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Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We held afternoon tea for some special friends from a local care home and some of our older community members on Tuesday. They were entertained by our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils who performed a repertoire of Christmas songs. We all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and our children made us very proud as always. Our visitors were full of praise for the children and cannot wait to come into school again. A special thank you to all who came out in the awful weather to support our event and to Mr and Mrs Boon who set up the hall and bought all the cakes and goodies. Thank you to the Youth Club/Parish Council for loaning us the tea services.

Our first Christmas show took place last night and what a show it was. Our infants and Year 3 children acted superbly whilst our older children supported the whole thing with their singing. We were so proud of them all and I am sure that you will agree the show was a huge success. The second performance will be held today so hopefully you will all get to see it at least once. It is not always easy to see how much work goes into a performance but I can assure you that all our staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that the show was able to happen. Thank you from me to all the amazing staff who work at the school and who are always willing to go the extra mile for the children and families of Halebank.

### **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 80.1% which has fallen from the previous 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.

Beech class won the best attendance treat. Their attendance of 88.4 % won them an extra 10 minutes playtime. Nobody won a star towards their Halebank Attendance Hero reward this week.

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

### **Photographs**

You should have received a link to view your child(ren)'s class photos online at Bentley Photographic. Any purchases made before 09.01.2023 will be eligible for free delivery. We have been advised that these will be delivered to school by mid-January 2023.

### **Weather**

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.

**If you need help or advice about how to cope with bills and keeping warm this winter, please follow the link below for advice:**

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/costofliving.aspx>

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Please do not contact school about any issues until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed having their vaccination in school it's not too late..... They can attend a community clinic flu vaccination catch up clinic.

To book an appointment call Halton Immunisation Team 0151 495 5066

Appointments available:-

Tuesday 20th December in Widnes

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December in Warrington

Various dates January 2023 in Halton



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Naya	Ollie	Rosa-Mai	Annabelle	Lottie	Noel	Max



## READING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Darcie -Leigh	Emelia	Miah	Noah

## WRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Theo	Thomas W	Georgie	Poppie

## MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Imogen	Darcie-Rae	Jack	Sophia



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Parties

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School Finishes for Christmas  
1.15pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Our prayer this week is written by Millie in Beech Class**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for a wonderful world.**

**Thank you food, water and also electricity.**

**Thank you for my house, shops and school.**

**Amen**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carol Warner'.

Mrs C Warner  
Headteacher