



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

This week we held our first 'virtual' Parents' Evening. It was a huge success. Thank you for your patience on the night. We really enjoyed talking to you. We would love to hear any suggestions you have on how it could be improved.

We are looking forward to the upcoming festive period, which will be different for all of us but we will make sure we make it special for our children.

I just wanted to say a huge thankyou to my team at Halsnead. They are working really hard to ensure your children are kept safe, enjoy school and make progress in their work. They are the best!

**Strive to Achieve**

## Nursery Intake Meeting

The Nursey intake meeting will take place via zoom on **Tuesday 1st December at 4pm**. Invites have been sent out this week. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

If any of your children are turning 3 between now and March and you require a Nursery place for them, please contact school asap!



# Christmas at Halsnead

We know that Christmas will be very different at Halsnead this year due to the current circumstances. Unfortunately, there will be no nativities or carol service but instead we have organised a few things to make the last week a little bit more exciting for the children.

## Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day – children can come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers. Christmas lunch will be served at dinnertime and Christmas music will be played in the hall. In the afternoon, the children will make Christmas decorations and cards.

## Wednesday 16th December



Breakfast with Santa will take place in class bubbles this year, during school hours (9.00am - 9.30am). There will be no charge for this. The children will have their 'Magic Bagels' and a drink, whilst enjoying Christmas music. Santa and his Elf will pay a visit to each class bubble and wave from the door.

## Thursday 17th December

This will be Party Day! Children can wear their party clothes to school and in the afternoon they will have a party in their class bubbles. Unopened, pre-packaged food can be brought in as usual on Monday 14th so that it can be quarantined until Thursday 17th.

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **23th November 2020.**

Congratulations to 2S who achieved **99.1%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92.6%**

**OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: 97%**

Year 2 - Miss Spencer	99.1
Reception - Mrs Davies	97.8
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby	95
Year 6 - Mr Owen	94.6
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Olushonde	94.3
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	93.2
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	91.1
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	91
Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	90.4
Reception - Mrs Wills	88.2
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	85.2



# VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



## Nursery - Miss Lucas

**Michael G:** I have chosen Mikey for Andy Aspiration because he has shown a real love of learning and exploring this week. Mikey has shown so much independence and kindness to his friends and all of his teachers. I couldn't be prouder!

**Florence C:** I have chosen Florence for Rosie Resilience because she has settled into our class brilliantly! Florence has explored her new classroom, made lots of new friends and never gives up when a challenge occurs. I am so proud of you Florence!

## Reception - Mrs Davies

**Elarna M:** She always tries her best in everything she does. She is also a great friend to everyone in class RD.

**Sophia P:** She is always very kind and helpful to her teachers and friends.

## Reception - Mrs Wills

**Amelia-Rose S:** For being just like Rosie Resilience. Amelia-Rose is always trying her best in all areas of the reception setting. She is a very enthusiastic learner.

**Sonny M:** For being a fantastic role model to his peers. He comes to school every day with a big smile on his face, ready to learn and play with his friends.

## Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

**Elsie S:** For showing resilience all week when writing your owl fact file. Your hard work has paid off, your fact file is amazing!

**Albie S:** For showing resilience in all aspects of his learning. You are working so hard and putting in 100% effort and it really shows! I am so proud of you!

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

**Evie P:** You have demonstrated excellent resilience as you read your owl fact file and spotted where you could improve it further. You have a natural gift for writing so I can't wait for your work to go up on the wall so everyone can see your talent!

**Indiana M:** You have had a wonderful problem-solving attitude this week and have been so helpful and kind towards others. Thank you for lighting up the classroom with your big smile - it is infectious!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Tilly S:** Tilly is a superstar! She is always so pleasant and reminds me of Andy Aspiration as she displays every school value every second of the day. Keep up the excellent work.

**Jacob C:** For always being so kind and helpful and always trying his absolute best. He has shown resilience this week by looking back over his work and using Fred talk to check his spellings.

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Isabella D:** - Resilience - For never giving up when the going gets tough. Isabella always completes work with a smile on her face!

**Conor E:** - Respect - For continually being respectful to each and every person within the class. It doesn't go unnoticed!

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

**Jake B:** Jake has impressed his teachers with his real drive to improve and succeed. A great demonstration of our value Andy Aspiration. Well done Jake.

**Oliver O:** Oliver is a beacon of energy and enthusiasm within our class. He listens well and strives to be the best he can be. Another fantastic role model for Andy Aspiration. Well done Oliver.

## Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

**Daisy-Lea S:** You've had a fantastic week! Your confidence is growing and I'm proud of the work you are doing in class! Keep smiling ☺ and being Rosie Resilience!

**Zayne M:** What a week you've had in English! I am incredibly pleased with how well you are working. Your diary writing has been very impressive - keep up the hard work.

## Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

**Tommy I:** Tommy is our TT Rockstars King! He has been working so hard during the class battles to help 5L score as many points as possible; this is having a great impact on his times tables quizzes with him scoring 50/50 consistently. He is a great help in the morning and shows kindness by helping give the books out each morning.

**Lacey-Lou H:** She has been a brilliant role-model in the class this week and has been a fantastic talk partner during group discussions. She has shown great resilience by not giving up and trying her best in everything that she does.

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Christopher R:** For making fantastic choices in regards to behaviour. You have really impressed me with your attitude to learning this week. Well done, keep it up!

**Jessica W:** For showing her fantastic resilience skills this week. You have worked really hard on fractions this week and it has payed off! Well done Jessica!

## Year 6 - Mr Owen

**Lexie G:** For showing great collaboration and resilience. Lexie works incredibly hard no matter who she is partners with and always supports them in their learning. She has shown amazing focus in her writing and a can-do attitude across all subjects.

**Bobby W:** For showing a really positive and mature attitude towards his learning. Bobby has been incredibly focused and really tried hard in all subjects. I have been really impressed with Bobby this week and I hope he is proud of himself too!



# Christmas Bingo

11th December @ 7:00 PM

Registration Closes @ 6:00 PM

Link for the event will be provided on the day,  
please log in 5 minutes before the start time.

£1/ticket

+5p transaction fee



Prizes to be won!!!



**LetsLocalise**

Bringing Schools and Local Communities Closer

Join us for our Halsnead Christmas Bingo on **Friday 11th December 2020**. The event will consist of one round and will last for 15 minutes. Come join us to see if you can get a full house!

 **LetsLocalise**

## Big Christmas <sup>Online</sup> QUIZ

Wednesday 16th December at 6pm

Ticket Price: £3 per family

- Individual prizes for winning families
- All ticket proceeds shared amongst the schools supported by the top 5 players

*Fun for all  
the family*



*Support  
your School*



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](http://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](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

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