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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of the week again and although we have only had three days in school we have managed to fit a lot in. On Tuesday Oak Class had a visiting historian who delivered a Viking workshop. A great fun, hands on experience for all and a really good way of ensuring that knowledge 'sticks' in the memory. Also on Tuesday Beech class went to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's "Sensational Symphonic Time Machine" Schools' Concert. The concert was presented in partnership with National Museums Liverpool and explored the topic of History. Yet another amazing opportunity for our children to learn in a very different way. Beech class have also enjoyed an afternoon of cricket this week. As always our regulars are back in school today so the children will be enjoying PE with Mr Cann and drama with Andrew Curphey.

**Attendance**

Last week whole school attendance was 86.3%. Beech Class won best attendance with 92.9%

**Following our meeting with Halton Education Welfare, who are supporting the school because of the number of persistently absent pupils that we currently have, some of you will receive letters that have set a four week target to improve your child's attendance. This will be monitored by Education Welfare and school.**

This is not a personal attack and we very much want to work with you all to improve attendance at Halebank overall. School will also be sending out target letters to other families today. On receipt of your letter if you need to discuss anything with us please email school rather than telephone as staff often have meetings or tasks that mean that they do not have the time to discuss issues immediately. We will always get back to you as soon as we possibly can.

Reward certificates for February will also be sent out today.

**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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## Parent Notices

**School Trips** - Please note the following:

- Catalyst Overnight Stay due by 10.03.23 - £35
- Dearne Valley due by 31.03.23 - £224

If there are any issues regarding these trips please email us to let us know. It is essential that you go online to give consent or your child will not be able to go on the trip. If you are experiencing money issues, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can come to some arrangement, we understand that these matters are delicate and they would be dealt with sensitively and with the utmost discretion.

A meeting was held in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March to answer all your questions about the Catalyst Trip and a letter was subsequently sent out with all the information that you will need.

## Change of PE days

As **Beech Class** will begin cricket coaching next week, they will need their PE kit each Monday and Friday. **Willow Class** will also change. They will need their PE kit on Tuesday and Friday.

## Uniform

Any unclaimed uniform has now been taken home by a member of staff to wash. We will be holding a uniform sale (small donations) on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. All items will be of good quality and will therefore be perfect for anyone whose child has had a sudden growth spurt or needs an additional piece of uniform. We currently only have jumpers and cardigans. Any money made from the sale of uniform will go towards the purchase of spare underwear for pupils which is much needed in school. Finally if you have any uniform at home that you no longer need please would you donate it to school so that we can pass it on to anyone who may need it. Thank you

## New Initiative

It may have been brought to your attention that we are having a bit of a push in school on table manners and general behaviour in the hall at lunchtimes. This is, as with most things that we do in school, in your children's best interest and is a positive initiative. We will be using stickers and certificates to reward and praise all children following our school lunchtime rules and there will be children nominated to sit at the 'top table' every Friday.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



| Reception     | Year 1        | Year 2            | Year 3     | Year 4                     | Year 5              | Year 6       |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Naya Unsworth | Dotty Dowling | Jessica Georgieva | Jack Jones | Pippa Holme & Lacey Carmon | Sienna Brotherstone | Louis Brewer |

## Lunchtime Awards – Top Table

|               |              |              |                       |                |              |                   |                     |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cherry Class  |              | Willow Class |                       | Beech Class    |              | Oak Class         |                     |
| Naya Unsworth | Theo Langley | Anayah Jones | Marley Hewitt Bamford | Lottie Bolland | Kaiden Riley | Reece Halliburton | Elsie May Higginson |



### READING CHAMPIONS

|                      |              |             |               |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Cherry Class         | Willow Class | Beech Class | Oak Class     |
| Frankie Brotherstone | Thomas Batty | Molly Peck  | George Weedon |

### WRITING CHAMPIONS

|                |              |                |            |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Cherry Class   | Willow Class | Beech Class    | Oak Class  |
| Phoebe Keouski | Zahra Brown  | Raul Chiticaru | Noah Jones |

### MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

|              |              |             |                |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Cherry Class | Willow Class | Beech Class | Oak Class      |
| Theo Langley | Clara Price  | Stan Booth  | Rocco Rizzotti |

Oak Class won the tidiest classroom award so will get a treat from Mr and Mrs Boon.



- March 21<sup>st</sup> Overnight Visit to the Catalyst Museum – Year 3 / 4**
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> AIM High Maths Da**
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> HIT session with Oak class**
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Cricket Event – KS1**
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Family Drop In – Uniform sale/chat/tell us what you want from our family sessions.**

*Our prayer this week has been written by Emily in Oak Class*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for our family and friends who care for us.*

*Sorry for being impatient and rude.*

*Please help me to understand that I am not the only one in pain.*

*Amen*

A special message to all you mums/step mums/carers/aunties and grannies and those who fill that role.

**“There will be so many times you feel like you've failed. But in the eyes, heart, and mind of your child you are a super mum.”**

**“There is no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.”**

**Have a great weekend!**

Mrs C Warner  
Headteacher

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