



THE BULLETIN: No 21 – October 2011

If you are reading this you have obviously taken on board all the information that I have been writing over the past year that the flow of paper from Hallfield has stopped! Forests are to be saved, printing ink requisitions slashed and you have joined us in the electronic world of communication – well done!

I recall a friend recounting an occasion when he had cause to remonstrate with his teenage son over something he had done wrong. He started by saying, “when I was your age.....” and went on to explain how he would have behaved in similar circumstances, intending the advice to be a worthwhile lesson. A suitable pause followed the short but forceful delivery, which led the father to think, with a sense of satisfaction that the message had struck home. The reply, when it came, was not what was expected. “Dad, you were never my age!”

The world that children are growing up in today is different from that of their parents. In many ways it is better, but in other ways it is more difficult and there are more pressures. Some of these pressures are due to a consumer driven society. A society that we adults have helped to create, where the emphasis is on having more, often at the expense of others. Values that were once an important part of the community may now be seen as old fashioned and out of date.

Teaching children to be courteous and well-mannered is as important today as it ever was. We expect them to treat each other with consideration, speak to adults respectfully and behave appropriately. Responsibility for ensuring this happens has to be shared: by us the teachers, by you the parents, and by the children themselves.

Generations are different, times have changed, but courtesy and good manners should never be allowed to become something of the past. So, depending upon the age of your son/daughter I would ask you to have an objective look at them over this half term. Are they transparent and courteous, having the fundamental understanding of the difference between right and wrong? Do they know how to join in and take turns, talking politely to one and other and helping each other when help is needed? Do they care for the environment they are growing up in and take an interest in their learning, asking for help in a literate and polite way? Can they sit down at the meal table, use a knife and fork appropriate to their age, make conversation to those around them and take joint responsibility for whatever clearing is needed at the end of the meal? There are many other areas of courtesy and good manners that you as parents can delve into concerning your son/daughter, because it seems to me, somewhat ironically, that these are characteristics that our children will need more than ever as they grow up in an ever demanding world.

Many children here at Hallfield are most definitely on the right lines, and a few display exemplary manners, but the harsh reality is that there are some children who are most certainly lacking in this area. I hope that between us, all the children here at Hallfield will always strive to meet this essential challenge and life skill.

STAFFING MATTERS

Hallfield*first*

Congratulations to Miss Clare McGeown, Nursery Manager, who has recently been awarded her BA (2:1 Hons) in Early Childhood Studies. This was completed whilst she was maintaining her full-time position at Hallfield*first* – no mean feat!

We welcome Miss Shauna Farrell and Miss Levi Philpot who are both now covering maternity leave.

Pre-Prep

Mrs. Sarah Rafiq will be starting her maternity leave in the New Year and Miss Kiranjit Kaur has been employed to cover her form. Miss Kaur has previously provided cover for Mrs. Stefanowski during a period of absence in the Summer Term. We wish Mrs. Rafiq and her husband all the very best and look forward to welcoming the little one to the Hallfield community.

Mrs. Pauline Payne has now taken over in Year 1 as maternity cover for Mrs. Kingston (working with Mrs. Simkin) and Mrs. Sarah Jones has taken over from Mrs. Payne in Transition.

Upper School

Head of Maths and Year 4 Teacher

Congratulations to Mr. Richard Goldman who has been appointed as Head of Middle School (Years 5 – 8) at St. Mary's School in Worcester. This is a well-earned promotion and he will leave us at the end of this term. Interviews to replace Mr. Goldman have already taken place and I am very pleased to announce that Mrs. Laura Bodycombe will take over the position as Head of Maths in January 2012, as well as becoming Form Teacher for 5G. Mrs. Bodycombe will be replaced by Mrs. Sarah Miles who returns to Hallfield after a break of three years out of teaching to start a family. Mrs. Miles is well known to many parents having previously been Head of English and I am delighted we have managed to secure her services once again. Mrs. Miles has been introduced to Year 4 parents at the meeting on Monday 10th October and will take over as 4B Form Teacher.

Head of French

You will be sad to know that Madam Celine Kishishian will be leaving Hallfield at the end of this term. I will be looking to fill her position as Head of French as soon as possible and I will let you know who the new incumbent is once I have made an appointment.

Support Staff

Miss Karan Hatch joined as Administration Assistant in September, but after only a couple of weeks left to take up a position as Teaching Assistant. Miss Sarah Lloyd has now taken over the role and will be based in the Front Office working closely with the Marketing and Admissions Manager.

We also welcome Mrs. Louise Seaman who joined us as Bursar's PA, Estates and SMT Secretary. Both Miss Lloyd and Mrs. Seaman have a wealth of secretarial experience.

After Care

Miss Zoe Caper, Miss Samyukta Sundar, Miss Elizabeth Sargeant and Mr. Brock Sandeman are all new staff within the Upper School After Care team, and Mr. Mark Udal and Mr. Aaron Ward have joined the Pre-Prep After Care team.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Hallfieldian

The Hallfieldian 2010 – 2011 will be brought home by your son/daughter (or eldest sibling if you have more than one child in the School) on the day we break up for half term. It is a marvellous record of the last academic year and I hope you enjoy looking at it as much as I have done. The colour magazine gives a wonderful flavour of the huge number of events and activities that take place in Hallfield in all the different sections of the School and the smaller, more formal “Report of School Year 2010 – 2011” identifies all the children’s many and wide ranging academic achievements as well as successes on the games field and in music, drama, chess, art etc. etc. – you can read about the prizes they have won, the schools they were destined for and the responsibilities they have taken for themselves and for helping others. It is a super magazine and my thanks go to all staff who have contributed towards it during the last three terms.

Parental Communication

As I have already mentioned the Bulletin will only come by e-mail unless you advise us otherwise. It is intended that the School will move more and more to e-mail communication with parents and that paper copies for any form of communication will be gradually phased out. We have not decided on the exact date for this transfer but will keep you notified as is necessary. Hopefully e-mail will improve the efficiency of our communications with you, whilst reducing our costs and time involved in sending out hard copies to as many as 500 parents at any one time. The School is also very close to introducing a texting service. As we go further down this line I will communicate timings with you in more detail.

Parents’ Evenings/Meetings/Information Sessions

These are very important in the overall scheme of the home/school/child partnership and there are a few points/observations I would like to make.

1. I cannot stress enough the importance of your attendance at these as your son/daughter goes through the Hallfield experience. Staff spend a long time preparing for any particular meeting (they differ hugely depending upon what part of the School your son/daughter is in and whether they are a direct consultation – sometimes with your son/daughter – or an information evening). Non-attendance at any relevant meeting is not in your or your child’s best interest. Relying merely on the written report/report card does not give you the full picture and I can give you evidence at the top end of the School of parents who have not attended any parents’ meetings for at least three years, obviously have not understood/read the reports that have gone home and are now at odds with us over realistic future ambitions.
2. At the other end of the spectrum in Foundation and Reception, being able to help your son/daughter with reading, letters and sounds is quite a technical procedure, and probably different from how you might have been taught during your schooling. Staff are happy to educate you and for this we offer Saturday morning sessions but again the home/school/child partnership will not work effectively if you do not turn up and do not appreciate the importance of your input on a daily basis that follows our teachings and methodology. It is unfair on staff if you do not turn up to such meetings and then expect an individual meeting to go over the presentation. For this reason I have now instructed staff not to do this in future – there will be a hand out from any such session and you will need to find time to go through this on your own. Sadly, some parents apply the logic that if they have had one child through the School then everything stays the same and they do not have

to turn up to other meetings for their younger sibling at a later date. Once again this is unhelpful because like any good school, changes will be constantly taking place and you need to know about them. Hallfield is an excellent teaching and learning environment and we have a wonderful reputation for getting children in to schools that you as parents crave for and desire, **but entry in to Hallfield does not guarantee you this success** – there has to be genuine support from home, and non-attendance at any form of parents' meeting is not helpful. The vast majority of parents will be amazed to read this (because you are supportive and do attend) but in my short time here it is obvious there is a small minority of parents who assume future success but do not take the required responsibility and turn up to these vital meetings.

3. Many parents' meeting are by appointment, but these can go horribly wrong if a) you are not on time and/or b) you want to take up too much of the Teacher's stipulated time. There are rarely breaks in the evening for the Teacher concerned so you cannot expect a later slot if you are 10/20 minutes late for an appointment, and I would also ask you to think about how you would feel if you were waiting for an appointment at the end of an evening and it ends up being 35/45 minutes late for no reason of your own. Staff are always available to see you individually if you need to discuss a particular aspect of your child's education in depth but the parents' evening appointment is not the time to expect this. Please respect both the Teacher and others who may be waiting and agree a further meeting in the near future.

Please help us to help you so that we can enjoy a fruitful and productive home/school/child partnership.

Car Park

We are aware that this causes genuine problems from time to time, not least because of the unreasonable behaviour of some parents. We are looking at possible solutions but putting any new routine in to place frequently throws up issues that probably do not improve the overall car parking experience, and hence we remain with the status quo. Having Estates staff to help direct traffic has been positively received by some parents (to my ears at least), but it does require all parents to engage with these staff and do as is asked. The situation you experience every day is not unique to Hallfield – the vast majority of Junior/Preparatory schools have traffic difficulties because of the number of children that are brought to school today in a vehicle. Long established schools were not sited/built with the knowledge of required vehicular access 75/100 years into the future. Parents need to be patient, take their turn, behave reasonably, adhere to requests and take note of signs..... in fact all attributes that we expect from your son/daughter that I talked about in my introduction to this Bulletin! I would remind you that in many schools there is no parking whatsoever on site, and that a walk of anything up to half a mile is required twice daily..... and I am tempted to say this might have to become an option in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that staff are not on duty until 8:00 a.m. therefore children dropped at the hut before 8:00 a.m. are left unsupervised until school opens.

Term Dates

Term dates for the academic year 2012 – 2013 have been arrived at after discussion among Heads of local Independent Schools and some measure of unity has been achieved. **The dates are attached to this Bulletin and will also be published on the website on 1st November 2011.** May I remind you that family holidays should not be arranged during term time.

Childrens' Council

There is a Council in both Pre-Prep and Upper School, and it is always a great honour for a child to be voted the Form Representative by their peers. A Reserve is appointed as well who will attend meetings if the Councillor is away from school or unable to attend a particular meeting. The

Council will meet regularly and invariably suggest some initiative that would be beneficial to children in some area of the School. It is a very good vehicle for school change.

Congratulations to the following Councillors who have been elected by their form for the Autumn Term:

Form	Councillors	
RH	Ozair Shah	Harry Green
RO	Audrey Wilkinson	Joseph George
RS	Vincent Sims	Thalia Pigadas
1S	Joshua Masih	Jessica Brench
1P	Sophie Beer	Samuel Wilson
1A	Noah Farrell	Deeya Shoker
2D	Freya Hudson	Thomas Sharpe
2S	Rachel Velangi	Josh Hundle
2E	India Koziol	Anika De

Form	Councillor	Reserve
3O	Hugo Maguire	Ethan Ramcharan
3T	Harry Cooke	Jai Johal
3K	Aydin Hayre	Maaya Korotane
4G	Abhirami Ravindranath	Kishan Sharma
4L	Arjan Ubhi	Aamina Hayre
4B	Ismail Awan	Kirsten Ramcharan
5E	Suchir Sulhan	Ellie Smith
5P	Emil Ali	Danika Doal
5C	Kiaran Sall	Salma Afifi
6I	Taran Sanghera	Sulaymaan Khalil
6V	Max Pannum	Freddie Edge
6W	Aaliyah Wallace	Rajan Purewal

Charities

1. Children in Need

The Upper School Council has chosen Children in Need as the charity for the Autumn Term. The date is 18th November and the theme will be..... spots! Staff and children will be dressing in spotty clothes and there will be activities and general frivolity on the day. Further information on how your son/daughter can be involved will be sent out nearer the time.

2. Operation Christmas Child

This is an initiative that Mrs. Villiers Cundy co-ordinates within Hallfield every year. Since launching in 1990, over 81 million shoeboxes have been given out to children in great need around the world. If your child is in Upper School, they will be receiving a hand out about this and if you would like more information, have a look at <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/>.

In essence, Operation Christmas Child asks you to fill an empty shoebox with a range of gifts suitable for a child aged 2 to 14 years old. The hand out and website (<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/what-to-pack>) guides you as to what may be suitable gifts for this. In addition, you can donate directly at <https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/donate>.

In the past we have collected in excess of 50 shoeboxes from Upper School and would dearly love to achieve this number again. Please bring your filled shoeboxes in to school in the first week back after half term. We hope you can find the time to support this worthy cause.

Eco Art Cards in the Art Room with Mrs. Culek

As the project is such an exciting one, the opportunity to design a greeting card and have it created just like one you might buy in a shop, is here again!

This year's theme is based on COLOUR and an abstract response. We have looked at some great artists' work to be the springboard for our inspiration or just worked with our favourite colour and waited to see what emerged.

The greetings card can be multi-functional and used for many reasons with an abstract design and I am sure that you will be pleased with the professional results that will be achieved. Some children have chosen the theme of Christmas as the project is run during this time.

It is anticipated that the cards will be delivered in mid-November. I am always very excited when I get to see the whole of Upper School's artwork wrapped in a sealed package with a matching envelope. The WOW factor is doubled when pupils get to see their artwork..... and tripled when they bring it home for you to admire.

Earrings and Bangles

In the interest of safety I would like to remind you we do not allow any jewellery to be worn at school in any year group. This includes all types of earrings, studs and bangles. If religious bangles have to be worn they should be covered with a sweat band when taking part in PE lessons.

Parents' Association

1. Halloween Disco – Saturday 15th October

The School was awash with witches and wizards, broomsticks and bats and spiders and skeletons on Saturday at an early Halloween disco organised by the Parents' Association. Fancy dress was de rigueur – the spookier the better – and even the innocent cupcakes took on a macabre look covered as they were in green and black icing!! The children loved the face painting and entered for the best carved pumpkin competition and the chilliest costume. Look on our website www.hallfieldschool.co.uk – latest news 'Bubble, Bubble, Toil and Trouble' and follow the links through to the picture gallery. Many thanks to all the Committee and parents who helped to make this event go with a swing!

2. Quiz Night – Friday 11th November – 7:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Tickets will be on sale at £10 per person to include fish and chips supper, for teams of up to ten people. **Full details are enclosed with the Bulletin** and we hope you will come and join the fun.

3. Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December – 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Once again the Parents' Association are planning what we are sure will be another successful Christmas Fayre. In the run up to this, Wednesday 30th November will be "Tombola Day" when we will be asking pupils to bring in a prize for either the children's or adult Christmas tombola and in return they will receive a raffle ticket to win a £50 voucher for Waterstone's. If you are able to offer your services to help in manning a stall at the Christmas Fayre, please contact Mrs. Shackleton or Miss Gilmartin. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be available and on their way to you after the half term.

Old Hallfieldians

Over 55 Old Hallfieldians took part in the Recent Leavers' Football and Rounders tournament on 23rd September. After a lot of chat catching up with each other they were persuaded to play! It was good to see them all again and hear how well they have settled in and are enjoying their new schools.

All Old Hallfieldians are invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 10th November at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. Please e-mail chooper@hallfieldschool.co.uk if you are able to come.

UPPER SCHOOL

Cathedral Choir

The Annual Heads' Conference took place in Birmingham this year (some 300 – 400 Heads usually attend from Independent Preparatory Schools from all over the country) and ourselves, Blue Coat and West House were asked to join forces and create a choir that would perform in Birmingham Cathedral at the Heads' Service on Tuesday 27th September. I am extremely grateful to Miss Kate Pickford for organising the Hallfield contingent of:

Year 4	Simren Atwal Lara Bennett	Kate Mulliss Joshua Hale	Alice Green
Year 5	Aadil Ali Suchir Salhan	Emil Ali Nikhil Gupta	Raees Ismail
Year 6	Taran Sanghera Aditya Rokade	Zara Qadir	Benjamin Hale

The three choirs performed as one and were quite wonderful, and I and Miss Pickford have had lovely letters of congratulations from the Chairman of IAPS and other Heads who attended the service. Thanks also to the respective parents for your co-operation and although I know you could not attend we have been e-mailed a number of pictures and these are available for you to look at/download from the website via www.hallfieldschool.co.uk/upper/music.

Years 3 and 4 Half Term Reports

As I think quite a few of you know I am an ISI Inspector which means that I visit other Independent Preparatory Schools as part of an inspection team. As luck would have it I will be away from school on the last three days of term and for this reason I have asked the Year 3 and 4 Form Teachers to write a short comment at the end of the half term report instead of one from me – a member of staff has told me that parents will now be able to read it..... but I am not taking it personally!

Years 3 and 4 Settling In Parents' Evening

These evenings take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November and you will be communicated with straight after half term. **It is an evening when we do want you to bring your son/daughter with you** and the whole point of the meeting is to establish what the Teacher believes is working well concerning your son/daughter and what aspects need to improve. I have said before on a number of occasions that if the procedures and the routines are correctly in place, good academic progress will follow, and I would ask you to focus on this aspect of your child's learning rather than specifically concerning yourself with their academic level.

Sport Captains

Many congratulations to the following pupils who have been voted Captain of the following sports:

U9 Hockey	Sara Shahid	U9 Football	Siaf Mukadam
U10 Hockey	Libby Shepherd	U10 Football	Matthew Steed
U11 Hockey	Sneha Pimpalnerkar	Colts	Abbas Mirza

House Officials

Many congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded positions of responsibility:

	Pughe	Ridgway	Stork	Nowers
House Captain	Taran Sanghera	Sneha Pimpalnerkar	Michaela Barker	Anika Wouhra
Music Captain	Jonathan Green	Charlie Church	Matthew Empson	Daniel Black
Sport Captain	Ikhlaas Ahmed	Freddie Edge	Benjamin Hale	Aaliyah Wallace

Congratulations to the winners of the House Mascot competition who each created a new logo and mascot design for their House Team.

Pughe	Ridgway	Stork	Nowers
Zainab Haji	Sneha Pimpalnerkar	Michaela Barker	Temitope Fapohunda

Librarians

Congratulations to the following who have been appointed Librarians by Mrs. Fear and Mrs. Clinton:

Raees Ismail	Zachary Jones	Suchir Salhan	Anna Pigadas
Aroun Kalyana	Fathma Sarwar	Anushka Gupte	Matthew Ritson
Shiv Barakhada		Taran Chatha	

House Merits and Achievement Awards

All children get the opportunity to be awarded merits from any of the staff on a daily basis – which can be awarded because of any aspect of good/improved work or good behaviour/manners/helpfulness etc. etc. These are counted on an individual and collective basis every week. Children who gain a certain number of merits per week are asked to stand up in a weekly assembly and are congratulated. Every half term your son/daughter accumulates these points on a weekly basis towards a possible award at the end of the half term when a certificate might be presented. At the end of this half term any child who has received 20 – 24 merits has been awarded a Bronze certificate, 25 – 29 a Silver certificate and 30 or more merits a Gold certificate. Bronze and Silver certificates are awarded within the form room, probably in form period and Gold certificates are awarded at a full assembly in front of the whole Upper School. This merit total and the certificate awarded are identified on the half term report and I hope that your son/daughter has brought the certificate home if it has been awarded. If by any chance it has not come home, please ensure it does!

On the collective front all merits are added together each week and at the good news assembly, that is usually on a Tuesday, the four house totals are read out and the weekly champion house is congratulated. So as an example in the week just completed Stork were the champion house with 255 merits, Pughe received 252, Nowers received 249 and Ridgway received 235 – a very close competition! These totals in turn get added up week on week and are displayed on the House Board in the Upper School Hall with the winning house at the end of the term (not half term) winning the house trophy..... and then it all starts again. With a couple of weeks still to go to half term Pughe are in the lead with 897 points, followed closely by Stork with 879, Nowers on 833 and Ridgway with 799. House competition is important, both on an individual and collective basis and I know that all the children thoroughly enjoy this aspect of school.

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Gold certificate this half term:

Rohan Motwani	Zainab Haji	Anish Kalyana	Naina Gupta
Temi Fapohunda	Nikhil Gupta	Rhea Takhar	Jeevan Delay
Aroun Kalyana	Chinmay Monga	Varun Sinha	Emil Ali
Anshu Banerjee	Jasleen Garcha	Kevin Mathew	Libby Shepherd
Sienna Williams		Sneha Pimpalnerkar	

The names of all the children who have received a Silver certificate (40) or a Bronze certificate (40) are on the website.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Upper School Library from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th November 2011. Books will be suitable for children in both Pre-Prep and Upper School, and pupils will have the opportunity to look at the books during a form session and then purchase any books after school with their parents. Further details will be sent home from Mrs. Clinton, Head of English and Assistant Head, nearer the time.

Calendar

Please note the following changes/additions to the Calendar:

- U10 Hockey v Blue Coat (Home) on Monday 7th November at 2:15 p.m.
- U10 Basketball v West House (Away) on Thursday 17th November at 4:30 p.m.
- U11 Football Arnold Lodge (Home) on Monday 21st November at 2:45 p.m.

Summer Club

Summer Club for Years 2 to 6 inclusive will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each day and will run from Monday 16th July to Friday 10th August 2012 (20 days).

PRE-PREP

I am delighted to report that Transition children have all settled in really well and are getting used to the School routine and making lots of friends. They are enjoying having fun in the outdoor environment and exploring the different parts of the School.

Sadly the Golf and Gardening Clubs will finish at half term for the Winter period. The good news..... is that they will resume in the Spring Term around Easter.

I will expect all Pre-Prep children to return to school after the half term wearing the Winter uniform. If you require a uniform list, please contact the School Office.

Can I remind Year 1 and Year 2 parents that Pre-Prep staff want to promote independence in children and would like to enlist your help by letting them come into the Year 1 corridor and Year 2 landing on their own – thank you for your support on this matter.

Staff are appreciative of many of you naming your child's school uniform, however, the iron labels are detaching themselves from many items of clothing, and Pre-Prep now has a lot of unnamed uniform in lost property. Please could you check your child's clothing and sew the name labels in – once again thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

And finally, I would like to let you know that Pre-Prep is changing the finishing time at the end of the Summer Term 2012. Instead of a staggered finish at lunchtime on 12th July, Pre-Prep and Transition will finish at the end of the School day and After Care will be available.

Pre-Prep Fun Club

There are some spaces available in Fun Club for this coming half term holiday. Should your childcare arrangements change during the holiday, please e-mail Mrs. Cottrill (mcottrill@hallfieldschool.co.uk) to check availability. The club will take place from Thursday 20th October to Thursday 27th October (6 days). The Club operates from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Christmas Fun Club bookings are now being taken. Please e-mail your requirements to Mrs. Kingston or contact Mrs. Sabell, Pre-Prep Secretary, who can provide you with a booking form. Christmas holiday dates are Friday 16th December to Thursday 22nd December (5 days).

For your information Fun Club dates for the next two terms are as follows:

Spring Term 2012

Half Term 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day on Monday 13th to Thursday 16th February 2012 (4 days).

Easter 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day on Thursday 29th, Friday 30th March, Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th April and Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th April (10 days).

Summer Term 2012

Half Term There will be no Fun Club operating Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th June.

Summer 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day on Monday 16th July to Friday 17th August (25 days).

HALLFIELDFIRST

Starting on Monday 10th October until Friday 2nd December there will be Contractors on-site carrying out repairs to the roof at Hallfieldfirst. During this period there will be no parking permitted directly in front of Hallfieldfirst.

Hallfieldfirst will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday 23rd December 2011.

ENCLOSURES/BROUGHT HOME

Hallfieldfirst and Pre-Prep parents:

Parents' Association Quiz Night and Christmas Fayre Flyers (*enclosed*)

Term Dates for 2012 – 2013 (*enclosed*)

Hallfieldian Magazine (to eldest siblings – *brought home*)

Upper School parents:

Parents' Association Quiz Night and Christmas Fayre Flyers (*enclosed*)

Term Dates for 2012 – 2013 (*enclosed*)

Hallfieldian Magazine (to eldest siblings – *brought home*)

Half Term Report Card (*brought home*)

And finally, I would draw your attention to the website list on the adjoining page of this Bulletin that identifies all the events that have been reported on since the beginning of September Term..... and I cannot believe we have done so much! In time these articles will be adapted for the next magazine for publication in a year's time, but in the meantime do go on to the website and see what your son/daughter has been up to. I can assure you, you will thoroughly enjoy looking at it!

I do hope you have a lovely half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Curran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Website: www.hallfieldschool.co.uk

The website is a mine of information and is regularly updated with articles and photographs including those on the following recent activities that have taken place since the start of term:

Upper School

Year 5 Look for Inspiration for their Printmaking
News from the Art Room – Eco Card designs
A Head Start to the Autumn Term – the Choir sing at the Cathedral
The Applause, Delight, the Wonder of our Stage – LAMDA examination pieces
We Plough the Fields – Harvest celebration at St. George’s Church
Keep Clam and Eat Cakes – Macmillan Coffee Morning
Year 3 go Pond Dipping at the Botanical Gardens
Year 3 Go Shopping in Chad Square
IT for Africa – Old computers are sent to Africa
Wedded Bliss – Mrs. Bodycombe on the top of Mount Kilimanjaro
Year 5 at Warwick Castle

Pre-Prep

Foundation Find Signs of Autumn
Reception visit the Barber Institute
Where Eagles Dare – Year 1 at Birmingham City Football ground
A Busy Breakfast – Year 2 French Breakfast
Year 2 See how the Victorians lived
Foxy and Giuliano Serve up School Lunch

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Miles of Smiles at Hallfield*first*

Old Hallfieldian Society

The Return of the Old Hallfieldians – Year 7 and 8 come back for an evening of sport
Success for Old Hallfieldians – news of some of our past pupils
Old Hallfieldians’ Activity Holiday – Year 6 and 7 go to the Brecon Beacons

Parents’ Association

The Parents’ Association meet for dinner at Rose Murree Restaurant
Halloween Disco

Attain Magazine

We have added a link from our website to the Attain Magazine which can be found under via www.hallfieldschool.co.uk/aboutourschool/recentcomunication.



TERM DATES 2012 – 2013

Please keep this list for reference throughout the School year

AUTUMN TERM 2012

Term begins	WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	Whole school at 0845 Hallfield <i>first</i> children and Pre-Prep siblings new to Transition at 0800 New children Foundation to Year 6 at 0915 New children to Transition at 1100
Half Term holiday from the end of the school day on until 0845 on	WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER	
Term ends after morning school on	FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER	Transition, Foundation & Reception at 1145 Years 1 & 2 at 1205 Years 3 & 4 at 1225 Years 5 & 6 at 1245

SPRING TERM 2013

Term begins	TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY	Whole school at 0845
Half Term holiday from the end of the school day on until 0845 on	FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY	
Term ends after morning school on	THURSDAY 28TH MARCH	Transition, Foundation & Reception at 1145 Years 1 & 2 at 1205 Years 3 & 4 at 1225 Years 5 & 6 at 1245

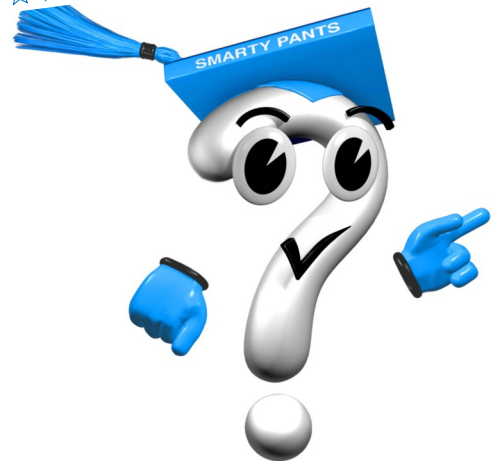
SUMMER TERM 2013

Term begins	WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL	Whole school at 0845
Bank Holiday	MONDAY 6TH MAY	
Half Term holiday from the end of the school day on until 0845 on	FRIDAY 24TH MAY MONDAY 3RD JUNE	
Term ends: Pre-Prep (including Transition) Upper School	THURSDAY 11TH JULY FRIDAY 12TH JULY	Normal dismissal times Years 3 – 6 after Speech Day

These dates have been arrived at after discussion among Heads of local Independent Schools and some measure of unity has been achieved. Parents are reminded that family holidays should not be arranged during term time.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

Quiz Night



Friday 11th November 2011
at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper School Hall

Teams — up to ten people

Tickets available from the School Office at
£10.00 per person

Ticket price includes fish & chips or
burger (v) & chips supper

Bar opens at 7:30 p.m.

Put your knowledge to the test with
Quizmaster Dave Tobin



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 3rd December 2011

12:00 noon — 3:00 p.m.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Hallfield Kitchens at the Ready!!

Please could you support the Parents' Association by baking some delicious home-made cakes to sell at the Christmas Fayre?

Contributions will be gratefully received at the School Office on Friday 2nd December - please make sure you mark your tin clearly so we can return it to you..... **EMPTY!!!**

Thank you for helping us and we hope to see you at the Fayre.

Isy Shackleton



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