



## Halfway Infant People (HIP) Group Newsletter

Thank you for all your support so far this year. It is lovely to have so many activities and events back on the calendar. So far this year you have helped us to raise £697 which will help not only fund future events for the children and families of Halfway but have also allowed us to purchase our own disco sound system and lights, ipad accessories, and outdoor equipment and resources. We have even more fabulous activities and events planned for the Spring and Summer terms.

### **World Book Day**

#### **2nd March**

The HIP group are delighted to be able to support the World Book Day celebrations by donating a £10 book token per year group for the winners of the Book Bake Off. We can't wait to see your fabulous creations!



### **Spring Discos**

#### **Tuesday 14th March**

4pm - 4.45pm Year One (Rainbow Fish and Hungry Caterpillar classes)

5pm - 5.45pm Year Two (Crafty Chameleon and Enormous Crocodile classes)

#### **Tuesday 21st March**

4pm - 4.45pm Nursery

5pm - 5.45pm F2 (Gruffalo and Elmer classes)

Tickets will be £3.50 each and will include a drink and a sweet treat for every child. Booking will take place via text which you will receive soon; please reply promptly to book a place.

### **Easter Egg Hunts**

#### **27th - 31st March 2023**

Each class will be taking part in an Easter egg hunt at school during the week beginning 27th March 2023. These will all take place in school time and are organised by school staff. It is a lovely annual event which the HIP group are pleased to be able to support by providing a prize for every child in school with the help of some local businesses including NFC Groundwork's, Just4Cleaning and Metcalfe & Sons Farm.



### **Easter Bonnet Parades**

**Monday 27th March - Nursery Parade at 11am.** (Children who do not normally attend nursery on Monday mornings are invited to come along and join in the fun at 11.25am.)

**Tuesday 28th March - F2 Parade at 2.30pm**

**Wednesday 29th March - Year One Parade at 2.30pm**

**Thursday 30th March - Year Two Parade at 2.30pm**

Every child will be invited to make a bonnet or hat at home which they can wear proudly on the day and parents and carers are invited to attend their child's parade. The Halfway Infant People (HIP) group are pleased to be able to provide each child who enters with a sweet treat.

## 'Fund-Raisins'

### **Friday 31st March**

Children will bring home a box of raisins to help us in our 'fund-raisin' efforts. Children can enjoy the raisins, then each time they help out at home over the holidays perhaps you could reward them by popping a silver coin in their raisin box. These boxes can be returned to the school office after the holidays.



### Coronation Picnic

#### **Thursday 4th May 3.15pm - 5pm**

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles by holding an after school event that you are all invited to attend. There will be a cake stall and raffle, royal races and a royal photo-booth, along with games and music. Please bring along some small change for ice-creams and the games, along with a picnic and blanket (keeping your fingers crossed for good weather!) and we can all enjoy the celebrations together.

**Please do not bring alcohol or nuts as part of your picnic.**



### Bunting

We are inviting children and families to make a flag to make coronation themed bunting which will be displayed at the coronation picnic and then in the school hall. Attached is a template. Please use this template to cut a triangle out of (preferably) red, white or blue fabric – curtains, a tea-towel, t-shirt, old bedding, even a J-cloth; any material that will survive getting wet will do. Your child can decorate the flag however they like, remembering that the bunting will be outside for a while; please use permanent markers, bleedproof materials, etc. Don't forget that your child needs to put their name on it, so they can recognise it in years to come! Bring the completed flags to the School Office. Mrs Tatham will pass them on to our volunteers who have kindly offered to sew the flags together to make the bunting.

We are asking for a donation of **50p per flag**; all money raised will go to HIP Group.

Your flag needs to be in school by **Monday 17th April** so we have time to put the bunting together.

Have fun designing your flags – we can't wait to see the bunting!

### Donations

As ever, donations from our community help to make these events a success. If you are able to donate cakes for the Coronation Picnic, please bring them on the day and drop them into the School Office.

If you have any 'fancy' clothes such as hats, blazers, ties, feather boas we could use for the photo booth please also donate these via the School Office.



### **Our next HIP Group meeting will be held on Monday 27th March at 9am in school.**

Please do pop along to join in the planning of future activities and events.

