

Friday, 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

After over a year of restrictions, we are hopeful that we will be able to invite you to join us for a number of school events in the coming months; if the situation changes locally, we may need to arrange some 'virtual' events should this be the safer option. Here is advance notice of a few forthcoming events for your diaries:



30th September: Influenza (flu) vaccinations

14th October: Class 4 visit to Liverpool

18th/19th October: Classes 3 and 4 Parents' Evenings

19th/20th October: Classes 1 and 2 Parents' Evenings

21st October at 9.15 am: Harvest Service

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **empathy**. We have been learning about the value of respecting one another's individuality. To be empathetic, we need to learn to 'read' other people by being active listeners and by observing others' body language and tone of voice. Please talk to your child about the importance of cooperating with others; perhaps you could play some games together this weekend to promote turn taking and fairness. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to understand and think of others first:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Lily-Mae: for thinking of others
Year 1	Clara: for always thinking of other people and trying to help them
Year 2	Georgie: for understanding how other people are feeling and thinking of ways to help them
Year 3	Lottie: for showing empathy to classmates and helping them
Year 4	Noah: for showing empathy and looking after his classmates
Year 5	Louis: for showing empathy towards his friends
Year 6	Lucie: for always thinking of others

Parental Feedback

Thank you for returning your questionnaires to school. We received **19** in total and I have read through them and collated the responses. Your more detailed feedback will be shared with staff and governors, and will be used to inform our Strategic School Improvement Plan for 2021-2022.

	Strongly agree/agree	Disagree/strongly disagree	Not applicable to my child/don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.	100%	0%	0%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	100%	0%	0%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%	0%	0%
4. The school deals with any bullying quickly and effectively.	74%	0%	26%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%	0%	0%
6. The school deals with concerns properly.	100%	0%	0%
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	95%	0%	5%
9. My child does well at this school.	100%	0%	0%
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	100%	0%	0%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	89%	0%	11%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	100%	0%	0%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	100%	0%	0%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%	0%	0%

- Parents identified the school's **main strengths** as being the staff team ('lovely', 'supportive' and 'approachable'), good communication and positive relationships between school and home, the sense of community and Halebank's 'family feel'.
- Suggestions for the school's **areas for improvement** included re-introducing more parental involvement and increased teaching of world religions and British history.
- When asked about the school's response to the pandemic, parents commented that they had been regularly updated and that the children's safety had been prioritised throughout. Respondents said they had been well supported as parents and carers:
 - ☺ 'Couldn't fault the school during the pandemic.'
 - ☺ 'School did everything it could to keep things running smoothly.'
 - ☺ 'The home learning provided was fantastic.'
- Thanks again to the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire; your feedback is **very much appreciated** and we will do our utmost to take this on board as we work together to move the school forward.

Collective Worship: Generosity

'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

Our **GENEROSITY** theme for this half term's collective worship continues and this week we have learnt about *giving cheerfully*. The children have been given a challenge to complete at home this weekend: to give up a little of their own time to help someone else. I would love to hear from you if your child has tried to *give cheerfully* at home. Let me know what they have done and how they have helped someone else by dropping me an email: head.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Thanks.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Sophie	Annabelle	Pippa	Emily



Morrisons: It's Good to Grow

Morrisons launched the 'It's Good to Grow' programme this month and we are a registered school. The programme aims to encourage school children to get outdoors and get growing, helping them to understand where their food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables. 'It's Good to Grow' is a token collection programme that allows schools to collect free gardening equipment. For every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to school. You'll need to be a My Morrisons customer to take part; if you download the app you will be able to select our school. Thank you for your support.

Influenza (flu) Vaccination

The School-aged Immunisation Team has contacted the school to remind parents to provide online consent prior to the annual flu vaccine which is being offered to all pupils on **Thursday** next week. Please note that the online consent form closes at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday**.

To complete the form, please go to www.BWimmunisations.co.uk. You will need to enter and confirm your email address and use the school code for Halebank: **BW111244**

I hope you have lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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