

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much for supporting today's Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school enjoying a coffee and a cake, and completing the special activities with the children. Thanks for all your donations: cakes, biscuits and money! We are still busy counting up the cash and we will let you know on Twitter ([@halebank\\_sch](https://twitter.com/halebank_sch)) how much we have raised. Thanks again for your generosity!



### STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	<b>Marley:</b> for always trying his best and for super maths work
Class 2	<b>Ivy:</b> for being a kind and considerate member of the class
Class 3	<b>Lydia:</b> for fantastic writing
Class 4	<b>Joshua:</b> for excellent science work and for being a super Halebank Hero!



### Halebank's Pupil Parliament

I am pleased to announce that our newly-elected Pupil Parliament (formerly known as the School Council) has met for the first time this academic year. The representatives from the classes shared what they hoped to achieve in their new roles this year and I am sure you will be hearing from them in the months ahead as they make plans to improve our school and fundraise for various charities. If your child has any ideas which they would like to pass onto the children for discussion at their meetings, here is a list of who's who:

<b>Owen</b> Year 6	<b>Lottie</b> Year 6	<b>Maddie</b> Year 5	<b>Lucas</b> Year 5	<b>Ellie</b> Year 4	<b>George</b> Year 3
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The group elected Owen and Lottie to the roles of Chair and Vice Chair respectively, while Maddie and Lucas will share the role of Parliament Secretary. We hope to elect additional members from Years 1 and 2 later in the academic year.

### School Photographer: 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The school photographer will be taking individual, family and class photos on **Wednesday** next week. If your child has a pre-school sibling that you would like to be included, please come along to the hall between **8.15 and 8.50 am**.



# ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
97.6%	92.0%	92.6%	92.7%	93.8

Well done to Class 1 for being our attendance winners this week. These children now have the letters 'H' and 'E', so are halfway to achieving a non-uniform day!

It's still early days in the school year but this week's attendance figures have dipped in a couple of classes. While there has been some sickness in school, I would like to remind you that holidays should not be booked during term time and that absences can only be authorised by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Parental Feedback

Thank you to those of you who have returned your completed questionnaires. You have until **Friday, 5th October** to get these filled in and sent back to school. Please do take this opportunity to let us know what you think the school is doing well and where it needs to improve. **Your** opinion really does matter! Many thanks for your time.



**2nd October: School Photographer**

**23rd October: Lifesavers Day**

**24th October** at 9.00 am: **Harvest Collective Worship**

**8th November: Remembrance Collective Worship** (time TBC)

**11th – 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week**

**12th November** 1.30 – 6.00 pm: **Parents' Afternoon/Evening**

## Collective Worship: Generosity



Our theme for this half term's Collective Worship in school is **GENEROSITY**. This week, we have been thinking about the importance of **giving cheerfully**. The children were given a challenge to complete at home: to give up an hour of their time for 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.

We continue to have a great turn out at **Community Worship** on **Tuesdays**. Do come along next week if you can to take part in a session led by the wonderful Becky Jones!

Thanks again for supporting our Coffee Morning. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely

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