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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.

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.

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 our 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.



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity




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If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons


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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.




STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Frankie	Warren	Emelia	Kaiden M	Marley S	Ruby	Reece



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 24th A.I.M High Writing Day
 January 31st Young Voices – Year 3/4/5 – letter to follow
 February 1st NSPCC Workshop Year 5/6
 February 2nd Wellbeing Coffee Morning
 February 3rd NSPCC Number Day – letter to follow
 February 6th – 10th Children's Mental Health Week
 February 13th HPAN Art Exhibition at Runcorn Shopping City
 February 17th 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

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.

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

Mrs C Warner
Headteacher

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