

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent Governor Vacancy

You still have over a week to submit your nomination forms for the Parent Governor vacancy we have available. This is a great way to get involved in the life of the school and to contribute to the direction, decision making and improvement of Halebank. Please feel free to have a chat with me if you think you might be interested in representing the views of parents/carers and bringing your skills and experience onto the Governing Board. Nominations close on **10/5/2021**.

### Personal Development Goals



This week's personal development strength is **creativity**. We have been teaching the children the importance of celebrating their individuality, developing their imaginations and standing out from the crowd. We have considered how we all need to avoid distractions to be as creative as possible, while also learning that making small changes to what we usually do can make a big difference.

Perhaps you could share with your child the ways you enjoyed being creative as a child and what you still do now as an adult to keep your mind and body active. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their creative skills this week:



Reception	<b>Melissa:</b> for being an expressive and creative member of the class
Year 1	<b>Irene:</b> for creating beautiful artwork
Year 2	<b>Daniel:</b> for being creative and imaginative
Year 3	<b>Rocco:</b> for making some creative collages
Year 4	<b>Phoebe:</b> for a lovely piece of creative writing
Year 5	<b>Lydia:</b> for being creative through drama and art
Year 6	<b>Maddie:</b> for confident working in maths

### Kindness Day: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May

Next week's focus will be kindness and we will be looking for children who are kind to themselves, and compassionate and respectful to others. On Tuesday we will have a 'Kindness Day' in school where we will be teaching the children all about the importance of acts of kindness. If you have any examples of your child being kind and thoughtful at home this weekend, please [email](#) me with the details and I will share your good news in collective worship next week. Here are a few 'acts of kindness' that the children could try over the long weekend:



- ☺ Write a kind note for someone
- ☺ Give a compliment
- ☺ Do a chore for a parent or sibling
- ☺ Smile!
- ☺ Tell a family member how much you love them
- ☺ Help out at home without being asked
- ☺ Write a thank you letter

## Safeguarding Matters

You may be aware that school safeguarding has featured prominently in the national news in the last few weeks and I would like to remind of you of some of the procedures that we have in school.

- Our named **Designated Safeguarding Leads** are **Mr Harley** and **Mrs Eley**. Should you have any safeguarding or welfare concerns, we are your first port of call.
- I can be contacted via email at [head.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:head.halebank@halton.gov.uk) and I do my best to be available to speak to parents each day before and after school. Mrs Eley can be contacted at [class3@halebank.halton.gov.uk](mailto:class3@halebank.halton.gov.uk).
- Should you need to contact either of us about a safeguarding matter, please mark the subject of your email as 'confidential'.
- We are currently looking at options to incorporate an anonymous reporting tool on our school website and I will provide further details in due course.
- Each of our classrooms has a 'bubble box' which allows the children to send a note to their class teachers if they have a concern or worry that they wish to share.
- Should we receive a disclosure from a parent, child or other member of the community, this will **always** be listened to, treated seriously, investigated and acted upon as required. It may be necessary for the school to make contact with other professionals to seek advice and to share information. We take our duty of care very seriously and the school places the highest priority on keeping all of the children safe.
- I would also like to make you aware of a new dedicated NSPCC helpline which has been set up in light of the 'Everyone's Invited' movement. This can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or by phoning 0800 136 663.

## Summer Term Health and Safety

### *Water Bottles*

As we begin the summer term with warmer, sunnier weather arriving, please remember that your child needs a water bottle in school every day. This should be filled with water (not juice) each day and then brought home.

### *Sun Cream and Hats*

On sunny days, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied prior to school; a cap/sun hat is also recommended as the children do spend a good amount of time out of doors.

*Physical Education*

For those pupils with pierced ears, earrings worn in school should be small studs; these need to be removed/covered when your child has a PE lesson.

*Tyre Area*

The children are not currently using the tyre area, which is located behind the playground, during the school day. This play area is situated underneath three large oak trees which need to have deadwood and some branches removed. Until the tree surgeons have treated the trees, I would ask that you do not allow your child to play in this area before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
<b>Thomas S</b>	<b>Hugo</b>	<b>Noah</b>	<b>Harry</b>

Let's hope the sun shines over the Bank Holiday weekend and that we can all get out in the fresh air. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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