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# Hallbrook News

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A belated Happy New Year to all parents and children.

I am delighted to have been appointed as the Chair of Governors at Hallbrook and look forward to getting to know the children and staff at the school, as well of course parents.

Stephen Lea already informed you of my background of more than 35 years in Education, more recently and since my retirement from headship as a chair of governors at one of the schools in the Trust.

The Governors have had their first meeting this term and are working on a plan to bring the board up to full strength by recruiting people from local businesses, in order to provide the expertise and experience needed to fulfil our roles. As you know we also had one remaining vacancy for a parent governor which has now been filled and I am very pleased to welcome Mr Mark Poulton to the board. However, we would be pleased to hear from any person, not currently a parent of a pupil at Hallbrook, who might be interested in becoming a governor. If you know of anyone, please pass on their details to the school office and I will contact them.

I hope to meet some of you over the coming months but should you have any queries about the work of the Governors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sue Lamprell*

Chair of Governors



Hallbrook are delighted to inform parents that the Food Services Team scored the full 5 stars following an inspection at Hallbrook earlier this month. Well done to Mr Sulyok and the team.

## Giant Snail Moves In

Have you heard about our newest addition to the school? Our Kingfisher class have a new class pet called Turbo. All the children have been helping to look after Turbo with water, food and suitable bedding. Just in case you have not realised Turbo is a giant snail.



*Please,*  
**STAY ON THE  
PATH**

We would like to remind parents that children should not be allowed to run around the car park during the drop off and collection times of the day. Everyone must stay on the paths when moving around the entrance. Whilst we restrict movement of vehicles during these times we want the safety of everyone to be paramount. If you enter the car park please keep your speed to less than 5mph and be vigilant when driving around.

## Diary Dates

### Spring Term

- 31.01.18 EYFS/Y6 Heights & Weights
- 07.02.18 EYFS 'Chinese New Year' Open Afternoon, 1:30pm - 3pm
- 09.02.18 End of Half-Term

### Mid-Term Break 12.02.18 to 16.02.18

- 19.02.18 School Re-opens
- 20.02.18 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6pm
- 23.02.18 Discos:  
EYFS/KS1: 4:15 - 5:15pm  
KS2: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- w/c 26.02.18 Y5 Bikeability
- 27.02.18 Parents' Evening, 5pm - 8pm
- 28.02.18 Parents' Evening, 3:30pm - 6:30pm
- 01.03.18 Class Photographs
- 12.03.18 Whole-School 'Pinocchio' Performance & Y6 Drama Workshop
- 20.03.18 EYFS 'Maths' Open Afternoon, 1:30pm - 3pm
- 21.03.18 Easter Bingo, 5pm - 7pm
- 23.03.18 Autism Awareness 'Wear a Onesie' Day
- 23.03.18 End of Term

### Summer Term

- 09.04.18 School Re-opens
- 17.04.18 Full Governing Board Meeting, 6pm
- 23.04.18 Y4 Beaumanor - Depart
- 25.04.18 Y4 Beaumanor - Return
- w/b 14.05.18 Y6 SATs
- 21.05.18 Y6 Isle of Wight - Depart
- 25.05.18 Y6 Isle of Wight - Return

## School Office

The school office is staffed between **8:30am and 4:30pm** during term time. Outside of these hours and during busy periods, please leave a voicemail message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible, if required.



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On January 8th, 26 pupils from our Key Stage 2 choir took part in the world's largest school choir concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. They performed alongside over 5,000 other children as a single choir to a capacity audience of family and friends. It was certainly an incredible experience and hopefully one that our pupils will never forget. Thank you to Mrs Nagorski for preparing our choir and for taking them to the Genting Arena, supported by Mr Burton and Miss Rowlands.



The next School disco will be on **Friday 23rd February**. The theme is SUPERHEROES, however children do not have to dress up if they would prefer not to.

EYFS & KS1 4.15 - 5.15pm  
KS2 5.30 - 6.30pm

£3 per child, payable via ParentPay.

## Cross Country News

Despite the number of schools competing in the Blaby Cross Country League dropping from 17 to 15, the number of competitors rose to a record 526. There were quality races in every year group.

In the Year 5 races, Hallbrook narrowly beat Thistley Meadow to the small schools title, with Cosby edging out Huncote for third place.

In Year 6, Huncote won the small schools title in a close run thing with Hallbrook and Thistley Meadow. Well done to Ryan Butler who shared the Year 6 boys title and George Drummond who came third.

In the County League races at Prestwold Hall, a special mention must go to Ryan Butler who was a race winner and became a county champion!

## Parent Internet Safety Survey

The Police have asked if parents could complete an E-Safety Survey. The survey will be live until the end of January.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/internetsafetysurvey4parents>

## Attendance Figures

December 2017

Tadpoles	Year R	Mrs Dye / Mrs Tasker	94.5%
Caterpillars	Year R	Miss Warrington	95.8%
Newts	Year 1	Miss Clark	95.0%
Frogs	Year 2	Mrs Child / Mrs O'Boyle	96.2%
Dragonflies	Year 3/4	Mrs Thornhill / Mrs Dawson	97.0%
Otters	Year 3/4	Miss Siddons	93.8%
Kingfishers	Year 5	Mrs Nagorski	96.8%
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Mrs Thirlby</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
Foxes	Year 6	Mrs Cawrey	95.4%

Whole School (December) 95.8%

Whole School (Academic Year) 96.9%

A reminder that family holidays, including occasional day's out and family events, will be **unauthorised** during term time and further action may be taken. This includes families who report a child's absence for reasons that are later found to be not genuine.

We are delighted to be able to inform parents and families that Hallbrook has made the move away from flight trays for school dinners. We have now moved to plates and bowls when serving our hot food.



This is part of our commitment towards our "Food for Life" programme and the feedback from children is that this is a fantastic step forward.

## Smiles

This month at Smiles we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have tasted Chinese food, had a quiz, made rice pictures, money wallets and got messy with noodles!

Don't forget we have our Jan/Feb **buy one session get another free**, offer so come give us a try and see what fun we have planned this month.



We are in the mobile within the school grounds and are open 7.30 - 8.50am and 3.15 - 6pm every day.

Please call Danielle Evans on 07592504414 for more information.