

# High Halstow Primary School News 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a Happy New Year to you all. The weather maybe grey and cold but at least it is still liquid and not the frozen type! Please ensure that your child has the appropriate outer wear to ensure they can enjoy playtimes as we do continue to go out as much as possible. Don't forget to put names in new coats, hats and gloves too!

This term we will be looking at New Year resolutions and how to persevere in keeping them. In assembly the pupils will discuss why we make resolutions and how they can help us all improve. Once we have achieved a goal it's easy to say we have reached it but to continue to strive and make further progress needs more effort. With effort and determination the pupils are being shown how they can achieve their best. This fits in very well with the countdown to London 2012 and the Olympic values which are also being looked at and discussed.

As we go towards the Olympic Games the pupils will be undertaking more work in line with our global learning ethos. During terms 1 and 2 we were exploring links with South Africa and have made links with Magudu School near the Kruger Park. We have seen photos of the pupils and teachers and seen how the school looks and works. At Christmas pupils sent photos and greetings to the school and we are waiting to receive letters from the pupils in South Africa. Later in February we will welcome teaching colleagues from the district and we will be proud to show them High Halstow and Medway. This work has been made possible through the British Council with successful bids

being made by the school to support such learning. Mrs Bradshaw will be introducing a new club to the school to further enhance global learning so look out for the details on the letter about clubs that will be sent out this week. Remember you can receive electronic versions of all letters if you are registered with Parentmail.

The school has been working towards other curriculum developments recently in line with the School Development Plan which is the driver for school improvement. The Learning Intentions that are sent out termly to support your involvement in your child's learning have been developed in line with linking with quality texts and written outcomes. Last term this was piloted in the Ladybird Class when pupils became detectives searching for the dragon in school. The excitement and enthusiasm for learning was infectious and the quality of the learning was outstanding.

As part of the behaviour policy all pupils are entitled to Golden Time each week, as a reward for keeping our school rules. During this time pupils have opportunities to follow their choice of activity and as a development to this staff will be running a "Golden University Course" for 3 weeks each term when pupils will be able to sign up for specific areas to develop during Golden Time. There will be "courses" in such subjects as art, sewing and cookery. The courses will be cross phase and therefore pupils from all classes (except Grasshopper) will be working together which is a way our pupils have told us they like to work.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about developments in the school

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P.M.Sanford  
Head Teacher

## Parentmail

Schools continue to be encouraged to send information to parents in electronic form and to this end the school is encouraging more parents to register on our system Parentmail.

If you would like to register to receive an electronic version of newsletters and other information please go to the school's website

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During Term 2 the school monitored the number of duplicate copies of letters that pupils requested having "lost" or forgotten the original letter.

The time and paper used to do this was amazing and to this end the school is trying hard not to issue duplicate letters as a matter of course but instead we will ask pupils to look again in school and at home before issuing another letter. By registering and using Parentmail this situation can be avoided as newsletters and other information will be sent to you at home without the possibility of letters getting "lost".

Please help us to become more efficient by registering NOW!! You can do this either by completing the registration form, writing the details in the contact book or popping into the office and speaking to either Mrs Tremain or Mrs Penney.

## ADVERSE WEATHER

In case of bad weather you can keep up to date with school closures on our website

[www.highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.highhalstowprimaryschool.org.uk)

or tune to local radios stations  
KM and BBC Radio Kent 96.7fM

Please note that all school clubs start the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January and clubs will run as time tabled unless you are advised otherwise. Thank you to all staff who willingly support the extra curricular activities.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Mobile Library at school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for Butterfly Class 8:40-10:30
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for Ant Class 8:40-10:30
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00 Assembly for parent/carers Dragonfly Class
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Time and Tides Display 3-7 pm in the school hall; a local history group; details to follow
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	PTA Committee Meeting at school 7:00pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	10:00 Assembly for parents/carers Ant Class
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	PTA Adult Quiz Night 7:30 pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	"Enterprise Day' details to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Classroom; at 3:15 your child will come out of class as usual and you are then invited to come into the classroom where your child will show you what they are proud of.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Professional Development Day; school closed to pupils
END OF TERM 3	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 4 begins