



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Letters went home this week regarding our Spring Parents' Evening, as we did in Autumn term, we will be conducting the appointments via phone calls. Please complete and return your reply slips to school with your preferred time slots.

We have an Easter Raffle on the last day of term, thank you once again for your generous contributions and your continued support to school. Please see below more information on how you can purchase tickets.

It is vital that your child arrives on time for the start of their school day, so they do not miss out on valuable learning. Please see attached a reminder of each bubbles start and end times.

### Strive to Achieve



After the success of our Christmas raffle, we are excited to announce our Easter raffle will be taking place on **Thursday 1st April at 11am**. With lots of prizes, including our ever popular food and drink hampers, you do not want to miss out. Tickets are priced at £1 each and you can buy as many tickets as you wish. Our draw will be made live in school on Thursday 1st April and all winners will be notified on this day. Good luck!

Please see the poster below which contains the link to sign up and a QR link.

Thank you for the kind donations we have already received, we are still accepting them and would be very grateful for any more contributions. Here is a reminder of what you can bring:

- Nursery and Reception** - Bottles (can include alcohol)
- Year 1 and Year 2** - Bottles (can include alcohol)
- Year 3 and Year 4** - Chocolates/confectionery and Easter eggs
- Year 5 and Year 6** - Toiletries etc.



# Big Online Easter Raffle

Draw: 1st April @ 11:00 AM



£1/ticket



Chance to win one of our amazing Easter prizes!

Get your  
tickets here:



<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=11203>



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## CONSENT FORMS

Please ensure that both the Pupil Information Form 2020 2021 and the Photography, Video and Social Media Consent Form 2020 2021 have been completed via Parentapp so that we have accurate, up to date information for you. To do this, please login to you Parentapp app, click on 'Consent Forms' at the bottom of the page and select the relevant form. If you have already completed these forms via the app, please **do not** complete them again unless something has changed. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the office.

## Nursery Places

If your child is 3 now or will be turning 3 before September 2021 and you would like a place for our Nursery, please contact us as soon as possible.

## Breakfast and After School Club Places

We are currently revising our Breakfast and After School Club space/numbers. If your child does not attend presently and you will require a place after Easter, please contact the school office by Friday 26th March 2021 to register your interest. Please note that a request does not guarantee you a place at this point.

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **15th March 2021.**

Congratulations to **2S** who achieved **100%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **93.5%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

**Year 2 - Miss Spencer 100**

**Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan 97.9**

**Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby 97**

**Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Olushonde 96.4**

**Reception - Mrs Hoang 95.6**

**Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty 95.5**

**Year 4 - Mrs Redmond 90.8**

**Year 6 - Mr Owen 90.6**

**Reception - Mrs Wills 90**

**Year 1 - Mrs Kendall 87.7**

**Year 3 - Miss Keenan 87.3**

## Nursery Collection

As from Monday 22nd April 2021, parents who are collecting children from Nursery at the end of the school day, **must** collect them from the Nursery entrance. Children can still be picked up at the same as their siblings but will **not** be taken to the Pennywood Drive gate.



# PARENTPAY

For the children who pay for school meals, please ensure you have activated ParentPay to pay for them. There are two ways in which you can pay:

## 1. Online payment via ParentPay

Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and login using your username and password. Your username and password will be on your activation letter or dinner money reminder letter.

**2. In cash at a local store using the PayPoint card provided to you.** (If you require a PayPoint card, please contact school and we will arrange this.)

If you misplace your PayPoint card, we can print you a letter with a barcode. This can then be taken to your nearest PayPoint store along with your payment. The store will scan the barcode and the payment will be credited to your child's account.

**If you have an outstanding balance of £20 or more, please ensure that you provide your child with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance has been cleared.**

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 0151 4778130

# Bubble Start and End Times

Here is a reminder of the start and end times of your child/ren's class bubbles. It is extremely important that you are punctual and arrive on time every morning so that your child does not miss any valuable learning. If you are running late or if your child will be absent that day, please ring the school office on 0151 4778130.

	Drop off and Pick up Gate	Drop off Time	Pick up Time
Nursery	Dragon Lane	8.30am 12.30pm	11.30pm 3.30pm
Reception (RW)	Main Gate A	8.30am	2.50pm
Reception (RD)	Main Gate B	8.30am	2.50pm
Year 1	Dragon Lane	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 1 and 2	Main Gate A	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 2	Main Gate B	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 3	Main Gate A	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 3 and 4	Main Gate B	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 4	Dragon Lane	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 5	Main Gate A	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 5 and 6	Main Gate B	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 6	Dragon Lane	8.55am	3.10pm

## Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all the parents/carers that completed the survey on communication and relationships. The results are pleasing and reflect the hard work we put into the school and your children's experience at Halsnead. There is always something to be improved and after the summary, some of these points are highlighted.

Overall, responses to the statements were very positive:

Question	Response
I feel I am listened to when I have a concern	91% either agreed or strongly agreed
I am given the right amount of useful information about how my child is doing in terms of their behaviour and attendance	94% either agreed or strongly agreed
The school makes parents/carers and children feel fairly treated, valued and well-supported	93% either agreed or strongly agreed
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	88% either agreed or strongly agreed  We have designed a form that will be completed in meetings with parents that make it clear to all the actions the school will take in response to concerns raised
I find the staff approachable and feel comfortable asking questions	96% either agreed or strongly agreed
There are enough opportunities for parents to become involved in the school	82% either agreed or disagreed and 10% were unsure.  We have plans to increase the opportunities parents have to be involved in supporting the school and will share them when Covid Restrictions have eased.
I would recommend this school to another parent	91% of parents/carers would!

We can all be very proud of our school and children and it is lovely to get some positive feedback from the questionnaire from parents, comments included:

I am very happy with the learning opportunities provided by my children's School. My children are thriving attending the setting. The aspirations the staff have for the children in the School and the encouragement given for them to achieve is one of the reasons I am happy my children are being educated there.

The children all love school and the school is wonderful and very supportive, all the teachers/staff are doing an amazing job, couldn't thank you all enough.

You guys are doing amazing work, so keep it up. Thank you to all teachers and staff for being super stars at what they do with our children.

Absolutely excellent school staff go above and beyond especially Miss Taylor Mrs Whitby and office staff. Would highly recommend this school to anyone! Amazing, Amazing school.

I think you are all doing an amazing job so thank you.

I think Miss Taylor does a fantastic job at Halsnead and all the staff even in difficult situations school has adapted always puts the children first.

Thank you for keeping our little 1s happy.

We will be sending our next questionnaire on Learning and Management after Easter.

# VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



## Nursery - Miss Lucas

**Michael G:** Mikey, you have come back to school with confidence, kindness and a great attitude to learning. You have settled back into the routines quickly, joined in with carpet time discussion and made lots of new friends. You have been very excited to show us all that you can now write the initial letter of your name and the counting and number skills you have shown are amazing! Andy Aspiration and I are very proud of you Mikey, you superstar!

**Khaleel L:** What a superstar you are Khaleel! You have settled into your new Nursery with ease. You have made lots of new friends, learnt the routines and always have a big smile on your face. It has been lovely seeing you work as a team with your friends in building bridges and being kind whilst playing in our new Police Station. I am very excited to have you in our Nursery! Keep up the great work!

## Reception - Mrs Hoang

**George S:** For showing Robbie Respect and making Mrs Hoang very happy on her first week back.

**Harley T:** For showing Rosie Resilience with his maths this week. He could make number bonds to 10.

## Reception - Mrs Wills

**Alexis M:** Where shall I begin Lexie, you are an absolute superstar. Just like Colleen Collaboration you support all of your friends in their learning and school activities. You are also like India Integrity being very focused and organised in your work, always trying your best. I am so proud of you. You are a wonderful class member, always with a smile on your face.

**Thomas F:** I am very impressed with all of your work this week Thomas. You are super keen to get involved in all lessons and very enthusiastic about trying out new things. You are being just like Andy Aspiration and I am so pleased to see what an active learner and explorer you are being. Keep up the hard work Thomas.

## Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

**Eliza O'L:** For your AMAZING work ethic and attitude! You are hardworking, conscientious and an absolute pleasure to teach! I am so proud of the progress you have made over the last few weeks!

**Albie S:** For working really hard in maths and English. You are always thinking about our success criteria and what you need to do, in order to be successful in your learning. Well done!

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

**Thomas Mcl:** For being just like Rosie Resilience and coming into school with a big smile, even though you felt sad about missing your brother. When you see him in a few weeks, it's going to be so special!

**Sophia-Rose G:** For reaching for the stars like Andy Aspiration and always putting 100% effort into all of your learning. You have an amazing memory Sophia and you are able to recall things that you have learnt the previous day, the previous week and even the previous year! Wow!

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Leo F:** Leo has displayed our value, Andy Aspiration. He always has a positive attitude towards learning, takes on board feedback and strives to achieve! Keep up the great work Leo - I am so proud of you.

**Jacob De:** Jacob has been a superstar this week. He has been getting on with his maths work independently and demonstrating Rosie Resilience by not giving up. Well done Jacob - I am so proud of you.

## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Mia McG:** - Kindness and Resilience - Mia enters the classroom everyday with a large smile and a friendly hello. She is a friend to everyone within her class and is always open to helping. Mia has shown true resilience through lockdown and when returning to school. She faces all challenges with an abundance of resilience and refuses to give up. Mia has done herself proud and her learning has come on leaps and bounds because she cares so much. Well done, Mia!

**Joseph McM:** - Resilience - Joseph has shown hard work, dedication and resilience the past week within Read, Write Inc. Joseph continues to blow us away with the progress he makes every day. We are so proud of how hard you are working! Keep up the amazing work!

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

**Freya D:** For displaying Coleen Collaboration and Keiron Kindness during partner talk activities. Thank you for being such a kind and helpful member of our class.

**Harry P:** For displaying Rosie Resilience in your learning and being so proud with your work. We are so delighted that you are displaying resilience independently in your work and you keep going until you get it! Well done Harry.

## Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

**Zak M:** Zak - you have had an INCREDIBLE week! You have worked so hard in every lesson - you have shown resilience, collaboration and aspiration each and every day! Well done!

**Anna Mc:** Anna, you have been a shining example of a role model for learning this week. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and commitment in each lesson this week.

## Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

**Blake M:** Blake has been a model student this week and has really exemplified the values and expectations we have at Halsnead. He has worked extremely hard during lessons with his talk partner and made fantastic contributions to our shared writing.

**Taylor C:** Taylor has really impressed us this week with her attitude towards her learning. She has been brilliant during our times tables and has tried extremely hard with her mental maths. She has modelled our values each and every day by showing respect and kindness to her classmates and staff.

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Jamie C:** Jamie has worked incredibly hard since returning to school. He has demonstrated his Rosie Resilience skills when faced with challenges. Well done Jamie, keep it up!

**Max L:** Max has had a fantastic return to school. You always give 100% in all that you do and always act on advice. Well done Max, keep it up!

## Year 6 - Mr Owen

**Stevii S:** For showing some amazing collaboration this week. Stevii has worked incredibly hard and supported her peers along the way. Well done Stevii!

**Aiden Ro:** Aiden has returned to school with the most amazing attitude. He has been working exceptionally hard and his personality is really shining through! What a pleasure to have in class!