

Friday, 10th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Happy New Year!

In this first newsletter of 2020, I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you managed to have a rest over the festive period and that you got to spend some quality time with your children, families and friends. Having had a good break from school, it has been great to see the children getting back into their routines and they all appear to have got over the shock of the first day back! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the many cards, gifts and good wishes that were sent into school before the Christmas break. We very much appreciate your kindness.

A New Baby Boy



We received some wonderful news over the holidays, and I am delighted to be able to share this with you: Mrs Power and her husband welcomed their new arrival into the world on New Year's Eve. They are now the proud parents of a lovely, little boy named Charlie. I am sure it won't be long before he pops into school so that everyone can meet him! We send our love and best wishes to the Power family.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Hugo: for fantastic writing using his phonic knowledge
Class 2	Scarlett: for working hard and always smiling!
Class 3	Louis: for beautiful, descriptive writing
Class 4	Jay: for excellent contributions to class discussions and for being very helpful

Whole School Attendance

There is much to celebrate with this week's attendance. **Class 2 have achieved 100% this week;** this is a first this academic year. **Well done, Year 2!** All classes have attendance **above 96%** which means that a 'HERO' letter has been awarded to everyone! Classes 1, 2 and 3 are one letter away from winning a non-uniform day. Well done to everyone! Let's keep it up....

ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
97.2%	100%	98.4%	98.5%	98.5%





Winter Warmers

We would appreciate your help in equipping your child for outdoor break and lunchtimes through the winter period. One or two children are coming into school without a warm coat and this can result in a reluctance to brave the outdoors! We would like all the children in school to benefit from a good run around and some fresh air during their time outside the classroom. Scarves, gloves and hats are useful to have in school, too; please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Information about this term's clubs was sent out on Tuesday and I would like to thank you for returning your request forms to the school office. Some clubs are almost full now so do be quick if your child would like to take part. Mrs Fenlon has been busy in the office putting together the club registers ready for the start of clubs **next week**. Please remember to encourage your child to attend every week. Should a club need to be cancelled for any reason, we will do our utmost to inform you of this as soon as possible. All children should be collected from the main entrance after their club has finished.

Worship at Halebank



As some of you are aware, there will be some changes to the way that Community Worship runs this term. Here is a message to you all from Rev Canon Roland Harvey:

2020 will see a new way of worship at School and a new way of being Church...

For a while, many of you will have joined us at Tuesday morning assemblies. This year, we want to take this further. Beginning on **Thursday 6th February**, we will host *fortnightly* assemblies. These will run along the same lines as the Tuesday assemblies.

But on Tuesday 11th February we will start a service **after school** at 3.30pm. We will meet *fortnightly* for half an hour and this will be a family service for children and their parents/carers. For more info please check the school newsletter.

Information Session for Year 6 Parents: 24th January at 3.30 pm

There will be a short session for parents and carers of Year 6 pupils on **Friday, 24th January** to share useful information regarding the end of KS2 assessments (SATs) that the children will be taking in May. In this session, Mrs Bennett will share key information about the content of the tests, how the school will prepare the children for their SATs and what parents can do to help at home. There will be opportunities for parents to look at test and revision materials, and ask any questions they might have about the assessment process. Mrs Bennett is also running a Revision Workshop club for Year 6 pupils. Parents/carers of Year 6 pupils are strongly advised to encourage their children to take part (please see the after school club letter for further details).

I hope you all have a good weekend. See you next week.

Yours sincerely

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