

Headteacher's comment

It's almost unbelievable that the first term of this academic year has gone by. School has been extremely busy with events and activities going on. There have been some changes that you will have noticed but there has been lots of changes going on behind the scenes. We are well along with an overhaul of different curriculum areas. Those of you who have read the OFSTED report will know that this is one of the areas which the school was asked to improve. We look forward to being able to share some of this work with you in the near future.

I hope everyone has a restful Christmas break and enjoy time with their family. I am excited to start the new year in a positive way.

Mr Barrow



Friends of Hallbrook

I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the Friends of Hallbrook and their various volunteers who have been working hard this term. They have hosted many successful events such as the pumpkin carving and Halloween Disco and the Christmas Fayre.

They have also played a vital part in helping us to fund different things which otherwise we would have had to go without. They have paid for the pantomime to come into school and have donated new PE equipment for us to use in lessons and at lunch time.

Assembly visits

We have had a range of visitors to our assemblies this term. We were lucky enough to be visited by PC Tom our local community support officer and we have had parents come to talk to us about the jobs and charities they work for. If you do something which you think would make a good assembly please get in touch!

Moving to Arbor

Over Christmas, the school is changing the computer system we use to a system called Arbor. In the short term, you will not notice any changes as parents but longer term this will allow us to pull our different systems together into one. Please keep a look out in Spring term for information about Arbor as it will change how you book and pay for things in the future.

Parking

I understand that parking is limited around school. Please be considerate of where you park. Road markings around the school, which indicate that cars can't be parked there, are placed there to keep our pupils safe and create safer places for children to cross.



Lunchtime and Leadership

We have really worked this half term at improving what is on offer at lunchtime and the opportunities for some of our older pupils to lead activities. We are seeing a huge uptake in the number of children choosing to participate in a structured activity and as a result the number of behaviour incidents at lunch time has hugely reduced! **Mud Club has been well attended. If anyone has any spare gardening equipment like trowels or spades, we would gladly accept the donation.**

Safeguarding

As I have previously mentioned, it is everyone's job within the Hallbrook community to safeguard all of our children. Within school, Mr Barrow, Mrs Pegley and Mrs Nagorski are designated safeguarding leads (DSLs). What is clear is that when parents have a serious concern, they are coming to talk. I understand that this feels very formal and, as a result, means the incidents have often escalated. I want to make parents aware of the email address dsl@hallbrook.leics.sch.uk You can report any safeguarding concerns you have to this address and only the DSLs in school have access. What may seem like a small thing happening to you could be part of a much larger picture that we have in school.

Sporting Success

We have had an extremely successful first term of sport. Class Dojo is a brilliant place to keep up to date with how we have done in individual competitions. A real highlight has been the positive comments we have had at different competitions about our sporting behaviour and the girls become Leicestershire and Rutland football champions!