



Message from Amanda Appleby Payne – Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Hello to you all! Wishing you all a very Happy Whitsun holiday.

Despite the short 4 weeks of Summer Term 1, we have been very busy as usual. The pupils have been taking good care of their seedlings that were planted on Green Day. Some of these you will see after Whitsun as we move them to the front of school to grow on throughout the Summer and Autumn term.

This week Mrs Byrne and Miss Bennett transported our scarecrows to Forge Mill Farm as our contribution to their Design a Scarecrow Competition. The theme was Local Heroes. Ozzy OzCorn, Dr Straw and Blind Dave, took a trip in our minibus to their new destination. We hope to hear the outcome of the competition after half term, but either way we are very proud of Pathway 1, Pathway 3 and Pathway 4 classes for their amazing designs. Very well done!

Significant progress is being made on our new build, we have footings and breeze block foundations forming. Things remain on schedule with good communication with the site team. I have included some photos below.

Our first group of parents have attended our Makaton Level 1 training session run by Mr Campbell and Mrs Harper. The feedback is very positive. Very well done to you all for your commitment to the 6 hours of training, we hope that you enjoyed it and are able to begin to use it with your children and families.

Next term brings our transition days and we welcome our new EYFS and Post 16 pupils and their families. This allows us to assess our organisation of classes; staffing ratio's and plan ahead for September.

There have been some staffing changes for September 2025. Mrs Lynch is joining Post 16, Miss Stolzenburg is moving from Post 16 to Emerald Class, Mrs Round who joined us as a cover teacher, will be the new teacher for Squirrel class. Ms Ali has been with us in Amethyst class this term and is continuing with us in this role next year.

We have added to our Senior Leadership Team and would like to congratulate Miss Smith and Mr Marsh who are newly appointed Assistant Head Teachers in an interim capacity for the rest of the year. The Senior Leadership team is being restructured officially for September 2025 with the addition of these two new positions. Miss Smith and Mr Marsh will co- teach Ruby class and we welcome Miss Preece to the position of our new EYFS teacher in Meerkat Class.

The new class teams will be uploaded to the website for September, our new website is still in progress.

We will also welcome Sam Palmer our new Caretaker after Whitsun, whom you may see around school at the end of the day.

In addition to some new staff we have had to say goodbye to Miss Thomas (Teaching Assistant in Pathway 2) this term. We are very grateful for her support for Halesbury and wish her every happiness, we will miss her.

I cannot believe that we are heading into the last 7 weeks of the first year of my Headship. Thank you for your continued support, honest feedback and open communication. The year has flown by, but as they say, time flies when you are having fun! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our last parents evening of the year and our parent transition afternoon.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Whitsun break.

Amanda Appleby Payne – Head Teacher



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Auction/Quiz – Saturday 21st June 1pm – 4pm (flyers to be circulated soon)

Car Boot Sale – Sunday July 13th 11 am – 1 pm (information to follow regarding booking a space)

Just Giving Page – current total raised so far = £1,360.00

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/halesbury-school-minibus?utm_term=r9Y4YGqmJ

Diary Dates: -

Whitsun Half term – 26th – 30th May

Monday 2nd June – INSET DAY - School closed to children

Summer Term 2 – Tuesday 3rd June – Wednesday 16th July

Transition Days – mornings of Tuesday 24th June & Thursday 26th June

Parents transition afternoon – Friday 4th July afternoon

Parents Evening – Thursday 10th July

Reports sent home to Parents – week beginning 7th July

Thursday 17th July & Friday 18th July - INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

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Building Progress so far!

