

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers



### Lifesavers Day: 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Don't forget that our 'Lifesavers Day' will run on **Wednesday** next week. We have been asked to dress up as members of the emergency services (such as firefighters, police officers, paramedics, nurses and doctors). Those not so keen on dressing up could come as 'patients' in their pyjamas, dressing gowns or other non-uniform outfits. We would love everyone to join in and contribute positively to the wider community. Donations of £1 would be most welcome and will help fund a new community defibrillator. Thanks for your support.



### STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	<b>Daniel:</b> for working hard to follow our school rules and having a fantastic week
Class 2	<b>Sienna:</b> for having a positive attitude towards her learning and always smiling
Class 3	<b>Emily P:</b> for always being ready to learn
Class 4	<b>Cameron:</b> for amazing letter writing

### Harvest Collective Worship: 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am



You are warmly invited to our harvest-themed Collective Worship on **Thursday** next week. Together we will be giving thanks for all we have at this special time of year. Families of the school have been asked to support the Widnes Foodbank by donating an item or two from their 'shopping list' which includes tinned fruit/vegetables, small jars of coffee, teabags and cereal. If your donations could be sent into school **before** Thursday, that would be very much appreciated. Please note, there will be **no** Community Worship on Tuesday next week.

### ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
95.6%	<b>96.0%</b>	95.8%	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>96.5%</b>



This week we have two classes who have achieved attendance of at least **96%**. Well done to **Classes 2** and **4** for achieving a third letter towards their non-uniform day (only one more to go!) Class 4 almost achieved **100%** which is very impressive. Keep it up!

## A Message from Mrs Fenlon: SIMS Parent App and Data Collection

Many thanks to those of you who have already downloaded the SIMS parent app and updated the data school holds for your child/ren. If you have downloaded the app but haven't already reviewed and updated your child/ren's records, please do this as soon as possible. If there aren't any changes to be made, click the button at the bottom of the screen to confirm all the data is correct.

This information has to be updated at least once a year, therefore data collection sheets have been sent home to those who haven't yet accepted the invitation and downloaded the app. Again, thanks to those who have already returned the data collection sheets to school. If you haven't done so already, please return these as soon as possible. Thank you.



**24<sup>th</sup> October:** School nurse visiting Class 3 (*Keeping Healthy workshop*)

**25<sup>th</sup> October:** INSET day (school closed)

**4<sup>th</sup> November:** School re-opens for the new half term

**11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti-Bullying Week

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

**15<sup>th</sup> November:** *Children in Need*

## Halebank's Midday Assistants: Our 'Lunchtime Heroes'



Well done to our fabulous Midday Assistant team for completing a week of training to support their work in school over the lunchtime period. Mrs Boon, Miss Farrell, Mrs Delacoe and Mrs White work extremely hard every day to ensure that lunchtimes are safe, happy and enable our children to socialise and have fun. Their training included learning about their roles and responsibilities in school, the importance of play, approaches to supporting pupils with special educational needs/disabilities and de-escalation strategies. The trainers commented on how positive and proactive our MDAs are and I know the team is keen to improve lunchtimes further now that they have completed their training. A big thank you to them all for their continued hard work, commitment and boundless energy!

## Water Bottles and Drinks

We have noticed an increase in the number of sugary drinks being brought into school, particularly amongst our older pupils. We ask that drinks bottles are filled only with water and that fizzy and sugary drinks are left at home. Through our curriculum, we teach the children about the importance of making healthy choices and your support in this matter would be very much appreciated.

## End of Half Term

Please note that school will close at the end of the day on **Thursday** next week (24<sup>th</sup> October) for the half term break; staff will be in school on Friday for a training day. School re-opens on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November**. So that you don't miss out on a newsletter, next week's will be sent to you on Thursday.

Yours sincerely

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