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Hallbrook News

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As Chair of the Governing Board I write to conclude on an excellent, hard working school year at Hallbrook. The months have not been without their challenges, not least in facing a diminishing national and local budget for education and, also at a national level, staff recruitment shortages in key areas.

For Hallbrook however, with your support and the consistently strong leadership, management and teaching at the school, we are in a favourable position.

We look forward to the arrival not only of the new EYFS children but also of the outstanding teachers who have been appointed to our team from next term.

We congratulate colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities and promotion.

We have settled on a balanced, if tight, budget for the next few years.

We have seen our number on roll grow by parental choice, with additional provision including pre-and after-school care, safety and security improvements and substantially enhanced library and computing facilities.

We know that children are making progress in their learning, not least looking forward to hard work in their next year's classes and, for Year 6, the venture into secondary school.

Thank you for your support and encouragement to your children and the school's staff in all of this good work.

After over a decade as a governor at Hallbrook, my term of office comes to an end on 1 September. I have decided to retire from the Governing Board. Watching Hallbrook being built in the 1990s, whilst working as Principal at TECC, was the start of one of the most enjoyable parts of my association with the Broughton Astley community. Thank you for your support to me throughout that long time.

I look forward to hearing of Hallbrook continuing to flourish and to the success and happiness of your children at the school in the future.

A. Gelsthorpe
Chair of Governing Board

Little Princess Trust®

Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

We are all so proud of Grace Phillips (Year 6) who recently donated 13cm of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. A fantastic gesture!

Snapchat

Please be aware that recent changes to Snapchat mean **the default now shows the users location**. There are several pupils who have Snapchat despite the minimum age of 13 and although they will deem it 'fun' to see their friends it should be used with caution. Parents - please be vigilant on the apps and internet use by your child.



Uniform

An increasing number of pupils are not wearing correct uniform to school, particularly with regard to footwear, socks and hair accessories. We expect all pupils to be dressed in **full school uniform at all times**. If for any reason, there is a **genuine reason** why your child can not wear an item of uniform, parents must advise the school by letter or telephone call.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term

22.08.17 Teacher Day - School Closed
23.08.17 Teacher Day - School Closed
24.08.17 Teacher Day - School Closed
25.08.17 Teacher Day - School Closed
28.08.17 Bank Holiday
29.08.17 School Re-opens
30.08.17 'Welcome Meetings' for Parents (Y1 - Y6), 5pm - 5:30pm repeated 6pm - 6:30pm
19.09.17 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6pm

Mid-Term Break 16th to 20th October

24.10.17 Parents' Evening, 5pm - 8pm
25.10.17 Parents' Evening, 3:30pm - 6:30pm
03.11.17 Discos
KS1 4:15pm - 5:15pm
KS2 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Website

Our fantastic new website is now 'live'. Take a look at:

www.hallbrook.leics.sch.uk

Attendance Figures

June 2017

YR	Miss Robinson / Mrs Tasker	98.4%
Y1	Miss Clark	96.5%
Y2	Mrs O'Boyle / Mrs Nagorski	97.0%
Y3/4	Mr Duffy	98.7%
Y3/4	Mrs McHugh	99.2%
Y4/5	Mrs Easton	96.3%
Y5/6	Mrs Thirlby	94.8%
Y5/6	Mrs Cawrey	95.0%

School (June)	97.0%
School (Academic Year)	97.3%

A reminder that legislation means school **can not** authorise any family holidays or family days out during term time.

Parent/Carer Questionnaires

I would like to acknowledge and thank those parents who have completed and returned the annual questionnaires, including the many parents who have provided positive feedback about the school and to those who have written respectful suggestions about how the school could be further improved.

Unfortunately there is a small minority of parents who have used the questionnaire as an opportunity to make aggressive or rude comments about school staff and/or to make derogatory comments about specific aspects of the school, possibly fuelled by rumour, hearsay and misinformation.

There have been many challenges this year, many of which have been beyond the school's control such as a reduction in national and local budgets for education, staff absence, and national staff recruitment shortages. School has also continued to embed the new national curriculum which has raised expectations and placed a greater emphasis on pupils acquiring and consolidating key skills, particularly in maths and English grammar, punctuation and writing.



At Hallbrook Primary School we strive to build a strong relationship with parents in order to help create a stimulating learning environment which continues from school to home, providing all pupils with the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

Hallbrook Primary School believes that pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one, and we are looking forward to a hopefully much more settled 2017/18 academic year.

If you have any concerns about the school or your child please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can work together to resolve any issues you may have.

JOIN FREE AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

15 July – 10 September
for children aged 4 – 11

Will you solve the mystery and help the Animal Agents? Read six library books and earn rewards along the way.

inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Staffing News

Mrs Maxine Kinton has been appointed as a Learning Support Assistant at Dorothy Goodman School, therefore her fixed-term contract as a Learning Support Assistant at Hallbrook will end.

To all of the staff who are leaving Hallbrook today, we thank them for all of their hard work and wish them all the very best for the future.

Volunteers

Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped the school this year, including listening to readers, accompanying pupils on school trips or running extra-curricular clubs. Your help is always very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Mrs Latham who has been volunteering at Hallbrook for a number of years.

Welcome Meetings

Wednesday 30th August 2017

Your child's new Class Teacher(s) invite parents/carers to attend a welcome meeting where you will be given information about the year ahead. Information will be given to you including: core values; rewards/sanctions; curriculum; assessments; homework; age-related expectations; timetables, communication etc. It is important that as many parents attend so that you do not miss out on receiving valuable information to enable you to best support your child and so we can start the new school year with a strong home/school partnership.

Each Class Teacher will run their presentation twice, enabling parents with more than one child in the school to receive information from different Class Teachers.

The times are:

Session 1	5pm - 5:30pm
Session 2	6pm - 6:30pm

School Timetable

To further improve pupil outcomes, we are piloting a new timetable for the 2017/18 academic year which will allow increased focus on key skills and the core subjects during the morning:

08:50 - 08:55	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	English Skills / Phonics
09:30 - 10:00	Maths Skills
10:00 - 10:15	Assembly
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:25	Maths
11:25 - 12:15	English
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 15:15	Curriculum

Unless attending Smiles, pupils should not be on the school site before 08:45. Doors will be opened at **08:45 and will be closed at 08:55**. Pupils arriving after 08:55 must report to the Main Office. Pupils arriving after 09:00 will be marked as late.