

Friday, 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have now completed their first full week of the new academic year and we are all very pleased with the start they have made. Our new starters in Reception have done particularly well to make it to Friday and we are sure that everyone is in need of a good rest this weekend!

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **kindness**. We have been thinking about the importance of being kind to ourselves and showing genuine care for others. Please acknowledge and praise your child's kind deeds at home. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their kindness this week:



Reception	Frankie: for settling into school so well and for being a superstar!
Year 1	Alanna: for showing kindness all week and making new friends
Year 2	Stanley: for being kind to everyone including the new Class 1 children
Year 3	Lacey: for being kind to all her new friends
Year 4	Jack: for being a kind and helpful member of the class
Year 5	George: for being a kind and polite member of Class 4
Year 6	Collina: for being a kind and considerate role model



Each week, we will also be presenting a 'Reading Champion' award to one pupil from each class. The award will be given to pupils who show commitment and effort with regard to their reading. This week's champions are as follows:

READING CHAMPIONS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Mason	Robin	Jake	James

MDA Vacancy

The vacancy for the Midday Assistant has now been posted on the Halton Borough Council School Jobs website. If you are interested in applying, further information can be found at <https://schooljobs.haltonbc.info/>. The closing date for applications is Monday, 20th September at 12.00 pm.

Collective Worship: Generosity



Our theme for this half term's collective worship is **GENEROSITY**. This week, our words of wisdom come from Mark 12.31: '*Love your neighbour as yourself*'. We have learnt about the American legend of Johnny Appleseed, a humble man who had very little but shared what he had. If you notice your child doing something generous within your family, I would love to hear about this so I can share some good examples in worship next week.

Dropping Off and Picking Up

Thank you for bearing with us as we tweak the arrangements for the start and end of the school day. If you have any suggestions to help us improve what we are doing, please let me know as we value your feedback. We have seen a big improvement at the start of the day with the children getting into school promptly; this is enabling the staff to get going with the day's learning on time. Thank you for supporting us with this so that we maximise learning time at this crucial part of the school year.

Parental Feedback

At the end of the last school year, you were given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire to provide us with your feedback. Only a small number of these were returned so they are being sent out again. Please do use this opportunity to let us know what you think the school does well and how it can improve further. **Your** opinion really does matter! Questionnaires can be completed in paper form or if you'd prefer to complete the Word version (attached to the emailed version of the newsletter), please just send this back to me at head.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Thanks for taking the time to provide your feedback.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your child is coming into school in the correct uniform, including PE kit. Everyone looks smart and there is a much stronger sense of belonging to the school when the uniform guidelines are adhered to. We are aware that a few children have had problems with new school shoes, however I would like to remind you that we do not expect children to be wearing trainers in school except on 'PE Wednesdays' and for other physical activity. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

After School Clubs

This half term, we will be offering a sports-based, 'multi skills' club for pupils in Years 1 to 6 and a dance club for children in Years 3 to 6. **These clubs will all start next week** and further details are set out in the table below. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter and return this to your child's class teacher. We will do our best to provide a place for all pupils wishing to take part and school will fund these clubs this half term, however we do expect everyone to commit to **all 6 sessions** up until the October half term.

If we receive your request slip **before Monday at 12.00 pm**, please assume that your child has been given a place (we will only contact you if there are no spaces left or if you have missed the deadline). Thank you.

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIME	CLUB LEADERS
Mon	Multi skills	Years 1, 2 & 3	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Wed	Multi skills	Years 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Fri	Dance	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

Dinner Money and Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'universal infant free school meal' so no payment is required. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), school dinner money should be paid using the [School Gateway](#) app. The cost of a school meal is **£2.50; this should be paid in advance**, ideally at the start of each half term (and no later than the start of each week). If you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, please have a look at the [Free School Meals](#) information on the HBC website.

Halebank Heroes

Our teachers and teaching assistants have reviewed our school rules and expectations with their classes; these form the basis of our positive behaviour policy. Here are the school's rules which we expect all of our 'Halebank Heroes' to follow:



- 1) We are **kind**.
- 2) We are **respectful**.
- 3) We are **safe**.
- 4) We are **ready**.



The staff love to celebrate good behaviour and hard work; we have a number of rewards in school to support this, one of which is passing on the good news about your child to you. Similarly, if the staff have concerns about behaviour, they will let you know so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend!

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley
Headteacher

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After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021

Please complete and return this form to school as soon as possible to book your child onto the selected club.

Name of child: _____ Class: _____ Year Group: _____

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIMES	✓ PLEASE TICK TO REQUEST A PLACE
Monday	Multi skills	Years 1, 2 & 3	3.15 – 4.15 pm	
Wednesday	Multi skills	Years 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	
Friday	Dance	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	

I agree to my child taking part in the chosen club for this half term.

Signed (parent/carer) _____

My child will be collected by _____ . (please complete if appropriate)

My child is allowed to make his/her own way home from school at 4.15pm; Y5/6 only.
(please tick if appropriate)