

Friday, 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Personal Development Goals



This week's personal development strength is **responsibility**. We have been thinking about doing things for ourselves as soon as we are able to, getting stuck in and giving EVERYTHING a go. The children know that they are responsible for their own learning in school, making the best of themselves and putting others' needs before their own.

We have considered the following quote from *John 13.34* which you could talk about at home:

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

Here are the children who have demonstrated responsibility this week:



Reception	Thomas S: for having a responsible attitude towards his work
Year 1	Annabelle: for being a sensible and helpful member of Class 2
Year 2	Kaiden: for being a responsible and caring member of the class
Year 3	Ivy: for being a reliable and responsible role model
Year 4	Charlie: for taking on new responsibilities with enthusiasm
Year 5	Ellie: for showing responsibility and being an excellent role model
Year 6	Charlie: for taking responsibility for his homework

A Day at the Beach: Thursday, 20th May



With summer finally on its way, our School Cook, Mrs Robinson, is planning a very special lunch for the school on **Thursday** next week. The menu will consist of a themed 'take away' which we hope the children will be able to enjoy outdoors. The options on offer will be pizza or fish fingers with chips, salad and ice cream.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Morris will be running a raffle for the school and there will be prizes for each class. Everyone is invited to join us for this themed lunch and if your child would like to wear some summer shorts and a T-shirt, that would be great. Sunglasses and sunhats are also welcome. All we need now is a bit of sunshine!



Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately, the school did not receive any nominations for the current Parent Governor vacancy. While this is a shame, our next Parent Governor is actually reading this text right now. Yes, it could be YOU! I will continue to promote this position and the school welcomes expressions of interest from ALL parents. The nomination form is still available in the school office and it is NEVER too late to step forward and get involved in the decision making and direction of YOUR child's school.



While the role does need commitment from whoever takes up the position, this is usually just a few meetings each term. I would urge anyone who is keen to put themselves forward to have an informal chat with me for further information. We currently have three wonderful parents on our Governing Board: [Haley Roach](#), [Steph Lucas](#) and [Rachel Oasgood](#). You could have a chat with

these parents if you are interested or check out the [Governors](#) page on our website for further information.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Leah	Scarlett	Mea	Oliver

Covid-19 Update

You will no doubt be aware that 17th May will see the further lifting of restrictions as stage three of the government's 'roadmap' out of lockdown begins. The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance to schools regarding operational and health and safety issues. Social distancing and face coverings, staggered starts/ends to the school day and the organisation of teaching groups or 'bubbles' still feature in the advice we have been given, so we will not be making any changes to the way that the school day runs for now. While there is certainly some optimism at the moment, there is also caution as the country attempts to re-open.

I would ask that you continue to adhere to the systems that we have set up as these will be in place for the foreseeable future. The children and families of the school have done incredibly well to adapt to the new arrangements and I would like to thank you for all you have done to help keep the school community as safe as possible. I think it has been a wonderful collective response from us all and we should be very proud of how we have pulled together during what has been an unsettled and uncertain period of time.

Covid-19 Symptoms

Should your child display any of the symptoms below, please do not send him/her into school:

- 1) a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
- 2) a new, continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- 3) a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

PCR and LFD Tests

You must book a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test as soon as possible if your child is symptomatic via the [NHS website](#) or by phoning 119. You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site. The school can also provide you with a PCR test kit which can then be sent off via Royal Mail. Please note that this is different from a test completed with an LFD (lateral flow device). A rapid lateral flow test is a coronavirus test you do yourself when you are asymptomatic; it is not sent off to a laboratory and is therefore less reliable. Staff in the school office are always happy to offer advice if you are unsure.

Once you receive confirmation of a PCR test result, please forward this to the school office: sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Your child should only return to school when you have received a negative result and when he/she is well. In the event of a positive test outcome, please inform the school as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Stay safe 😊.

Yours sincerely


Mr R Harley