

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



### Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **honesty**. We have considered the importance of being true to ourselves and understanding the complexities of 'truth'. You could help your child understand the value of honesty by praising him/her for telling the truth, even when owning up is difficult! Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to be honest and truthful:



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	<b>Vinny:</b> for being kind and honest to all of his friends
Year 1	<b>Thomas W:</b> for being an honest and reliable member of the class
Year 2	<b>Robin:</b> for always being trustworthy
Year 3	<b>Marley:</b> for being honest and reliable
Year 4	<b>Louie:</b> for being honest and helpful
Year 5	<b>Quin:</b> for being a good and honest friend
Year 6	<b>Alfie:</b> for being a trusted and honest member of Class 4



### A Message from Mrs Power, our PE Subject Leader

I am very excited to announce that we are having a **Multi-Skills Festival**, our first House Team Day on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Children will be participating in a number of sporting activities during their usual PE time. They can come to school in their PE kits with a top that is the same colour as their house team if they wish; the children should know their team colours, but you can ask the staff if you're unsure. We do not want anyone to go to any expense, so if you do not have a specific coloured top for your child to wear, we will give them a coloured wrist band. We hope to keep you posted with lots of photos of the day on Twitter. Please follow us, if you do not already do so, at [@Halebank\\_sch](https://twitter.com/Halebank_sch) for updates and news of events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



### READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
<b>Anayah</b>	<b>Georgie</b>	<b>Noel</b>	<b>Daisy and Coby</b>



### Harvest Donations

The school is supporting the Widnes Foodbank Harvest Appeal and on the back page of the newsletter is the 'shopping list' which you may wish to consider if your family is donating items. We would be grateful if these could be brought into school from **Monday** next week. Kay Ahearne from the Widnes Foodbank will be visiting school on **Thursday** for our Harvest Service and she will take away the school's donations with her. You will be sent a link at the end of next week so that you can watch the children's performances. Thank you for your support.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

Calling ALL parents..... we need YOUR help! Maybe you are new to Halebank and would like to get more involved in the life of the school. Perhaps you are one of our loyal and longstanding parents who now feels the time is right to give something back to the school. Now is your chance, as we have vacancies on our Governing Board!

The school's Governing Board is made up of parents, staff and other members of the community. The Governing Board meets every term to review, support and challenge the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for ensuring that a good standard of education is provided to all pupils.



We currently have **TWO** Parent Governor vacancies and it would be brilliant to welcome some new faces onto the board. While there is some commitment required, the role is a rewarding one as governors make an invaluable contribution to the direction, decision making and improvement of the school.

If you think you are interested and would like an informal chat about the role, please let me know. See last week's newsletter for a nomination form.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you for booking your appointments for your telephone consultations with the teaching staff next week. Almost all parents have now arranged their slots; if you haven't yet got round to doing this, please be quick as the booking system in the [Parents' Area](#) of our School Spider website closes on Monday morning. Please do not miss out on this timely opportunity to find out how your child has settled into school with regard to learning, achievement and wellbeing.

### Covid-19 Update and Illness

As I mentioned last week, there are certainly more coughs, colds and bugs going around and I would like to remind you that there is useful guidance available in the [NHS's online guidance: Is my child too ill for school?](#) Please remember that if your child develops any of the three main coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), they should **not** come into school. A PCR test (which is sent off to a lab) should be booked as soon as possible. We are always happy to offer guidance and advice to you if you have any questions; if we are unsure how to respond to a query, we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

## Attendance

Thank you for reading last week's information about the importance of good attendance. You will be notified next week if your child's attendance has fallen below the school's target of 96% for the year so far. Please note that at this stage in the year, only a couple of days of absence will have quite a big impact on your child's attendance figure. However, I would like all parents and carers to work with us to ensure that all our pupils have high rates of attendance through the course of the year.

## Influenza (flu) Vaccination

The School-aged Immunisation Team has contacted the school to inform us that if your child missed having his/her flu vaccine, the online consent portal has now re-opened. To complete the form, please go to [www.BWimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.BWimmunisations.co.uk). You will need to enter and confirm your email address and use the school code for Halebank: **BW111244**. There is currently no date set for these vaccinations and we will advise parents when the team will be back in school as soon as this is confirmed.

## Applications for Secondary School Places for September 2022

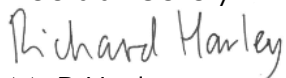
We have received a reminder from the Admissions Team regarding the deadline for applying for secondary school places. If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to complete this process ready for September next year. Applications must be submitted no later than **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October** via the [Halton Parent Portal](#).

## Data Collection and Privacy Notice

Please remember to sign and return your data collection sheet to ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details. Thank you.

Don't forget that next week is the final one this half term; the children break up on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** as Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> is a staff training day. Have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley

Headteacher

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DONATE FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST AND HELP US FEED PEOPLE IN NEED THIS HARVEST.



500g Rice

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Corned Beef

Chocolate

Toilet Roll

Packet Rice

Pasta n Sauce

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