

23RD NOVEMBER 2021



THE HALE HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last 2 weeks we have taken some further steps to returning to a more normal school life. We have enjoyed welcoming parents into for Teacher/Parent meetings and held a whole school Remembrance assembly which was the first time I have seen all the children and staff together!

Our Christmas events have now been planned and will go ahead as described later in the newsletter unless restrictions and advice changes either Locally, Nationally or as a result of a school level outbreak. Having looked again at our risk assessments I have decided that we will go ahead and invite parents into see the Christmas performances but with extra measures in place. Masks/face coverings will be required for all (unless exempt) and only 2 tickets per family for only one of the performances (either a AM or PM performance).

I understand restricting tickets may cause some disappointment but is the only way that we can safely have an audience in at this time. We will record at least one of the Christmas songs per class and send it out so that Grandparents etc can experience some of it.

Last week it was lovely having so many of you coming into school to meet with your child's teacher. We will be having an assessment week in December and will share the first mid year reports as we finish for Christmas.



Attendance traffic light letters will be sent out to all families over the next 2 week. Those who receive a Red Letter will be invited into an attendance planning meeting before Christmas. Those children who have attendance below 90% we may also ask for medical evidence to authorise future absences for illness. We understand that Covid 19 has had an impact on many children's attendance and have taken this into consideration when the letters have been produced.

As always any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mrs Fenton



Reception 2022 Admissions

OPEN DAY

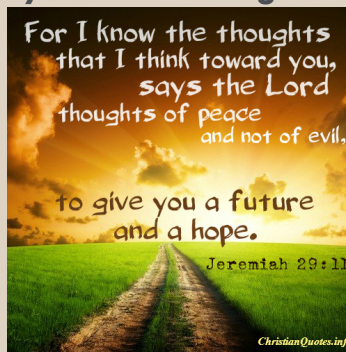
Monday 29th November
To book an appointment
call the school office
0151-425-3023

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Christian Values

Hope

This half term those children spotted "living out" the value of Hope will be given a heart sticker. Look out for your child coming home with one of these!



Picture News

We use Picture News weekly across the school in our class Collective Worship sessions. The resources are designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths.

Picture News encourages exploration, discussion, challenge and inspires children to learn! Below is this week's home resource and prayer.



Picture News

at Home

22nd November 2021
What's going on this week?

Travel company, Expedia, has banned the sale of holidays involving dolphins and whales. The decision follows calls led by public figures such as Joanna Lumley and the Prime Minister's wife, Carrie Johnson, for an end to holidaymakers swimming with captive creatures or watching them perform tricks.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌿 Share what you know about dolphins. Have you ever seen a dolphin? This could be either on television or in real life.
- 🌿 Talk about the recent decision to ban holidays where dolphins and whales are involved in shows or for holiday makers to swim with. Why do you think they made this decision?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

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Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Lord Father, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to help and protect animals that are in forced captivity.

We thank you that there are people who love and care for them.

We know that there are many good reasons to keep some wild animals in zoos. They may be endangered or at risk, but we ask that where animals are kept just for entertainment, like dolphin parks around the world, that you help their owners to understand the cruelty of their actions and help these animals to find their own liberty.

Amen.





Christmas Dates

Please note that any below events maybe changed at short notice due to changes in Covid 19 guidance or as a result of the number of cases in school at the time of the planned events.

Risks assessments will be reviewed regularly.

	Date	Additional information
Non uniform day	1 st December	Children to bring items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – with a special visitor in the afternoon.	10 th December	Christmas jumpers (non-uniform) and small donation for Save the Children.
Christmas Lunch	14 th December	Please pre order Children may wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform on this day.
Carols around the Christmas Tree Years 4-6	15 th December 9.15am and 2pm	Each family will receive 2 tickets for one performance. (School uniform)
KS1 and Year 3 Nativity	16 th December 2pm	Each family will receive 2 tickets for one performance. (16 th or 17 th)
KS1 and Year 3 Nativity	17 th December 9.15am	Each family will receive 2 tickets for one performance (16 th or 17 th)
Reception Christmas sing-a-long	17 th December 2.15pm	Each family will receive 2 tickets for the performance
Christmas Prayers in Church	20 th December - Classes throughout the day.	School uniform. Children and staff only
Christmas Party Day	21 st December	Please pre order lunch Children may wear Christmas Jumpers or Party clothes.
Last day of term	22 nd December	Uniform Finish at 1.15pm

Tickets for the performances will be available at the school office from Friday 3rd December.





Toy and Cake Sale

£351.90 was raised last Friday for Children in Need.

Thank you to all who donated toys and baked cakes!

Thank you to everyone who bought the toys and cakes!



And a big thank you to our Year 6 children who gave up their breaktimes to organise the event.



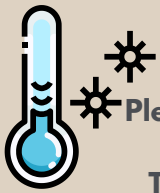
Safety at the start and end of the school day

Please ensure that if you need to drive to school you park responsibly and safely.

Please avoid parking close to the school entrance on main road as this making visibility difficult for those children who need to cross outside the school gates.

We do not have a crossing assistant at present and ensuring the children have good visibility is paramount and helps to ensure we do not have any accidents.

Those children who are late for school or need to be collected early for medical appointments or when they are unwell please do not park in the school car park as space is exceptionally limited.



Cold Weather

Please ensure that your child has a coat, gloves and hat for school that they bring in daily and that it is fully labelled!

The children will play outside though out the winter at break and lunchtime unless the weather is extreme and therefore need to have outer clothing to keep them warm.



Our twitter feed @hale_school has lots of pictures and examples of activities and children's work across the school.



Messy Church is a way of being Church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

The first Messy Church at St. Mary's will be on:

Thursday 25th November
from 4.15 to 6.15pm.

There will be food, fun, crafts to make and do, and a short time of worship.

Come and join us!

Supporting learning at home



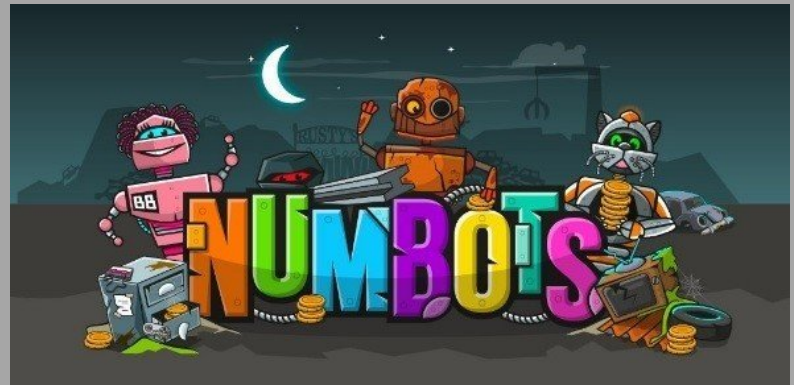
All children are expected to read every school night. For those children in KS2 this can be a mixture of their reading/library books and Reading Plus.

Please ensure you record when your child has read. On a Friday we will invite children who have not read at home during the week to a break time reading session where they will have the opportunity to read.

The children in KS2 should be able to access Reading Plus independently at home - they all do this regularly in school.

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Please visit our website to see our recent updated information about how we teach phonics here at Hale CE. The information is in the curriculum area.

After half term individual phonics packs will be created and sent home for parents of Reception and KS1 children to help you support and reinforce what has been taught in school.

