

Newsletter
Tuesday 17th
October 2023

● ● ● Half term is here!!

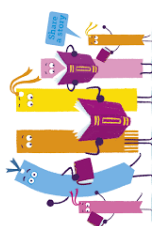
Hello everyone, I thought I'd send out a more formal newsletter to indicate the end of our first half term of 2023-2024. Hard to imagine that 7 weeks have now passed us by and the children are beautifully settled into this year. It has been an extremely busy but successful start to the year with many of our key plans and objectives on track for the rest of the academic year. We plan to have a lot of fun this week and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children.

Ofsted Inspection ● ● ●



Thank you all so much for your support last week following the school's Ofsted inspection. The final report will be available within the next 3 to 4 weeks and I will share this with you all once it has been finalised. Overall I found the experience to be a little frustrating given the measure Ofsted make against schools, however I will write in more detail about this when the report is published. What I can say is how proud I am of the children and staff in school for the pride they showed in the school and the remarkable things we all do on a day to day basis. Like any quality assurance, we will look at the areas we need to improve and work hard at these.

● ● ● Reading Launch – After Half Term



This year at school we are having a huge push and drive to improve reading across the school. Not only the teaching of reading but equally as important how often children read for pleasure. Last week we had a staff meeting that had to be re-organised due to the inspection but I wanted to make you all aware that a number of changes will be coming linked to children's reading experiences. We have invested several thousand pounds in new books and incentives to support children to develop a love of reading and will write to you all after half term with these plans. We'd hugely appreciate your support in this and helping the children to engage and connect with reading books.

Our New School Vision ● ● ●

At the start of the year we met as a group of staff to redesign our school vision and what we want to achieve as a school. I am now waiting for a marketing company to come into school and have our new wording all around the building for children, families and staff to reflect on. Our plan once this is launched is to discuss and define it with the children so they can understand what we want to achieve. We spent the first couple of days of the year focusing on this as we wanted to truly capture the very essence of what our school is about. I hope it has some meaning to you all and we look forward to sharing it with the children next half term.

Our Vision

to inspire children to succeed by realising their ambitions and strengthening educational outcomes in a nurturing, exciting environment.

Our Values

embrace and support families as an integral part of the school community

expand children's horizons through developing excellence in teaching & learning

celebrate uniqueness & individuality so children can be the best possible versions of themselves.



End of Half Term & Inset Day 3rd November



Just a quick reminder that school will finish on Friday 20th October at the normal time for each class. We return to school on Monday 30th October but please remember we have a training / inset day on **Friday 3rd November** so children will not be in school on this day. We are having training on updated programmes that we use to teach Reading & Writing.

Lost Property & Pre-loved Uniform

I wanted to explain to everyone how the lost property and pre-loved uniform display functions outside the school's main entrance. Everything that is hung up on the rails is pre-loved, second hand and available for all families so please come along and help yourselves. It is regularly checked and we will add different uniform as it is donated. The tables outside are for lost property only. These are not to be taken as they belong to someone. Anything that is out there on the lost property section will unfortunately have no name on it which is why it is out there as we don't know who it belongs to. It would help us enormously if you could ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

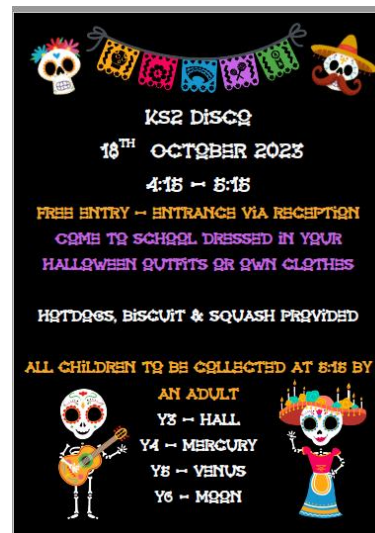
Halloween Disco & End of Half Term Fun

Silent Disco

To celebrate the children's wonderful hard work this half term they have voted for a silent disco so later on this week they will be having some time with their class mates dancing around with headphones on and simply losing themselves in the moment!! Who doesn't love a disco and this promises to be so much fun!!

Halloween Disco

Please see the flyer below for the Halloween disco on Wednesday. It is completely free and all are welcome to attend. There will be no after school clubs for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 but Key Stage 2 children can attend a club and then go to the disco afterwards. Children can come to school dressed in their Halloween outfit if they wish to or they can get changed in school later in the day. It promises to be a lot of fun and a bit scary too!!



And Finally...

Can I thank you all for your tremendous support this half term, it has been so much fun. We have a lot of exciting things happening in the next half term and the lead up to Christmas which is always magical. Can't wait to build our Winter Wonderland again.

Have a lovely half term break everyone and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards

Dave Williams (Headteacher)