

Friday, 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 Update

As you are already aware, we have had several confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school this week. These positive cases have been spread across three of our classes. Public Health have advised us to remind parents, pupils and staff about the importance of **regular and thorough handwashing**, and **home testing** (twice a week) with a lateral flow device.

If your child develops any of the three main symptoms of the virus - *a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste* - he/she should **isolate** and **arrange a PCR test**. We have also been advised that siblings and household contacts of positive cases should also have a PCR booked and that daily lateral flow tests should be undertaken in this situation.



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

We continue with our weekly feature, *The 5 Ways to Wellbeing*, and today the Pupil Parliament will mention the importance of giving to others...

Give

Hello again. This is the third week of wellbeing. We are Poppy, Isaac and James from the Pupil Parliament and this week we are learning about **GIVE**. We are teaching everyone about giving. Doing something nice for someone else makes us feel good. Simple things like giving a smile or a thank you can make someone's day!

Here are some things for you to try:



- ☺ **Give food to the food bank**
- ☺ **Make something for someone special**
- ☺ **Help someone in need..... maybe a neighbour, a friend or a family member**
- ☺ **Make a donation to Children in Need**

We'd love to see some photos of you **giving** to others. Please email these to Mr Harley at head.halebank@halton.gov.uk and we will put them on our wellbeing board in the hall.



Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **resilience**. Once again, we have been thinking about how we must stick with a task when it is challenging and how we should keep trying when our first attempts fall short. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated resilience this week:



STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Zahra: for trying her best and for not giving up when things are hard
Year 1	Isabella T: for working hard and showing resilience in maths
Year 2	Georgia: for showing resilience in phonics
Year 3	Lacey: for being a resilient learner, especially in maths
Year 4	Sienna: for showing resilience and a positive attitude to learning at all times
Year 5	Lillian: for using lots of kind words with others
Year 6	Harry: for helping friends in lessons and on the playground

SCAN TO DONATE








Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our special day in school today for Children in Need. The children looked fantastic in their 'dress up' and 'dress down' outfits. Don't forget, if you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code on the left using your smartphone or visit the [Children in Need](#) website.

Health and Wellbeing Week

Next week, we will be focusing on the children's mental health and physical wellbeing through a 'Health and Wellbeing Week'. There will be a separate focus area every day and these are set out below. Your child will come home each day with a small follow up activity and it would be great if you could complete these together.

Monday 22/11	Tuesday 23/11	Wednesday 24/11	Thursday 25/11	Friday 26/11
<p>Connecting</p> <p>The children will learn about the importance of connecting with others and spending time with family members, friends and classmates.</p> 	<p>Personal hygiene</p> <p>The children will review hand-washing techniques and explore the importance of self-care and keeping their bodies clean.</p> 	<p>Healthy eating</p> <p>The children will learn about the elements of a healthy meal, the impact on their bodies and how to keep their teeth clean.</p> 	<p>Rest & relaxation</p> <p>The children will learn about 'switching off', the impact of recovery/sleep, bedtime routines and reducing screen time.</p> 	<p>Kindness</p> <p>The children will learn how to be kind to themselves and others, alongside the school's Christian values.</p> 



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Frankie	Alanna	Ben	Ellie



Junior Safety Officers

Our Junior Safety Officers, **Poppie** and **Louis** (both in Year 5), organised a competition for the junior children. Those taking part were asked to identify road traffic signs. There were over 20 entries and the children who got all the answers correct were entered into a draw. Poppie and Louis are pleased to announce the winners as follows: Molly (Class 3), Jessica (Class 3) and Gracie (Class 3). Well done, everyone.



Christmas Card Competition

I received a visit from Pam Travis from the Parish Council this week. Pam has invited the children to take part in a competition to design a Christmas card. The winning entry will have the privilege of turning on the Christmas lights in Halebank on **Sunday, 28th November** (time to be confirmed). If your child would like to design a card for the competition, please use the card we have sent home today. Designs can be created in any media (including pencil, felt tip, paint and collage) and should be returned to school no later than **9.00 am on Friday, 26th November**. Good luck, everyone!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Get ready to wrap up warm next week and stay safe ☺.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley
Headteacher