



## General News

### Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Let me begin by welcoming you back to the new school year. Finally, we are seeing some normality with no bubbles, more freedom around school and the return of school trips!

Last term was filled with mixed emotions as we said goodbye to Mrs Gregg as she retired after 31 years at Gorsewood! Despite restrictions, we worked hard to ensure Mrs Gregg had a fitting farewell which included music and singing from all classes. Mrs Gregg truly appreciated all of your kind words, cards and gifts.

We also said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. Again restrictions didn't dampen our celebrations and we held a virtual assembly and lots of exciting activities. We wish all of our old Year 6 pupils every success at high school.

During the holidays, Mrs Hone was offered a new role elsewhere and we wish her well in her new post.

This month we will be focusing on new things and building our resilience. Talking about trying again and thinking about what we can do when things go wrong will really help your child with this important message.

As I begin my new role as Headteacher I would like to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to working in partnership with you all to help your children reach their potential and be the best they can be!

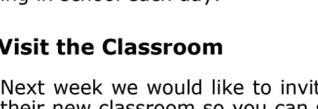
Kind Regards

Miss E Jackson

### Junior Safety Officers

Applications were recently received for the post of Junior Safety Officers.

Congratulations to **Amelia M** and **A-Jay** (Y5) who have been appointed.



### After School Clubs

Clubs for Y1 to Y6 will start w/c 20th September.

All bookings need to be made via the School Gateway by 16th September.

We are pleased to confirm that Premier Sports will once again run a gymnastics club. This club will be open to KS2 and there will be a charge.

### PE Reminder



A reminder children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt or Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and blue Gorsewood sweat-shirt or fleece. Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform.

### Marvellous Me

Please make sure you have signed up to Marvellous Me so you can be kept updated with what your child is doing in school each day.



### Visit the Classroom

Next week we would like to invite parents to collect their child from their new classroom so you can see where their learning takes place and meet the staff! A letter will follow with your child's day.

**GROW**  
Getting Ready for Opportunities and Work

citizens advice

Time for the kids to go back to school  
Is it time for you to get ready for work, training or volunteering?

Let the Citizens Advice Halton **GROW** project help you take time for you - to build your confidence, skills, and to help you on your next steps whether that's towards work, volunteering or training...

**GROW** is for people who are 18+, living in Halton, and not in work, education or training.

To find out more about how **GROW** could help you, speak to one of our friendly team on 0151 257 2443 or email us at [grow@cahalton.org.uk](mailto:grow@cahalton.org.uk).  
[www.haltoncab.org.uk/grow](http://www.haltoncab.org.uk/grow)

Halton is a member of the Citizens Advice Group of 107 regional groups including: Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, and Shropshire.

Partners: Directional, Halton, New Horizons, Community Fund, European Union.

### Useful Links

[School Term Dates](#)

[School Website](#)

### Home Time

As we are no longer required to stagger our times, the playground is very busy at home time.

We will now open the school gate at 2.55pm and close it at 3.10pm. Parents can come at any time during this 15 minute slot to collect children.

Although masks are no longer compulsory, we would encourage parents to wear them during home time collection.

### Attendance & Absence Reporting

Attendance has always been a priority at Gorsewood and we would like to remind you that excellent attendance is expected of all pupils.

Parents/carers should ensure pupils are in school for morning registration before the gates close at 8.55am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be marked as late. Pupils arriving after 9.30am will be marked as late after the register closes which is regarded as an unauthorised absence for the session.

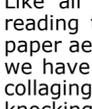
In the event that your child will be absent from school please ensure you advise us at the earliest opportunity. Absences should be reported by calling the office on 01928 712100 and leaving a message on the absence line (option 2). If we are unable to confirm the reason for absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

<b>100%</b> 0 days absent	<b>98%</b> 4 days absent	<b>95%</b> 10 days absent	<b>90%</b> 19 days absent	<b>80%</b> 38 days absent	<b>5 mins late each day is equal to 3 days absence</b>

### School Gateway Reminders

Currently payment/consent is due for:

- **Tuck** - Payment of £7.00 due for all pupils who want daily fruit
- **Home Alone** - Consent required for any pupil Y4-Y6 walking home



A reminder we no longer send out paper copies of newsletters and letters. All communication is sent by email however paper copies are available if requested. **If you are not receiving any communications please update the office with your email address [here](#).**

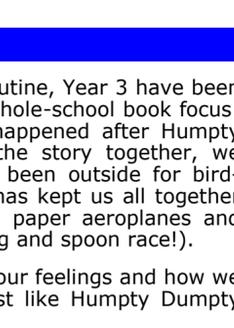
## Class News

### Reception Class

Reception have settled incredibly well and we are very proud of them. They have been involved in playful learning indoors and outdoors and have enjoyed some fabulous experiences using all their senses to explore the different environments.

We are going to be learning about our bodies, our feelings, our families, our friends and our communities. We will be asking for your support with various activities and we will start sending homework soon. In the meantime please continue to read the books that your child has brought home and enjoy lots of stories together.

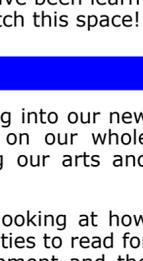
Children have tried their very best with their school dinners and have surprised us with their willingness to try new food. Your children are a credit to you and we are very excited about working with them and you this year!



### Year 1

In Year One we have had lots of fun being back with our friends and getting settled into our new classroom.

Like all the other classes in school we've been reading the book 'After the Fall'. We have made paper aeroplanes like Humpty Dumpty in the story, we have created art work by sponge painting and collaging and enjoyed ourselves by building and knocking down walls



### Year 2

WOW! What a super start year 2 have made! We had settled incredibly well into our new room. We are finding our feet with our new role as the oldest in KS1.

We have been busy exploring our book 'After the Fall' - designing and making aeroplanes, finding adjectives to describe the main character and writing mantras. We have begun our work on our 'artist of the month' Jackson Pollock, showing off what we know about our numbers too. Busy, busy, busy... We are excited to see what challenges next week brings.

### Year 3

As well as settling in to our new juniors routine, Year 3 have been doing lots of activities based around our whole-school book focus: After the Fall, which is based on what happened after Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Having read the story together, we looked at different types of eggs, we've been outside for bird-watching, we talked about how the NHS has kept us all together recently (all The King's men!), we made paper aeroplanes and have had lots of outdoor fun with eggs (egg and spoon race!).

We have also done some literacy work on our feelings and how we have overcome our fears in the past, just like Humpty Dumpty does when he gets back up again.

We have a lovely treat for our families, as Year 3 have been learning a beautiful song to go with our book theme...watch this space!

### Year 4

Year 4 has been busy having lots of fun and settling into our new classroom environment. We have been focusing on our whole school book 'After the Fall', and have been using our art and crafts skills to focus on marketing.

We have also been learning about diversity, and looking at how our school is diverse. We have had lots of opportunities to read for pleasure, making the most of our outdoor environment and the lovely weather!

### Year 5

All of Year 5 have settled in really well. This week we have been looking at the book 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat where the children have written about times they have overcome fear and felt proud of themselves. They have also designed their own paper airplanes inspired by the book.



We have been looking at some big numbers in Maths too: all the way up to a million! We are working hard in Year 5 and we will continue to amaze everybody throughout the year.



### Year 6

Mrs Simmons and Miss Ward have been blown away by the fantastic start to Year 6!

We are having a real push on handwriting and presentation and we have seen so much improvement all ready.

We have been looking at After the Fall and produced some art work showing how both negative and positive words can have a lasting impact.

### Nurture

Meet the nurture team! Mrs Williams, Mrs Marsh, Jane Rostance and Mrs Newby are available each morning for nurture drop-in.

We have been busy this week getting lots of activities ready for our nurture program to start again and have been catching up with all of the children.

This term we are focusing on travelling around the world and discovering different countries. We will look at how different cultures live compared to here and having fun with art and crafts. We are especially looking forward to trying different recipes from each country which the children will take home. We are starting off with a visit to Spain - Hola Espana!

