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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we made it to the end of another jam packed term! Our teachers have been really busy this week attending courses, completing training and generally improving the education that we provide for all pupils. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to our first Halebank Drop In session. We appreciate all your feedback and really enjoyed taking the time to chat with you. We have taken note of your suggestions and hopefully we were able to answer some of your concerns and questions. We will be continuing to hold the Drop In sessions after the Easter break.

Thank you to Oak class and Reverend Roland who held our Eucharist Service today in school. Keeping our connections with the church and our Christian Vision and Values is very important to us here at Halebank and we appreciate the continued support from our families. Thank you to all those who joined us this morning – it really does make a difference to the children to see you sat in the audience when they are performing.

We are unfortunately saying goodbye to Mr Przystanski today. He has been working with Beech class since Christmas and has done a wonderful job. We will all miss him and wish him luck in his new role.

We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Draper back this week. We get to share her with her family once again and she will be Beech class's teacher after the Easter break as well as resuming her role as SENDCo. Welcome back Mrs Draper it has been great to have you in school this week!

Attendance

Last week whole school attendance was 91.1%. Willow Class won best attendance with 93.4%. Our 95% + pupils have all enjoyed a dip into the treat tub today as a thank you for their efforts and the children who have had 100% attendance this term were rewarded with a £5 gift voucher to spend at ASDA. I would like to say a huge congratulations to **Noel Cook Anderton** who is the only pupil with 100% attendance for the whole year so far. Well done Noel I hope you enjoy your treat! Lots of your children will be bringing home their certificates tonight. After the holiday we will be looking to reward all pupils with significantly improved attendance.

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

It has been brought to my attention by several of the children and community members that pupils from our school have been using vapes in the park. The children have talked about peer pressure making them try it, children selling them and children collecting used vapes from the floor and then using them. Obviously I do not need to tell you how dangerous this is on many levels. We will continue to educate the children about the dangers of this behaviour but with the holidays here the children will obviously be on the park more often so we wanted to alert you to the situation. We have also alerted the PCSO who will be around and about during the holiday period.

School Trips - Please note the following:

- 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 for all trips** 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.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers have been arranged and will be sent out - £12 per child on 01/04/23 and £12 per child on 08/04/23. There will not be anybody in the school office to deal with this during the holiday period.

PE days

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school for their class PE days

Class PE days for next half term are as follows:

- Cherry Class - Wednesday and Friday
- Willow Class - Wednesday and Friday
- Beech Class - Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Oak Class - Monday and Friday



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nevaeh Fogg	Elilia Andrews Fitzpatrick	Clara Price	Hugo Kenny	Jake Whyment	All pupils	All pupils

Lunchtime Awards – Top Table

Cherry Class		Willow Class		Beech Class		Oak Class	
Imogen	Lincoln	Thomas S	Zahra	Millie	Robin	Noel	James



READING CHAMPIONS



Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Theo Langley	Rosa Mai Winterton	Charlotte Bolland	Lyla Anderton

WRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Imogen McGregor	Oliver Shakeshaft	Stan Booth	Ivy Booth, Noel Cook Anderton

MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Jack Derby	Mikey Brotherstone	Scarlet Keouski	George Weedon

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



April 17th	Return to school for Summer Term 1
April 20th	Sleep and Screen Time Drop In followed by time in class
April 26th	Family Drop In
May 1st	Early May Bank Holiday
May 2nd – 12th	Beech Class Swimming
May 4th	Rock Kidz in school
May 8th	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

We have two prayers this week from Willow Class. They were written to perform at the Eucharist Service.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for Joy.
Thank you for all the flowers and the trees and sunshine,
So we can play.
Amen

Dear lord,
Thank you for rain and sun,
For Spring and Summer and all the seasons.
Amen

Let us celebrate the miracle of Easter, the beauty of God's creation, and the blessing of having each other.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Warner'.

Mrs C Warner
Headteacher

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