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Dear Parents and Carers.

You will all be aware from watching the news that the NEU teacher's union are taking strike action. You will all be receiving letters with further information about strike dates and how it will be affecting our school. The Board of Governors at Halebank CE Primary School fully support any action undertaken by any staff members.

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.

There is 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.

<u>Please ensure that children DO NOT bring sweets or vitamin tablets of any kind into school. We have a duty of care to each and every child and sweets/tablets can be an allergy risk and also a choking hazard.</u>

# **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.

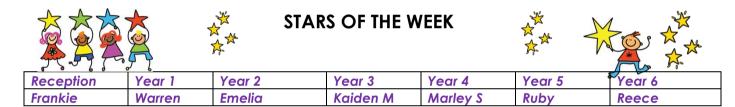
Last week whole school attendance was 90.1 % which is a long way off out target. I will be making contact with those families whose children are significantly affecting our school attendance. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that your child is in school every day.





Beech class won the best attendance treat. Their attendance of 94.1 % 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!

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







#### READING CHAMPIONS

	Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class	
	Naya	Marley B	Lacey	Sienna	

#### WRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Ezmay	Emelia	Jack J	Noel

## MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Darcie - Leigh	Thomas B	Robin	Quinn



January 24<sup>th</sup> A.I.M High Writing Day

January 31st Young Voices – Year 3/4/5 – letter to follow

February 1<sup>st</sup> NSPCC Workshop Year 5/6 February 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellbeing Coffee Morning

February 3<sup>rd</sup> NSPCC Number Day – letter to follow

February 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

February 13<sup>th</sup> HPAN Art Exhibition at Runcorn Shopping City

February 17<sup>th</sup> Break Up

March 1<sup>st</sup> Parent's Evening March 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day

March 21st Overnight Visit to The Catalyst Museum – Year 3 / 4 - letter to follow

This week our prayer has been written by Ben in Oak Class:

## Dear God,

Thank you for my family, friends and my teachers, Sorry for being mean, angry and ungrateful, Please help me to be calm, grateful and nice to everyone

#### Amen

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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