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Dear Parents and Carers,

The highlight of our week has to be the panto at The Brindley theatre on Wednesday. Jack and the Beanstalk was amazing and all cast members did a fantastic job of entertaining us. One of the stars of the show was our very own Andrew Curphey who showed us just why we have him as part of our team at Halebank. The children were all so excited to see him on stage and now they understand what acting and performing is really all about. We booed and cheered, sang and laughed out loud. Seeing the looks on all the children's faces convinced me that it was the best decision we could have made to visit the pantomime and I will be booking again for next year!

Attendance

Thank you to you all for continuing to support the school in our attempts to improve attendance and learning opportunities for all our pupils.

Last week whole school attendance was 88.8% which has fallen from last week due to winter colds and illness in general. We have NO confirmed cases of Strep A in school but will continue to monitor and provide information from the local authority and from Public Health England as we receive it.

Oak class won the best attendance treat. Their attendance of 90.9% won them an extra 10 minutes playtime. Nobody won a star towards their Halebank Attendance Hero reward this week.

Cherry Class have won the award for tidiest classroom this week.

Our coffee morning was another great opportunity for you to share in your child's learning. We really enjoy them and will be continuing with these events in the New Year. Just a couple of reminders:

- 1. All children should remain in their own class during coffee mornings – this is for safeguarding and health and safety reasons*
- 2. Parents need to have left classrooms by 10am unless otherwise stated. Again this is so that we can fully safeguard all pupils and to enable learning to continue and staff to return to their roles.*

Uniform

School uniform must be worn by all children at all times. We keep uniform requirements simple and costs low. We do understand that there are odd occasions when washing machines break or when uniform needs replacing so please just let us know if there is a problem.

You will have noticed that the weather has become very cold very quickly. We are following all advice from the local authority and are making sure that the playground and common walkways are gritted to keep us all safe. If it is not safe to go out, the children will have lunchtimes and playtimes in school. Please make sure that your child/ren comes to school in appropriate clothing to suit the weather. Hats, coats, gloves and tights are essential at this time of year. If you are not able to provide all cold weather items for your child please let us know and we will try to support you, where we can.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers are being issued to cover the two week Christmas break. On this occasion we will release both vouchers at the same time to ensure that you are able to make the purchases that you need from the supermarket at this very busy time of year. The vouchers will be emailed out to you from Monday 19th December 2022. Please do not contact school about any issues until Tuesday 20th.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bobby Crellin	Zahra Brown	Jessica Georgieva	Scarlett Keouski	- Molly Peck	Lyla Anderton	Charlie Soderberg



READING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class Frankie Brotherstone	Willow Class Anayah Jones	Beech Class Lacey Carmon	Oak Class Reece Halliburton
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WRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class Phoebe Keouski	Willow Class Isabella Grindley	Beech Class Marley Soderberg	Oak Class Sienna Brotherstone
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MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class Naya Unsworth	Willow Class Thomas Batty	Beech Class Katelyn Garner-Bamford	Oak Class Poppy Birch
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Tuesday 13th December – Afternoon Tea for our older family and Community members

Thursday 15th December – Nativity Performance 6pm (all children are required to come back to school for this performance please)

Friday 16th December – Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Monday 19th December – Christmas Parties

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 21st December – School Finishes for Christmas 1.15pm

Thursday 5th January – School Reopens

On Christmas Eve there will be a Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Hale. All are welcome. If you would like to attend and if you would like to make a charitable donation please come and pick up a collection box from the school office. If you are not able to attend but would still like to donate then you too can pick up a box from school.

Dear God,

Sorry Lord for the times we gossip.

Gossip is news that has nothing to do with us.

It spreads bad things about people.

Sorry Lord for the times we gossip.

Gossip can get out of control and soon it can turn into lies.

Sorry Lord for the times we gossip.

Lord, we know we should never play with matches.

Help us not to play with gossip either, so that we can be trustworthy friends and people won't get hurt.

Amen

Take good care of each other. Love, respect and trust.

Mrs C Warner
Headteacher