



Newsletter — Autumn 4

Welcome back for the second half term. This half term is always exceptionally busy so today's letter is mainly a list of reminders and dates from other agencies.



Poppies are now on sale in school. Traditional Poppies are available for a donation and there is also a variety of other merchandise available for Key Stage 2 children, ranging in price from 50p to £1—although I should point out these always sell very quickly.

School Photos have now been collected by Van Cols; any further orders will need to be placed direct with the photographer and there will be an additional charge.

Our new **Breakfast Club** is now up and running in the Cookery Room every morning from 8.25am. It offers excellent value for money at just 30pence per day for breakfast and is open to all ages. We know that many older pupils leave for school early, when their parents leave for work, and in this colder weather this could be an ideal way to keep warm and fuel up for the day ahead.



Today's Parent Coffee Morning unfortunately had to be postponed. It will now be held on Friday 18th November at 9am. The focus will be the School's vision and ethos.

Cinema visits take place next week—Key Stage 1 on Thursday and Key Stage 2 on Friday. Please send monies to classes ASAP.

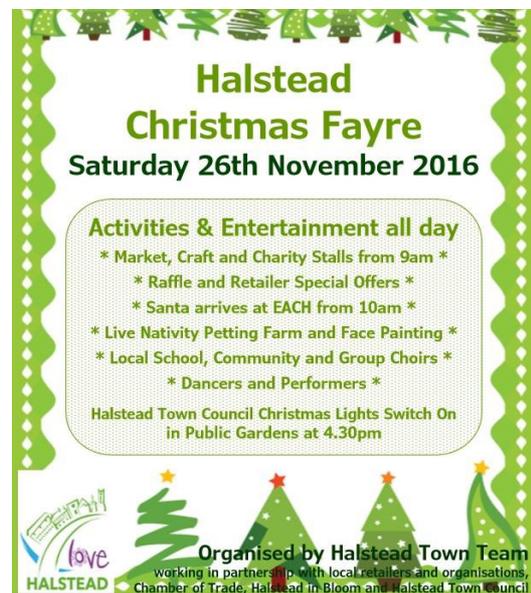


Mid Essex NHS are running **"What to do when your child is ill" events** across the area. Our nearest session is in

Braintree on Tuesday 22nd November at Tabor

Academy, Panfield Lane, from 6-7.30pm. GPs, practice nurses and St John's Ambulance will be in attendance. To reserve a place please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-to-do-when-your-child-is-ill-workshop-tickets-2878466716>

St Andrews Church, here in Halstead, are launching **"Messy Church** on Saturday 19th November, 3-5pm. There will be fun activities, food and lots to celebrate. Everybody is welcome.



You should have received information this week about our **Termly Learning Conferences**. Termly Learning Conferences are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of your child. They are a fantastic opportunity to find out about your child's learning from both your child and their teachers. TLCs are inclusive in nature and designed to be used with all children. Developing their language of learning takes children time and, as you see your child grow, you will also see them develop and refine this valuable skill. We believe, and research supports, that children who understand themselves as learners will make better progress and achieve more. The TLCs have therefore been carefully designed so that the emphasis is around developing a shared language for learning between pupils, their teachers and parents/carers. As such, the TLC is designed to go beyond a purely 'academic' review of standards and progress, as it also provides an

opportunity to identify factors which help or hinder progress and achievement. They will bring their short Termly reports home next week to help you all to feel more prepared for the TLC.

Please do try to join your child for their Conference.

This year we are introducing Open Mornings on 23rd and 24th November. There will be tours for families looking at Richard de Clare for their pre-school children and tours for parents of pupils. Places must be booked in advance. Please see below for details. With this newsletter is a poster; it would be great if you can display this somewhere prominent— in your house window, car or place of work please.

Lost property has again built up. All items left over the half term holiday, with a name in were returned to classrooms and yet we still have a huge sack of clothes! Please do make sure all clothes are named—especially coats at this time of year.

Finally I would like to remind you of two events our HSA have coming up. We have our fantastic annual Fireworks display this Saturday, 5th November at Halstead Town FC and our own Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December. We hope to see you all at these great events.

OPEN MORNINGS



At

Richard de Clare School

Your chance to see the school in action

Wednesday 23rd &

Thursday 24th November 2016

New parent and family tours 9:15 am

Tours for existing R de C families 11am

Call 01787 472153

To book your place

Halstead Town Football Club &
Richard de Clare Community School HSA

**FIREWORKS
DISPLAY**

Halstead Football Ground
Saturday 5th November

Adults £5 • Children 4 & over £3
Gates open 5:30pm • Display 6:30pm
Refreshments available
Strictly NO sparklers

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