

# "Learning together, Shaping the future"

# Hall Green Newsletter Spring Term March/April 2018

# Message from the Headteacher

This term may only be five weeks long, but we have packed it with action. If there could be a common thread that has run through some of the activities that have taken place over this half term, it would be widening opportunity.

Year 9 pupils have been selecting their options, which is all about giving them the opportunity to follow the career of their choice in the future. By the time you read this, they will have handed in their option forms. To help them make their choices, we have run for the first time this year a combined parents' evening and options evening, so that parents and pupils can talk to their teachers about how they are doing in their subjects and what would make a good option for the future. We hope you found it useful and would welcome feedback. It was good to see so many parents taking a keen interest in their children's choices.



Year 7 and Year 11 pupils have had a widening of their cultural experiences. Year 11 were able to view a live stream of a rehearsal for the latest production of Romeo and Juliet at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford, a fantastic addition to their preparations for the English Literature exam. Year 7 pupils viewed an entire performance of Twelfth Night by the RSC, streamed into our hall. And four very lucky pupils from Year 9 and 10 have been selected to take part in the RSC's production of Romeo and Juliet, which you can read all about below. If you would like more information please follow the link: https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/youngpeople-join-the-romeo-and-juliet-company

A major theme for assemblies this half term has been British values, in particular the importance of democracy to our society and the rule of law. Pupils have been learning about the opportunities that these values give to all in society, from the School Council asking pupils for suggestions for making further improvements to the school and to the lives and education to those less fortunate than themselves, to a visit from a Muslim British Army officer, Major Naveed, who gave a talk to pupils and invited questions present an interactive performance highlighting the dangers of extremism in all forms.



on them on the role of the British Army around the world. Tapestry also came into school this half term to



We hope you have been enjoying the new look school website, and following the school's events through its Twitter feed. It has proved a very useful way to communicate with parents especially through the inclement weather we have been having. Please make sure we have your contact details up-to-date and accurate in case we need to contact you in an emergency, and please feel free to use the Parentview link on the website to share your thoughts about the school.

Welcome to our new community governors who are joining us for the first time this week. Community governors are invited to join the governing body to complement the existing skills within the team, and both newcomers will be bringing valuable skills and experience with them. Mr K Chohan comes from a financial background, while Ms L Clarke comes from a human resources background. Both governors will be attending the Financial and General Purposes Committee, as well as the Full Governors' meetings.

### Did you know that you can train to teach in a school environment?

Hall Green School works with two School Direct teacher trainer providers to train our teachers of the future: Bishop Challoner Teaching School Alliance (BCTSA) and the Kind Edward's Consortium (KEC) train teachers through the School Direct route. There are currently spaces available in a range of Secondary subjects and also Primary places for a September 2018 start.

You can see the Bishop Challoner website for further information: <a href="http://www.bctsa.org/Apply-For-Schools-Direct">http://www.bctsa.org/Apply-For-Schools-Direct</a> or pop along to their next information evening on Thursday 26 April, 6-8 pm.

You can also view the King Edwards Consortium website here: <u>www.teacherkec.org.uk/events</u>, and sign up for their next information evening at King Edward's VI Camp Hill Girls on 18 April at 6.00 pm.

### **Data Protection and GDPR**

On 25 May 2018, the data protection laws are changing and Hall Green School are making a few key adaptations to ensure we are fully compliant with the new laws regarding personal data. You will have already received a letter regarding use of pupil photographs and we ask that you respond if you have not already done so. You should also be aware that our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Mr R Slattery



(Assistant Headteacher). Further updates will be posted on our school website before 25 May 2018, so please continue to check regularly.

#### **Diana Award**



Komal Kaur and Shomara Fuller (pictured) represented Hall Green School at the Diana Award Business Breakfast, held in the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. They spoke eloquently and passionately about the impact of mentoring on young people, and were given a rousing ovation by all in attendance. We are very proud of Komal and Shomara, and all who have participated in the Diana Awards this year. Thank you to the mentors who supported our Social Action Project, which raised over £180.00 by focusing on awareness of mental health issues and combating racism.

# **Pupil Absence**



A polite reminder: Absence notes are required from parents following a child's absence. The note should include your child's name, form, reason for the absence and the dates of the absence. Your child should bring the note to the Attendance Office on their return to school. Thank you.

### World Book Day 2018

Another World Book Day was yet again a great success this year! There was such a fantastic buzz around school and the pupils were so enthused and excited to see the staff in fancy dress. Anything we can do to get the pupils interested in books, is always a joyous thing.

Congratulations to Arhaan Mandania S2/8E for guessing the most teachers' characters.

Here's to another wonderful WBD next year!

### **LEPRA**



Our Year 7 pupils this year raised £265.00 for

the LEPRA charity, enough money to help transform the lives of 10 children affected by leprosy. On behalf of LEPRA we would like to express our sincere thanks for all your contributions in supporting their work.

## **Exemplar Education/Student Support Centre**

Calling all parents who accepted the invitation we sent out a few weeks ago to be contacted by Exemplar Education, a study support programme. We are looking for some feedback, positive or negative about the organisation. Please either contact the School Office on 0121 628 8787 or email us at <a href="mailto:enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk</a>.



# **Text/SMS Messaging**



Please note that if you receive a text message from the school, any responses are not routinely monitored by the School Office. If you wish to respond to such a text message, please telephone the school or send an email to the following address: <a href="mailto:enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk</a>

# **Geography News**

A group of Year 10 Geography students had a great day out at Solihull College Conference Centre at the "Your Green Future" careers event. They were exploring issues of environmental sustainability through a series of hands-on, practical workshops alongside representatives from 25 different organisations. All the pupils were a real credit to Hall Green School - well done to you all!



### **Maths News**



11ma1, 10ma1 and 9ma1 sat the Intermediate UKMT Maths Challenge run by the University of Leeds on 1 February. To pass the UKMT Maths Challenge requires a very high level of problem solving mathematical skill. Well done to all those who have passed at Bronze, Silver and Gold level! Abdinur Abdulrahman has achieved such a high score that he has been entered for the second round of the competition later this year; a fantastic achievement!

| Year 11 | Umar       | Yousef      | S10        | 73 | Gold   |
|---------|------------|-------------|------------|----|--------|
| Year 11 | Theodore   | Scott Cook  | I5         | 71 | Silver |
| Year 11 | Evangeline | Mash        | R4         | 69 | Silver |
| Year 11 | Yusuf      | Obadi       | <b>S</b> 3 | 64 | Silver |
| Year 11 | Dylan      | Dando       | I2         | 61 | Silver |
| Year 11 | Darshan    | Dave        | <b>I</b> 9 | 60 | Silver |
| Year 11 | Thivitha   | Sasikaran   | <b>S</b> 1 | 57 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Barnes     | Collard     | I8         | 56 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Shakir     | Mahmood     | <b>S</b> 2 | 56 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Aaron      | Payne       | R5         | 55 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Ugbaad     | Younis      | <b>R</b> 9 | 55 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Arusha     | Ahsan       | I6         | 54 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Zayn       | Ilyas       | <b>S</b> 5 | 53 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Saad       | Khan        | L5         | 51 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Fatima     | Nur         | L1         | 51 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Lauryn     | Walker      | <b>S</b> 8 | 51 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Thomas     | Croucher    | I10        | 50 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Sahiba     | Ali         | I7         | 50 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Ameera     | Gulshan     | L8         | 50 | Bronze |
| Year 11 | Benjamin   | Whitby      | S10        | 49 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Abdinur    | Abdulrahman | <b>S</b> 6 | 76 | Gold   |
| Year 10 | Uzair      | Hussain     | R8         | 60 | Silver |
| Year 10 | Saagar     | Singh       | <b>S</b> 1 | 55 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Zohib      | Asif        | I2         | 54 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Hafsah     | Mouzam      | L7         | 52 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Amaan      | Ali         | R6         | 51 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Mohammad   | Yasar       | R2         | 50 | Bronze |
| Year 10 | Moizz      | Muhammed    | I8         | 48 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Muhammad   | Bilaal      | L10        | 70 | Silver |
| Year 9  | Aleeha     | Rasul       | S10        | 66 | Silver |
| Year 9  | Hamza      | Ali         | R10        | 63 | Silver |
| Year 9  | Mohammad   | Suliman     | R3         | 60 | Silver |
| Year 9  | Ismail     | Khan        | R3         | 58 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Usman      | Aziz        | R1         | 56 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Saim       | Raza        | I2         | 54 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Tanisha    | Rahman      | S5         | 50 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Umair      | Ahmed       | L3         | 49 | Bronze |
| Year 9  | Ayaan      | Zaman       | L1         | 49 | Bronze |

# **Linguists March 2018**

In Languages we celebrate hard work and commitment to Spanish, German and French. The following pupils have been selected as Linguists of the Month. ¡Muy bien! Sehr gut! Très bien!

| Teacher   | KS3  | KS4  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Mrs       | Name: Noor Malik and Umar Choudhry               | Name: All of 10Ge1                                   |
| Morgan    | Form: I10 and S5                                 | Form: Various  |
| 8         | Reason: Excellent effort throughout the term and | Reason: Fantastic work by all.                       |
|           | fantastic attainment. Well done!                 |  |
| Mrs       | Name: Umair Iqbal                                | Name: Lauryn Walker                                  |
| Smallbone | Form: I9   | Form: S8   |
|           | Reason: Enthusiasm and hard work. Keep it up!    | Reason: Consistent hard work and positive attitude.  |
|           |  | Well done!   |
| Mrs       | Name: Rebecca Mares                              | Name: Laraib Kauser                                  |
| Souakri   | Form: S8   | Form: R9   |
|           | Reason: Obtained the best results in the class   | Reason: Has improved her attitude to learning, which |
|           | during the last tests, well done Rebecca.        | is pleasing to see – keep it up.                     |
| Mrs       | Name: Samaira Rashid                             | Name: Wesley Gordon                                  |
| Evans     | Form: R4   | Form: I7   |
|           | Reason: Much improved attitude to learning in    | Reason: Improved effort and motivation in lessons.   |
|           | lessons.   |  |
| Ms        | Name: Pardeep Kumar                              | Name: Tooba Ayyaz                                    |
| Aguilera  | Form: I2   | Form: L2   |
|           | Reason: Pardeep is improving his reading,        | Reason: Tooba is now understanding how to produce    |
|           | spelling and pronunciation so much! Well done,   | Grade 9 work and she is working extremely hard.      |
|           | Pardeep! Keep it up!                             | Well done, Tooba.                                    |

#### Romeo and Juliet with the RSC



As part of Hall Green School's work with the Royal Shakespeare Company as one of their Associate Schools, we were asked to select four students to perform in the upcoming production of Romeo and Juliet at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon. The four lucky students are Assia Haque, Nafisa Mahmood, Arehan Hussain and Aamar Imran. On 13 March 2018 the students attended the first of their rehearsals in Stratford, which was led by Erica Whyman, the deputy Artistic Director of the RSC. All

four students performed fantastically and are looking forward to the rest of their rehearsals in June, when they will learn which lines from the Prologue they will be delivering on stage. The students will perform in five shows in July, one of which, on 18 July 2018, will also be broadcast live to cinemas across the country! This is such an amazing opportunity for them and we can't wait to see them 'treading the boards'.

#### **Careers News**

## Year 11 Apprenticeships



Alongside The National Apprenticeships Week we have been working closely with the National Apprenticeships Service to deliver training to our staff, an assembly to all our Year 11 pupils and also offered some after-school and lunchtime workshops to get pupils registered and searching for vacancies. If you would like to know more please see the Careers Advice section of our school

website. If your Year 11 child isn't ready for an apprenticeship now or isn't able to obtain one, they may need to consider one after their post 16 studies with a higher or degree apprenticeship. <a href="www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk">www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk</a> has lots of information as well as live vacancies.

### **Powering Transformation Trip**

A group of Year 9 pupils spent a great day at Coventry University learning what it's like to be a student at university as well as being set a team challenge to think about how technology could be used to help solve social issues. The teams had to present their ideas professionally to the group and a panel of judges. They also had the opportunity to use some of the latest Dell computer devices and experience a Virtual Reality headset. Congratulations to our winning team Abbaad Javed, Usman Aziz, Saffa Hussain, Safa Ali, Iman Ahmad and Waqas Hussain. If you want to find out more about Coventry University see their website <a href="www.coventry.ac.uk">www.coventry.ac.uk</a> and for any higher education courses and information go to <a href="www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>

### **A Career in the Food Industry**

Many thanks to our ex-pupil and Chef/Company Director Mike Bullard from The Butcher's Social restaurant, who came into school and spoke to a number of our Year 9 pupils about his amazing career in the food and hospitality industry. Whether pupils will choose to take GCSE Food or just be inspired to cook for the love of it, our pupils have been greatly enthused and excited by what they have heard.



#### Kudos - the online careers matcher

All Year 9 pupils have been given login details and had the opportunity to complete an online questionnaire to find out about the careers they have been matched to through thinking about their personal strengths, interests and ideas. We hope pupils will continue to use this programme with their families at home where they can explore a wide range of careers, watch videos showing real-life workplaces, find out what jobs are really like from the people doing them, create a CV and navigate post 16 and 18 choices too. <a href="www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos">www.cascaid.co.uk/kudos</a>

#### A Flair for International Fashion

On 15 February six pupils from Year 9 Saffa Hussain, Ruqayyah Ali, Simran Kaur Singh, Safha Mahmood,

Zain Tahir and Kiera Broome; accompanied by Mrs Smallbone and Mr Sutheran, took part in a Business Language Champions Challenge at Nottingham Girls School.



The pupils were given a talk by fashion industry professionals about using languages in the fashion industry, following which they were tasked with designing and marketing a new style of jeans. The pupils conducted their own market research and put together a design, a social media campaign and a marketing pitch, which they delivered to the professionals. As if this was not enough, all of the above had to be achieved speaking only French, German and Spanish! Our pupils threw themselves into the challenge and were commended by the judges on their presentations and market research.

#### Zain Tahir wrote:

"Today was a very fun day and we are very privileged to be a part of this trip because we have learnt a lot about our languages and have increased our vocabulary, increased our language skills and co-operated with people we hadn't met before".

# **PSHE** programme

It has been a busy month for PSHE, with pupils taking part in the following activities



| Year 7     | Sessions on:  |  |  |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Year 8     | Workshop on knife crime with the theatre group 'Round midnight'                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Year 9     | Theatre production 'Tapestry' looking at how people get drawn into extremism, led by 'The Play House' |  |  |  |  |
| Years 8, 9 | Interactive talk from Major Naveed Mohammed from the Armed Forces                                     |  |  |  |  |
| and 10     | Muslim Association looking at the work of the armed forces and talking about                          |  |  |  |  |
|            | his experience as a Muslim in the British Army  |  |  |  |  |

Next term, Year 9 pupils will take part in a Sex and Relationship Education day on 20 April 2018, including sessions on Child Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation, Contraception and Sexually Transmitted Illnesses.

#### **PE News**

### **Congratulations to Tegan Smith**



Some really pleasing news to pass on about Tegan Smith. You may be aware that she is a national star for City of Birmingham in the synchronised swimming world and she has also been a competition swimmer for Fox Hollies for years. She has won numerous awards over the last few years but this last one was special enough to earn her a (nearly) full page story in the Birmingham Mail last week. She was one of only four swimmers awarded a Centenary Scholarship for her commitment and dedication to swimming by the Warwickshire Amateur Swimming Association. Her family are rightly very proud of Tegan and wanted to let you all know about her award.

Above is a photograph of the report in the newspaper for you to read. She is super modest about her achievements but I think she is going to have to get used to being a bit famous!

#### **Boccia School Games and Lord's Taverners, Pan Event 2018**

On Tuesday 6 February 2018, a group of students took part in 'The school games, Lord's Taverners and Pan Event for Boccia'. Boccia is an inclusion sport for people with a disability, and involves up to 3 players per team to roll, throw or use specialist equipment, with the aim to get their ball as close to the white ball or 'Jack' as it is called, similar to the game Bowls.

The students were split into two teams, one team representing our Pan team taking part in a sixteen group competition against other schools from across the West Midlands. The other team were taking part in the School games event and the Lord's Taverners competition, which consisted of the highest ranking school teams for the West Midlands region. It was an amazing day, and as always the students represented the school with immense pride, and showed what awesome young people we have at Hall Green.

As for the end results, we unfortunately only finished third in our group for the Pan event, but as always the competition has moved forward over the past years and this is only a great inspiration for inclusion and

disability sport. However, it was a proud day for Hall Green in the School Games and Lord's Taverners event as our team of three won Silver and Bronze medal position consecutively. Well done to the teams and Mrs Paxton-Gault and Mr Craddock for training our teams ready for the competition. We are immensely proud of our students and their achievements and can only say what an excellent image of inclusion they give to other schools and what we are all about at Hall Green school.

The Boccia Teams were Lashana Powell, Gemma Liszewski, Anisa Mahmood, Naseeb Ur-Rehman, Hasif Ul-Ambia and Ibraheem Ali.

### Tennis Leaders course and Year 3/4 Tennis competition

On Tuesday 23 January our school sports crew undertook a tennis leaders course in preparation for supporting a Year 3/4 tennis competition. The pupils learnt basic tennis skills and warm up ideas, as well as being able to score the games in a tie break format. The event was very busy, but all the leaders did an amazing job and to no surprise received some amazing feedback from staff. Well done to: Mashaal Chughtai, Hamzah Ali, Zehn Aslam, Imogen Jeffrey, Siraaj Mohammed, Emily O Neill, Iman Qayyum, Arehan Hussain, Bianca Ursache, Aksa Kanwal







The Leaders in training

#### **Netball Matches**



Wednesday 21 March Year 7 and 9 v Small Heath Leadership Academy: Year 7 lost 5-3 in a closely contested game with the player of the match going to Ikra Aziz for some excellent movement around the court. Year 9 lost 7-4 in a very close first half but Small Heath upped their game in the second half. Player of the match went to Simran Sandhu for excellent defending.

### Year 9 Netball Team

Well done to all our team players this term; Aaliyah Shah, Shaimaa Messoudi, Aasiyah Mahmood, Hirra Shahid, Simran Sandhu, Ruqayyah Ali, Imogen Jeffrey, Aleeha Rasul, Shanice Price, Sally Abdulla, Bibi-Ruqayah Rehman, Laiba Siddiqui, Zoyah Ahsan, Falak Yaseen, Hannah Kalsoom, Ayesha Yousef, Ikra Aziz, Zarah Khan, Malihah Khalil.

### Turkish Airlines Secondary School Games Level 3 Para athletics finals

On Tuesday 13 March 2018, our Sports crew were in back action leading on the Para Sportshall athletics at the Doug Ellis Sports Centre. The leaders supported the athletes by measuring and recording their results on the various track and field events. Needless to say that the leaders were awesome yet again! Their professionalism at these events always earns them lots of praise! Well done!



A bird's eye view of some of the athletes competing. Lauren Johnson even took some time out from her rowing competition to demonstrate the running activities!

### Turkish Airlines School Games finals- Year 10 rowing team



Whilst the leaders were busy leading, our Year 10 girls rowing team were busy competing in the team rowing event. The girls put in a confident performance, which saw them finish 4th overall against some tough competition! A great effort girls! Well done to Tegan Smith, Lauren Johnson, Janayyee Jarrett and Laila Naseem

Year 3 Multiskills Festival



On Monday 12 March 2018, 16 Year 10 pupils became sports leaders for the day, and put into practice what they have been working on in lessons. The event took place at Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre which over the course of the day saw the leaders work with over 600 young people; explaining, demonstrating and scoring their activity stations. The leaders all received positive feedback from other members of staff and should be very proud of their hard work.





Turkish Airlines School Games finals – KS3 and 4 badminton teams

The following pupils participated in the Girls' badminton competition at Joseph Chamberlain College on a snowy day in February. Both age groups faced some tough competition and though they did not progress through to the finals on the day, there was some brilliant badminton played, fantastic team spirit and excellent respect and fair play from all of the girls. Well done!

Badminton Teams: KS3 Team Rebecca Mares, Imogen Jeffery, Areeba Kash, Maheen Anwar.

KS4 Team Hafsah Mouzam, Manal Mahmoud, Sarah Naqvi, Sheetal Gareja



KS3 Team

### REMINDERS

#### **Class charts**

Homework activities for pupils are now logged on the Class Charts website and all pupils have a login. A large number of parents have now made an account, which enables them to see the homework that their child has been set, as well as the praises and penalties that they have been awarded. If you have not yet made an account, I would encourage you to do so. Please contact the school office for details of how to do this.



#### Uniform

Could we remind parents that the school uniform policy agreed by the governors states that outdoor coats must be in a plain dark colour. Pupils should continue to wear a school jumper if they wish to, not sweatshirts, tracksuit tops, sports tops or hoodies.

The PE kit pupils wear for their Games and PE lessons is also part of school uniform. The aim of a PE kit is to be smart, functional and safe for a variety of sports. It also avoids fashion pressures so parents are not pestered to buy the latest expensive brand. We need your cooperation to ensure that pupils bring appropriate kit to school and to ensure that all pupils wear the accepted uniform at all times during the school day.



### **Kit Expectations: Boys and Girls**

#### **Compulsory:**

- 1. Hall Green School Black Polo Shirt displaying the appropriate house colour in the side panels.
- 2. Black Tracksuit Bottoms/Leggings/Shorts displaying the school logo (any of these three options is acceptable).
- 3. Pumps or trainers (any colour).
- 4. Swimming Costume/Swimming Shorts/Trunks/Burkini/Other modest swimwear (any colour).
- 5. A clean change of socks.

#### **Optional but not essential:**

- 1. Black Hall Green School Sweatshirt.
- 2. Football Boots (if participating in extracurricular football club).

# Taking your child out of school

Please find below a reminder of the procedures should you have to take your child out of school for an appointment before the end of the school day:

- The pupil needs to bring in a hand written note from a Parent/Carer. The note should clearly state the 'reason why' and the 'time' the pupil needs to leave. The pupil needs to show the note to their **Head of House** and ask them for **authorisation** by **signing the note**.
- ➤ When it is time for the pupil to leave school, they need to show the **signed note** to their **Teacher** teaching them at the time and ask if they can be excused from the lesson.
- > Pupil should then come to **reception**, show the receptionist the signed note and ask them if they can sign them out.

Thank you for your assistance.

# **ParentPay**



Please ensure that your child's dinner money account has sufficient funds for their daily food requirements. When adding money, please leave enough time for the money to be electronically credited. You can check your child's balance at any time via ParentPay. If your child does not have enough money and you are not able to credit their account in time, please provide them with a packed lunch.

In an effort to improve communication to all Parents/Carers we send out copies of correspondence, such as trip letters, revisions guide letters, usernames/passwords and barcodes, where possible, by email via the online ParentPay system and using the Keep Kids Safe App.

Please make sure that all pupils have activated their ParentPay account and email addresses have been verified. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account, please do this as soon as possible. If your account is already active, please ensure you have added a valid email address.

To use the App, download it from the App Store or Play Store and search for MyEd.

If you are experiencing any difficulties using this software and would like some assistance then please contact Mrs T Dickerson.

#### Free School Meals

Did you know that you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child here at school, up to the age of 16 years old, if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.00)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

To claim a free school meal please ask at the school reception for an application form. Once completed please return the form to school, along with evidence that will support your application.

Please remember that even if your child was in receipt of Free School Meals at primary school they will not automatically be entitled here at school.

If you have any queries please contact the Mrs S Miller in the School Office.

# School Fund Contribution Reminder



We have a School Fund which receives income from a variety of sources - sponsorship, fund raising

by pupils and parents/friends of the school. We also invite all families to contribute to this at the start of their school life with us.

Our School Fund helps to pay for the cost of things which the education budget does not meet, but which help to make school life more pleasant.

In the past it has helped to pay for a collection of board games that are used during Form Time, activities during the end of Summer Term celebrations, a supply of Leadership badges for Peer Mentor supporting roles and towards caring for the school environment through activities within the School Council. Although we realise that School Fund is a voluntary contribution, it does enable us to provide additional resources to enhance the curriculum and your support is very much appreciated.

If you feel able to make a contribution we request £20.00 per child as a one-off payment, to cover the five years of attendance at Hall Green School. If you feel able to make a larger contribution it would be gratefully received. Payments can be made via ParentPay. Thank you for your support - it will benefit your child.

Donations to the school are also welcome. If parents or friends of the school are interested in making a donation, please get in contact with the Headteacher via his PA, Mrs P Elliott.

## **Lost Property**

Has your child lost anything at school? On a regular basis the school office will return items to pupils from the lost property box if the items have been labelled with their name. If you think your child has lost something please ask them to visit the school office and check if it is one of the many unnamed items we have. Any items not claimed by the Wednesday before we break up for half term will be disposed of.



# Safeguarding

We wish to draw your attention to a free website for parents: <u>www.parentinfo.org</u>. The website offers expert information to help children and young people stay safe online. Please see our school website to access the link.

### **CCTV** at Hall Green School



For the protection of pupils and staff, and the prevention and detection of crime, the school is monitored by 24 hour CCTV. Images from this may be used by the school or Public Services, as required.

# **Parking in Southam Road**

This is a plea to ask all parent/carers not to park in Southam Road in the afternoon when picking up their child unless your child has medical or mobility issues that prevent them walking.





# **Key Dates**

Thursday 29 March 2018 – Break up for half term at 1:20pm

Monday 16 April 2018 – Return to school, normal timings

Tuesday 1 May 2018 – Year 11 History Trip

Friday 4 May 2018 – Year 10 Practice Interviews

Monday 7 May 2018 – Bank Holiday, School closed.

Monday 14 May 2018 – GCSE Exams begin

Thursday 17 May 2018 - Year 7 History Trip

Friday 18 May 2018 – Year 7 History Trip

Friday 25 May 2018 – Break up for half term, normal timings

Mr D Adams Headteacher