

Friday, 8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers



Remembrance Service

The children took part in a special Remembrance Service in school today which was led by members of the Royal British Legion. It was a moving experience for all involved; the children sang and read beautifully. Each child made a special poppy which you will see displayed around the school building. Thanks to Mrs Eley and Mrs Jackson for organising the service and the poppy-themed art work. Another brilliant team effort!

Remembrance Parade: Sunday, 10th November at 10.30 am

You should already have received information about the Remembrance Day Parade at Hale on Sunday. Families of Halebank are invited to participate and it would be lovely to see the school well represented. If you intend to join us on the day, please arrive at **Aran Close in Hale** ready for a **10.30 am** start. It would be helpful if you could let us know beforehand as we will need a few volunteers to lay our wreath and carry the school banner. Children taking part should come wearing their school uniforms. We are expecting to be finished at around 11.20 am. Thank you in advance for your support.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Oscar: for excellent addition and subtraction work in maths
Class 2	Amber: for working hard and always trying her best
Class 3	Coby: for trying his best with all his work
Class 4	Owen: for being a role model and a responsible member of our school community



Sweaty Church: Sunday, 10th November at 2.00 pm

'**Sweaty Church**' is church with a difference! It's all about families learning together through physical activities, fun and games. This month's session will take place in school this **Sunday** from 2.00 until 3.00 pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend!

ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
87.0%	95.0%	92.3%	96.0%	92.3%



Congratulations to **Class 4** for having the best attendance this week and for earning their final 'HERO' letter. These pupils will now have a non-uniform day on **Monday** next week. Well done to Years 5 and 6!

Parents' Afternoon/Evening: Tuesday, 12th November

As you already know, we are running the first Parents' Afternoon/Evening of the year on **Tuesday** next week. Most of you have contacted the school to arrange your appointments; if you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. Slots are available from 1.30 until 6.00 pm. If you have an appointment during the school day, please note that the children will not be dismissed from school until 3.15 pm. The staff are keen to meet you all to ensure that you are fully up to speed with how your child has settled in and progressed since the start of the year. Should you be unable to attend for any reason, please contact us and staff will do their best to see you at a more convenient time. Thank you.



11th November: *Non-uniform day for Class 4 pupils*

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

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

15th November: *Children in Need (non-uniform/sports kit)*

5th December 6.30 pm: *Family Bingo (in school)*

Class Swap

The children and staff have coped remarkably well with the swap round of rooms for Classes 2 and 4. Many of us have gone to the wrong room or door this week but we are all getting used to it now! Thanks to the staff for all the hard work that took place over half term to make sure everything was ready for Monday.

Start of the Day and Breakfast Club

The slightly earlier and staggered start to the school day is working well and has reduced the congestion in the cloakrooms and the waiting time out on the playground. Please note that the gates are unlocked at **8.40 am**, at which time the children can get straight into their classrooms. Breakfast club continues to run **from 8.15 am** for those families who prefer an earlier start, but it finishes at **8.40 am**. If your child wishes to attend breakfast club, please ensure he/she arrives within these times. Thank you.

A Message from our Pupil Parliament: Children in Need on Friday, 15th November



Dear Parents and Carers

This is the Pupil Parliament. Schools across the UK are getting together on Friday to get active and raise money for Children in Need. We will be taking part in a live-streamed activity session with Joe Wickes called the **BIG MORNING MOVE**. We would like the children to come into school

wearing sports kit and/or bright clothes.

We are also announcing a Pudsey competition for your child to complete at home. Sheets are being sent out tonight and need to be returned no later than **THURSDAY**. We will have donation boxes in all the classes so your child could bring in a small amount of money (maybe £1) for Children in Need. Thank you!



From the Pupil Parliament 😊😊

Parental Feedback

Thank you for returning your questionnaires to school. We received **14** 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 the School Strategic Development Plan.

	Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree/ strongly disagree	Not applicable to my child/don't know
1. My child is happy at this school.	100%		
2. My child feels safe at this school.	100%		
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	100%		
4. The school deals with any bullying quickly and effectively.	57%		43%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%		
6. The school deals with concerns properly.	93%		7%
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	100%		
9. My child does well at this school.	93%		7%
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	93%		7%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	93%		7%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	86%		14%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	86%		14%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%		

- Parents identified the school's **main strengths** as being the strong teaching team, staff who are friendly and approachable, small classes and the size of the school, great outdoor learning environment and the feeling/ethos of togetherness.
- Suggestions for the school's **areas for improvement** included snack arrangements/cost, range of after school clubs, more regular updates on the progress of children, sports provision and support with homework.
- 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.



Thank You

We received a lovely certificate from Aidan Jackson, thanking the school community for taking part in the **Lifesavers Day** last half term. The school raised an amazing **£80.90** towards a community defibrillator. In other good news, we have now collected enough stickers to fill our **Aldi 'Kit for Schools'** poster. This has now been sent off; the school will receive an exclusive Aldi sports kit and be in with a chance of winning £20,000. Thank you so much for supporting both these initiatives.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday if you can make it.

Yours sincerely

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