

Lower Halstow Newsletter



November 2018

Welcome back!

I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely half term break and you managed to get out and enjoy the sunny weather before Winter sets in. This term is one of my favourite terms as the excitement for Christmas (yes, I did just mention 'that' word) really builds, as well as all the exciting events that go hand in hand with it. Similarly, to Term 1 I am looking forward to working with you and your children helping them to be the best that they can be. *Miss Crowe*



Groot Artwork competition

Thank you to everyone who entered a picture or sculpture for the Groot artwork competition. There were some amazing entries and it was really hard for our Chair of Governors, Peter Marshall, to choose his favourite. In the end the prizes went to Jennifer in Willow Class and Mia in Beech Class for their excellent representations of Groot. The display will be left up until the end of this term so please pop and see it when you are next in school for an event.



Harvest Festival

Thank you all for your support in making our Harvest Festival such a success this year. The **Rainbow** Harvest theme allowed us to produce an amazingly colourful table as well as the children dressing up in their class colour. The children did so well with their singing, artwork, poems, prayers and descriptions, I was really proud of the work they produced. Thank you also to Reverend Julian for leading the service, it was a very enjoyable morning. The offerings were taken to the church in order to be raffled off with the money going to charity.



School Disco

The disco made a fantastic profit of £496.30!

118 tickets were sold in total, making £236. The stalls made extra money too giving £496.30 for the school. This is one of the best profits the PTFA have made from a disco.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event and to the staff for helping out on the night.



Update from Mrs Deevoy

Staff have been working hard behind the scenes to make changes to how we deliver the national curriculum. I set them the challenge of creating more engaging and inspirational learning experiences. Beech class were first to benefit with their day as Anglo-Saxons and Rowans are next with their alien theme! We'll be putting out requests for various odd resources as we strive to make our learning more practical and exciting.

E-mail Addresses Please ensure the office have your up to date e-mail address as we will soon be e-mailing all newsletters to save on paper.

Coats

Now that the weather is beginning to turn colder please could you ensure that children have their coats in school every day as we will be outside at lunch and breaktime.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who joined us for one of our 'Meet the Headteachers' coffee mornings, it was lovely to meet so many of you. The feedback you gave us was really helpful and you will see that we have started to action some of the suggestions already.



Our next 'afternoon tea' session will be on: **28.11.18 at 2.45pm**, we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Key Dates for Term 2.

2.11.18 - Scooter training for Year 1-3.

6 and 7.11.18 (9.30 and 1.30) new Year R entrant tours

21.11.18 (1.30) - Year 6 tours for new Year R entrants.

30.11.18 (10.00) - Christingle Service in church (just children, details to follow)

4.12.18 - Year 6 assembly to parents.

11.12.18 (2.00) - KS 1 Performance to parents.

12.12.18 (2.00) - KS 1 Performance to Grandparents.

14.12.18 - Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.18 - (10.00 and 11.15) Christmas Church service with parents (details to follow)

18.12.18 - End of Term 1.

3.1.19 - Term 3 begins

Can you help?

The PTFA will be in school on Sunday 4th and 11th November in order to build our outdoor reading area. As of yet no one has volunteered to help, so if you would be willing to give up an hour or two your help would be gratefully received, please let the office know if you are available.



WANTED

We are hoping to reuse and recycle to save some pennies! Please have a look at home for any of the following items.

We need:

Wind up torches (avoids the need to replace batteries)

Wooden pallets (for building extra scooter racks)

Any size or style of picture frames (for our Lower Halstow art Gallery, which is coming soon)

Many thanks in advance, you'll be really helping us out!