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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week in school after Christmas has been as busy as always. We were represented amazingly well by some of our pupils this week at a Dodgeball Competition and a Kinball Event. Both these sporting events were held at other schools in Widnes and Runcorn and our children behaved impeccably and showed kindness, resilience, patience and courage at all times. We are so proud of you all. Reverend Roland was back in sharing his thoughts, music and prayers with us in Collective Worship. Our theme for Worship this half term is perseverance so you may hear or read a lot about this over the next few weeks. We have a busy few weeks ahead so keep an eye on the dates and events listed on the newsletters!

In our attempts to return to previous routines following COVID restrictions being lifted, we are changing our PE routines from next week. On PE days, from now on, we need **ALL** pupils to come into school wearing normal school uniform and bring their PE kits with them. It is really important with regard to hygiene, independence, organisational skills etc that children get changed for PE lessons. The younger pupils need to build the skills to help them learn to dress and undress themselves and the older pupils need to prepare for High School.

We will use the next couple of weeks to get into the new routine and after that there will be an expectation for these rules to be followed. Anybody who does not bring their kit into school on PE days will get a phone call home to request that one is brought in. Please let us know if you are having difficulties getting a PE kit for your child as we are happy to help where we can. We do **NOT** insist on Halebank kit simply a pair of shorts and a t shirt that can be changed into.

PE Days

Oak Class – Mondays and Fridays
Beech Class – Wednesdays and Fridays
Willow Class – Mondays and Fridays
Cherry Class – Wednesdays and Fridays

Jewellery

NO jewellery is to be worn at all in school except for stud earrings and a watch in KS2

There are to be NO SMART watches in school as these can be used to record and take photographs and this is a safeguarding concern

No earrings are to be worn for PE – this is a health and safety issue and is a Halton rule. Please remove your child's earrings before they come into school on the days they have PE, as Staff are not allowed to remove or put earrings in for pupils. Newly pierced ears or earrings that cannot be removed for medical reasons (please speak to staff at school if this is the case) must be covered by plasters which staff will NOT put on, so please do this at home before they come into school.

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 90.4% which although still some way off our target is significantly better than before Christmas.

Beech class won the best attendance treat. Their attendance of 92.4% won them an extra 10 minutes playtime. Nobody won a star towards their Halebank Attendance Hero reward this week however we are hopeful for next week!

Beech Class have won the award for tidiest classroom this week. What a great week for our Year 3s and 4s!!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Imogen	Zahra	Clara	Stanley	Katelyn	Jack	James



READING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Nevaeh	Alanna	Jessica	Louie H

WRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Theo	Sophie	Raul	James

MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Lincoln	Thomas W	Millie	Lexia

Congratulations to James Kelly who has had an amazing week in school and has been chosen for two awards this week! What a great role model you are James!



January 18 th	Y6 (height and weight) & YR (vision and hearing)
January 31 st	Young Voices – Year 3/4/5 – letter to follow
February 1 st	NSPCC Workshop Year 5/6
February 2 nd	Wellbeing Coffee Morning
February 3 rd	NSPCC Number Day – letter to follow
February 6 th – 10 th	Children's Mental Health Week
February 13 th	HPAN Art Exhibition at Runcorn Shopping City
February 17 th	Break Up

March 1st	Parent's Evening
March 2nd	World Book Day
March 21st	Overnight Visit to The Catalyst Museum – Year 3 / 4 - letter to follow

A poem about friendship by Amelia Ward in Year 5

Best Friend

B stands for belonging together
E stands for every memory
S stands for sometimes we fought
T stands for together forever
F stands for forever friends
R stands for the times we regained trust
I stands for importance between us
E stands for every fight we forgave
N stands for never alone
D stands for the day we became friends

Have a lovely weekend, take care of one another and enjoy special time shared with friends and family.

Mrs C Warner
Headteacher

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