your child seeing online?

The internet is a wonderful place but it does have its risks and particularly for younger people who are navigating the online world, they may not know what to do when they come across content that is inappropriate, explicit and/or illegal.

How can I limit what they may see?

- **Parental Controls:** set up age appropriate parental controls on your broadband, on any devices your child uses as well as any games/apps that they play and use.
- **Age limits:** talk to your child about the reason apps/games are rated by age and set rules to not use or access anything that is not age appropriate.

What can I do if my child sees something online?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child about what they may see online and that they should always talk to you (or another trusted adult) if they have any concerns. Teach them how to search safely, not to click on pop ups and to navigate away from anything that is upsetting.
- Show your child how to use the reporting tools on any apps/games that they use so if something does upset them then they are able to report the content and block other users if necessary.
- If you need advice as you are worried about what your child has seen online then you can contact the NSPCC free on 0808 800 5000.
- If you need to make a report about sexual abuse or grooming online then you can contact CEOP: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Further information

Follow the links below for further information:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-pornography/protect-your-child/>
- <https://parentinfo.org/article/digital-resilience-a-parents-guide>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>

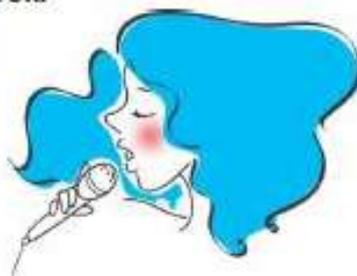
TikTok

Direct messaging

What is TikTok?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.



Is your child using TikTok?

TikTok have created their top 10 Tips for you, which provides a really useful overview of settings to make TikTok a safer environment:

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktoks-top-10-tips-for-parents>

Privacy settings

Find out about TikTok's privacy settings and choose the most appropriate for your child. It is safer for an account to be set to private (therefore only people your child chooses to accept can follow them) although you would still need to talk to your child about only accepting requests from people they know in real life. You can also set whether people can comment on their content.

Reporting

As with any app/website your child is using to interact with others, ensure that they know how to delete, report or block another user as well as know how to report any inappropriate content that they come across:

- <https://support.tiktok.com/sv/privacy-safety/block-accounts-sv>
- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/report-inappropriate-content-default>

Direct messaging/commenting

TikTok has a direct messaging element so users can chat to each other (TikTok now automatically disables Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16) as well as the ability to comment on each other's content.

There is a risk on TikTok that cyberbullying can occur or a user can receive unwanted attention from a stranger. TikTok have produced this list of available settings to reduce the risk of this happening

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully?lang=en>. It is important that your child understands that if they come across anything that they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable then they should speak to you or another trusted adult.

Family safety mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account.

Further information

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully>

Sharing videos and images

Net Aware have produced the following article to help those who may be worried about their child sharing videos and images online through apps like TikTok and Snapchat.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-be-worried-about-my-child-sharing-videos-and-images-online2/>

WhatsApp: disappearing messages

WhatsApp have introduced disappearing messages. If enabled, a user can send a message that will disappear after seven days. WhatsApp advise users to only use disappearing messages with trusted individuals because for example users are still able to take a screenshot of a disappearing message before it disappears and then share with others.

You can find out more information here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/general/chats/about-disappearing-messages>

Monitoring Apps

Would you like to monitor what your child is doing online? The best app to use will be dependent on what devices your child is using but this helpful article from Internet Matters reviews the top monitoring apps for you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>

Times and locations of Knowsley Foodbanks CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2020:
EMERGENCY KNOWSLEY FOOD SUPPORT - 0151 538 8243



Monday 21st December

Huyton - St Georges 12pm-2pm

Kirkby - St Andrews 12pm-2pm

Tuesday 22nd December

Kirkby - The Kirkby Centre Poco's 12pm-2pm

Wednesday 23rd December

Stockbridge Village - The Hub 12pm-2pm

Prescot - Salvation Army 12pm-2pm

Thursday 24th December

Kirkby - The Kirby Centre Poco's 12pm-1pm

Friday 25th December - **CLOSED** -

Saturday 26th December - **CLOSED**

Sunday 27th December - **CLOSED**

Monday 28th December - **Bank holiday**

Tuesday 29th December

Kirkby - The Kirby Centre Poco's 12pm-2pm

Wednesday 30th December

Stockbridge Village - The Hub 12pm-2pm

Prescot - Salvation Army 12pm-2pm

Thursday 31st December - **CLOSED**

Friday 1st January - **Bank holiday**

Saturday 2nd January - **CLOSED**

Sunday 3rd January - **CLOSED**

Monday 4th January - **NORMAL OPENING HOURS RESUME**

Actual address: Link Rd Depot, Link Rd, Huyton Business Park, Huyton L36 6AP

Office phone: 0151 482 6089 Foodbank mobile: 07731 789794

email: foodbankteam@big-help.info web: www.big-help.info Registered Charity No.1141024



Times and locations of Knowsley FoodClubs & Community Food Partnerships CHRISTMAS 2020:

Monday 21st December - Dovecot MAC 12.30-1.30pm

Tuesday 22nd December - Stockbridge 12-2pm, Walton 1.30-3.30pm, & Kirkby 1.30-3pm

Wednesday 23rd December - Dovecot (The Drive) 12.30-2.30pm

Thursday 24th December - **CLOSED**

Friday 25th December - **CLOSED**

Saturday 26th December - **CLOSED**

Sunday 27th December - **CLOSED**

Monday 28th December - **CLOSED**

Tuesday 29th December - **CLOSED**

Wednesday 30th December - **CLOSED**

Thursday 31st December - **CLOSED**

Friday 1st January - **CLOSED**

Saturday 2nd January - **CLOSED**

Sunday 3rd January - **CLOSED**

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Times of Knowsley Food Support & Community Festive period 2020:

Knowsley Food Support – Emergency Support Scheme

Opening Hours Festive Period 2020

KFS phone (0151 538 8243)

Xmas Eve 10am – 2pm

Xmas Day 10am – 2pm

Boxing Day 10am – 2pm

Sunday 27th 12pm – 2pm

Mon 28th 10am – 3pm

Tue 29th 10am – 3pm

Wed 30th 10am – 3pm

Thu 31st 10am – 3pm

New Years day 10am – 2pm

Sat 2nd 10am – 2pm

Sun 3rd – 12pm – 2pm

Monday 4th Jan – back to normal

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