

# Halstow Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Halstow Monthly Newsletter which will be sent out to you at the end of each month, to share with you a snapshot of the learning and opportunities that the children have been experiencing in school. There will be an on-going 'Dates for your Diary' section as well as links to key resources which we have identified may be of interest to you.

The start to the year has been really wonderful and the school feels incredibly calm and purposeful. All year groups have taken Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' as a core focus, with West End Theatre coming into school to provide workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and a visit to The Unicorn Theatre for Year 3 and Year 6. Year 4 and 5 will be seeing the production next Friday. I have had brilliant feedback on both. I am looking forward to the displays of learning that will come from this focus and will share them with you once they are complete.

You will be aware that we have spoken to the children about how we walk around school and how we transition in from the playground. There are two key reasons why we have needed to pay attention to this: safety when there is a large group of children moving around the building (particularly on our Victorian staircases) and also to support the children in our school community who find large groups and noise very upsetting and unnerving.

Reading remains a high priority here at school. We constantly promote the love of reading and language acquisition, but we do need your support if you can. We encourage you to read with your child every night. We do understand that this might not be possible for everyone, but the routine of even looking at the pictures within a book or discussing what your child has read is hugely beneficial.

A flyer setting out our Home Learning expectations is now on our website in the [Useful Resources](#) section alongside some methods to support children with learning spelling, and a progression document for Maths Fluency including multiplication tables. You will see reference to Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots – watch this space for further information if you do not yet have a log in for your child and also for a maths focus day that Mrs Tyler is planning!

We are now working with RBG's Attendance Advisory Service. Regular attendance is crucial for all children. Attending school every day means that children can access every piece of learning and build strong friendships and relationships with adults. You may see our Attendance Officer in school over the coming weeks. Our Attendance Leaflet for Parents can be found on our website via this link: [Attendance Leaflet for Parents](#)

I am always happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss anything in particular but hope to reorganise another round of coffee mornings after half term.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening.

Natasha Tilley

## Dates for your diary:

**6<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 4 and 5 to The Unicorn Theatre for The Tempest

**10<sup>th</sup> October** – Friends of Halstow AGM – see website

**13<sup>th</sup> October** - Friends of Halstow – Pizza Night

**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents' Evenings

**19<sup>th</sup> October** - Friends of Halstow – Hallowe'en Disco

**23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – Return to School

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying workshop for Y4-6

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**14<sup>th</sup> November** – Friends of Halstow Meeting

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Friends of Halstow Meeting

Christmas Performance dates TBC as soon as possible.



Online Safety is a key element of our safeguarding responsibilities in school. The NSPCC provides some useful leaflets which may be of interest to you:

[Keeping children safe online](#)  
[| NSPCC](#)