

Halstow Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have slightly delayed sending this newsletter as I wanted to use it as an opportunity to share with you some of the phenomenal displays of learning that show the children's engagement and learning from our whole school project on The Tempest. I am so pleased that I waited! They really are wonderful. We pride ourselves on a fabulous learning

environment and certainly the writing and artwork are inspirational for children from all year groups to look at and feel a sense of pride!

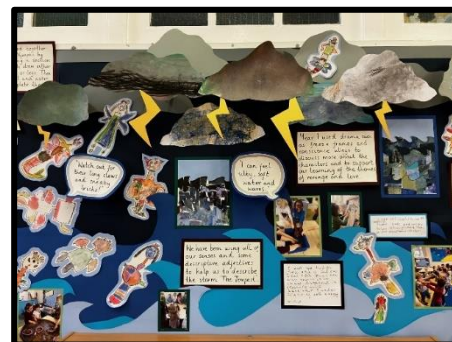
Children only demonstrate such high-quality learning outcomes when they experience high quality teaching sequences. The

opportunity to engage with the text through the visit to the theatre and workshops in school is inspirational and one of the things that has made me so proud is to hear that children have been overheard discussing Shakespeare over the breakfast table or debating the story with siblings! Just brilliant!

I really should take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Halstow again for supporting our request for funding. For those of you who support their events, your contribution has made a

significant difference, making this learning memorable in a way that was only possible with financial support.

Thank you so much.



We have also hosted visitors this week from across our Trust and also partners from Royal Borough of Greenwich. I have the privilege of being in school daily and seeing how calm it is and what wonderful teachers and learners we have here. I was so proud this week! The classrooms were so calm and the children's learning behaviours were outstanding. There was such brilliant focus from the children, such amazing modelling from the teaching staff and an incredible sense of calm all day. The learning that you see on the Tempest displays above is only achieved through day-to-day excellence – and that is what we were able to show our visitors this week.

Below you will find a table of key dates for the remainder of term:

November	
13 th -17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
December	
7 th December	Friends of Halstow: Santa and baubles
12 th December	Friends of Halstow Meeting – all welcome
14 th December	Christmas Lunch
18 th	Reception Christmas Celebration
19 th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Celebration: 10am Year 1 parents 2pm Year 2 parents Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration 6:30pm Year 5 parents
20 th	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration: 10am Year 3 parents 2pm Year 4 parents Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration 6:30pm Year 6 parents
21 st	Last day of Autumn Term

Christmas plans are in full swing so we look forward to being able to welcome you into school.

A few reminders:

- Please can children not bring toys into school. They can be the cause of a lot of upset if they go missing or get broken.
- We do allow children to take out basic notepads and a pen/pencil onto the playground but no elaborate pen sets. These too can cause a lot of problems if they are borrowed or lost.
- When it is your child's PE day, it is very important that they come to school in clothes that are suitable i.e. tracksuit bottoms/leggings rather than jeans, trainers rather than shoes/sandals. This is a health and safety issue for us as we do not want any unnecessary injuries but it also demonstrates to the children that they are expected to participate as well in PE as they do in every other subject.
- Now that the weather has turned, please make sure that your child comes to school with a coat that is suitable for the weather that day.

A few requests:

- Do you have a spare picnic rugs with a waterproof back which the children to sit on on the playground? The toys and books have been a huge success on the Key Stage 1 playground but when the floor is wet, the children are getting damp clothes from sitting

around and the toys are getting damaged. We would be very grateful of a couple if you have a spare or two.

- The toy cars have been very popular. If you have any more going spare, we would be very grateful to have them and if anyone has a car mat that they could part with, it would be put to good use!

Thank you for your ongoing support and wishing you all a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Yours sincerely,

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