

# Halstow Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the year and I was so pleased to see the children coming in smiling and happy to be back at Halstow. They have all settled in brilliantly and the school has a palpable sense of calmness.

As was stated in a previous letter, due to cuts in education, Halstow's budget is extremely tight and we are currently looking at different ways to increase our revenue stream so we can continue to provide the creative curriculum which we offer here.

As part of this, we are going to start collecting money for trips in a different way. Instead of ad hoc payments throughout the year, we are asking parents to contribute a minimum £20 a term towards the costs of your child's year group's trips. This payment is per child, not per family. If you wish to pay more each term, we will gratefully receive that payment and make sure it is used to fund all the extra activities which we provide for our children.

You can make this payment through Agora or with cash/cheques in the first week of September, January and April of each year. Please make cheques payable to 'The Compass Partnership of schools T/A Halstow Primary School'.

Without this financial help, we will be severely limited to what we can offer children in terms of trips and visits to Halstow by external experts and companies.

Our regular newsletter will be starting next week but please go to our website to see 'Pictures of the week'; this will be a regular feature every week.

If you have any questions, please come and find me on the door in the morning or in the playground in the afternoon,

Yours truly,

Tom Gray



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