

Friday, 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

### Staffing News

I would like to start this week's newsletter with some news about our staff team. Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs Griffin-Jones to the Halebank team. Mrs Griffin-Jones will be covering Mrs Power's maternity leave which begins at the end of next week. Both teachers are currently working together in Class 1, ably assisted by Mrs Harris, to ensure a smooth transition. We are all delighted that Mrs Griffin-Jones will be working with us for the next two terms.

In other news, we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Potter, our school caretaker. Mrs Potter has worked at the school for over 17 years and she will be greatly missed as she moves onto a brand new challenge. We know that she will not be very far away from school and I'm sure we will all continue to see her in and around Halebank. The school governors are currently working on the recruitment process for a new caretaker and further details can be found on the Halton Borough Council website:

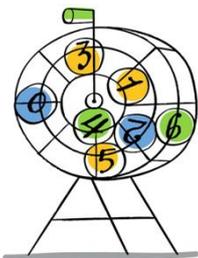
<https://schooljobs.haltonbc.info/schoolvacs/>



### STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	<b>Georgie:</b> for trying really hard in phonics and writing
Class 2	<b>Coltyn:</b> for trying hard in geography when labelling the continents on a world map
Class 3	<b>Hayden:</b> for being a fantastic role model
Class 4	<b>James:</b> for excellent reading



### Family Bingo: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm

Despite Mrs Potter's imminent departure from our school, she has reassured me that the annual Family Bingo event will be going ahead as planned. We already have donations from local businesses as we prepare for the school's big fundraising evening, but we also need your help. On **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November** we will have a **non-uniform day** and ask that the children bring in donations (such as chocolates, wine or gift sets) to be used as prizes. The format for the evening will follow previous years: arrive at **6.00 pm** and 'eyes down' at **6.30 pm**. Thanks for your support.

### ATTENDANCE HEROES

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
93.2%	92.0%	92.6%	<b>98.2%</b>	93.9%





### Collective Worship: Compassion

Our theme for this half term's Collective Worship in school is **COMPASSION**. We have been thinking about noticing the need in others and being a good neighbour. Class 2 led a super whole school collective worship on Monday in which they shared their own modern-day version of 'The Good Samaritan'. Perhaps you could talk to your child at home about the importance of being a good neighbour. I would love to hear from you if your child has shown kindness outside school and put the needs of others first.

We continue to have a good turnout at **Community Worship** on **Tuesdays**. Do come along next week at **9.00 am** to take part in a session led by Gilly and/or Roland.



### Diary Dates

As we begin one of the busiest periods of the school year, here is a summary of the key events taking place in the weeks leading up to the end of term:

25 <sup>th</sup> November	Classes 1 and 2 visit to Farmer Ted's
29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Non-Uniform Day</b> <i>Please bring in a prize for the Family Bingo</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Family Bingo:</b> 6.00 pm in school <i>Admission tickets can be collected from the school office from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas performance:</b> 1.30 pm <i>The afternoon performance of 'Baubles'</i>
12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas performance:</b> 6.30 pm <i>The evening performance of 'Baubles'</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> <b>Flu vaccinations</b> <i>Please return consent forms to school if you haven't already done so</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Coffee Morning:</b> 9.00 – 10.00 am <i>You are all invited to join us for a coffee, mince pie and an opportunity to complete some Christmas activities with your child/ren</i> <b>Christmas Film Night:</b> 3.15 – 5.15 pm <i>All pupils are invited to stay in school to enjoy a Christmas movie and popcorn together (£1 charge)</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party</b> <i>All pupils can bring in their party clothes for an afternoon of festive fun</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*  
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