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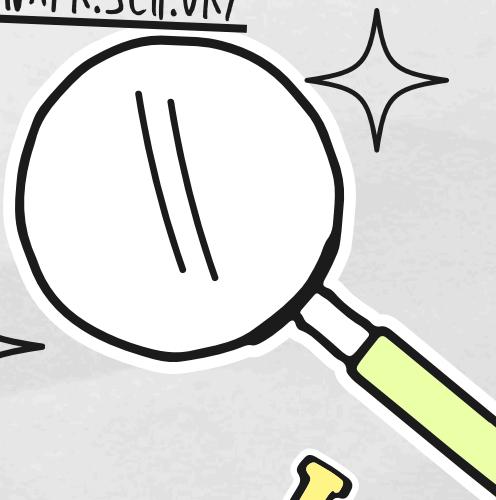
KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Please refer to our Annual Planner 2025/26 for key dates throughout the session.

We will add monthly reminders here.

- 09.09.25 P1 Come & meet Mrs McLean
- 16.09.25 JRSO Event for P7 Pupil Leaders
- 24.09.25 P6/7 Football Event @ Ballerup
- 25.09.25 Dash, Dance or Dawdle Fundraiser (more info to follow)
- 25.09.25 Halfmerke Havers @ 9:30am
- 25.09.25 School closes @ 3pm for Holiday weekend.
- 30.09.25 School reopens @ 9am

We will communicate any new dates via Parents Portal.



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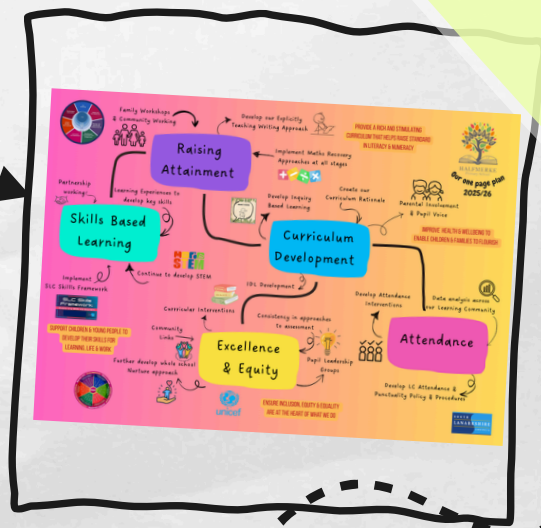
PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting was held this week. We discussed fundraising for the coming year as well as our school priorities. We are looking for any parents/friends of Halfmerke to join us in forthcoming work this session. If you are available to meet/help anytime please contact the school office. The PC AGM will be held on the 8th October, all welcome!



2 SCHOOL PRIORITIES

We have shared our One Page Plan on Parents Portal. This outlines our priorities for 2025/26. Development work has begun with school staff and we are excited to get pupils involved to support this and hear their views. If you are interested or wish to know more or can help support our priorities, please pop along to our first Halfmerke Havers on 25th September @ 9:30am. A very informal time to get to know more about us, have a tea/coffee and chat to other families/school staff about what's going on. All welcome!



4 BREAKFAST CLUB

Our school operates a breakfast club please see the information below should you wish your child to attend.

- Start time is 8:15am. Pupils can enter via the front entrance. Booking is not necessary.
- Pupils cannot enter breakfast club after 8:35am
- Pupils will be offered toast, weetabix and milk or water to drink.
- Pupils should not bring their own food to eat at breakfast club.
- Phones are not permitted to be used at breakfast club.
- Pupils will be escorted and supervised in the playground from 8:45am.

3 EXTRA CURRICULAR

Pupils in P4-P7 will soon be invited to express their interest in Extra Curricular Activities. This will be shared with families via Parents Portal. Clubs may be held at lunchtime or afterschool. Pupils in P1-P3 will be offered an opportunity to participate in Multisports club, provided by SLC Active Schools. We may have other offerings throughout the session, please watch out for these on Parents Portal.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY

5 CLASS INFORMATION

Feedback from our Meet the Teacher event last year was that it was not very well attended across the school. Instead of this event we are issuing Class Newsletters to provide information about your child's class and learning for this term. Reminders for your child's class will be included here. Please see the end of this newsletter for some whole school reminders also.

Mrs McLean will hold an informal drop in session for **P1 parents on Tuesday 9th September from 3 - 4pm** to find out a bit more about learning routines in Room 1.



6 HELPFUL REMINDERS

- We play outside in all weathers, so all pupils should bring a waterproof jacket to school.
- Pupils should come prepared for PE Days, shorts and t-shirt/ polo-shirt. No football strips should be worn.
- All pupils should have indoor shoes that remain in school. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE unless they have suitable indoor shoes.
- Homework will be issued by the class teacher. This is not mandatory but we do always encourage learning at home.
- Pupils should bring a filled water bottle to school. Our school Dental Team discourage juice in bottles so please fill these with water.
- Please put your child's name on everything they wear or bring to school. Lost property is located at the front entrance.
- Do not allow your child to bring precious items to school. We cannot guarantee that these may be lost or broken.
- We are a nut free school. Some of our pupils present with nut allergies and it is important that we have no nut products in school, this includes sandwich spread and Bueno chocolate.
- Please be mindful that we share our playground gates and car park with West Mains ASN School. We encourage everyone to be courteous and respectful when in our school grounds.

A Message from Ms Hogg

A very warm welcome back to session 2025/26 and a special hello to our new pupils who have joined us in P1 and at various other stages from other schools. We have all settled back into our school routines and are helping each other to demonstrate our shared values and follow our school rules. A wee reminder that myself and Miss Byrne are available most mornings and 3pm at the school gate, if you need to pass on any info or clarify anything regarding your child please come and speak to us.

As always thanks for your support and we will hopefully see some of you at our first Halfmerke Havers on 25th September.