

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



### Stars of the Week

This week's Stars of the Week have been linked to our collective worship theme of **respect**. One of our four school rules is '*We are respectful*' and we have focused on this throughout the week by thinking about the value of respecting ourselves and others, and how we are more likely to receive respect when we give it.

Perhaps you could talk to your child about the words of wisdom in the speech bubble. Well done to the following children for showing respect to others throughout the week:



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| Reception | <b>Jessica:</b> for always being super sensible and respectful!      |
| Year 1    | <b>Jack:</b> for being kind and considerate                          |
| Year 2    | <b>Pippa:</b> for always thinking of others and being respectful     |
| Year 3    | <b>Noah:</b> for being respectful and kind to his friends in cricket |
| Year 4    | <b>Lillian:</b> for taking care with her belongings and her work     |
| Year 5    | <b>Harry:</b> for working hard and being respectful                  |
| Year 6    | <b>Freya:</b> for working hard and being helpful to others           |



### Halebank Book Club

The children had a lovely time during this week's Halebank 'Book Club' activities. Pupils in Classes 1 and 2 completed paired reading together and took part in a 'draw along' webinar with Helen and Thomas Docherty, the author and illustrator of 'The Screen Thief'. Children in Class 3 had great fun writing about their favourite book characters and authors which led to an entertaining game of 'Guess Who?' Meanwhile, Class 4 pupils created journal pages of their favourite books and completed a class vote based on their favourite childhood texts ('Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg was the winner). They also participated in a 'draw along' webinar with Simon James Green and Garry Parsons who worked together to create the text 'Fabulous Frankie'. Have a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photos of what has been happening through the week.



### READING CHAMPIONS



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| Class 1        | Class 2       | Class 3     | Class 4       |
| <b>Melissa</b> | <b>Layton</b> | <b>Coby</b> | <b>Ronnie</b> |

## Sports News

Although summer seems to have disappeared in the last couple of days, the weather just about held up for our Infant Sports Morning. Shortly afterwards, the rain came and our Y5/6 Sports Afternoon took place in the school hall. While it was a different format from a usual 'Sports Day' it was great to see the children competing well, supporting and cheering for one another, and representing their house teams. Well done to everyone for giving their best. Fingers crossed for Class 3 on Wednesday next week!

## Absence Reporting

Here is a reminder of the arrangements in place for reporting a pupil absence.

- Should your child be absent from school, please inform us no later than **9.00 am**. The easiest way to do this is to send us a **text message** on **0151 329 2134**. If you have the School Gateway app on your smartphone, all text messages to the school are free on this number.
- You can also **telephone** the office on **0151 425 5798** from 8.30 am; please select **Option 1** to report an absence.
- If you know in advance that your child will be missing school, please ask the office for a Leave of Absence form; this should be completed and returned to us **before** your child is away from school. Thank you.

## Covid-19 Update

You will no doubt be aware that Covid-19 cases are once again on the rise and a number of schools across Halton, including Halebank, have been affected by the closure of bubbles. Living and working in a 'Covid-19 enhanced measures' area means that we all need to remain vigilant. We are continuing to operate as a three bubble school and our handwashing and hygiene routines, social distancing measures and enhanced cleaning regime remain in place. I ask that your child does not come into school if he/she (or another member of your household) is displaying any of the symptoms set out below in the NHS's guidance.

*The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:*

- 1. a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- 2. a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- 3. a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

*If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and **stay at home** until you get your result.*

It is vital that you provide us with the most up to date information to enable us to protect the school community. If your child is displaying any of the three symptoms or if you are awaiting test results, please let us know as a matter of urgency so we can act swiftly. If you are concerned about a suspected case or are unsure about what you should do in terms of testing or self-isolating, please give school a ring or drop me an email (don't forget to provide your contact details) and we will be happy to advise you. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Next Week's Events

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| 28 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Maths Olympics Week</b><br><i>The week's maths lessons will be linked to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games</i>                                      |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Y3/4 Sports Morning</b><br><i>PE kits needed all day; Class 3 children will stay in their 'bubble' to complete their Sports Day activities</i> |

## Rest and Relaxation ☺

School staff have noticed the children becoming more tired this week and we can see this in their energy levels. Some are also showing less resilience and patience than we would expect. You may well have noticed this at home, too. It's worth saying that we still have three and a half weeks left of the school year and there is much learning ahead in the remainder of the summer term.

To ensure that your child gets the most out of the coming weeks, a bit of rest and relaxation might be needed this weekend so that we are all coming into school on Monday morning with our batteries recharged, ready to work and learn together!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

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