

Friday, 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs Jackson and Aidan

I am sure that the news story featuring Mrs Jackson and her son, Aidan, has not passed you by this week. Just in case you didn't know, the Jacksons have been all over the news: locally, nationally and globally. Aidan was suddenly taken ill over the holidays.... but, thanks to the quick thinking and courage of his online American friend, Dia, the emergency services were called. Thankfully, Aidan and his family received the support they needed, and he is in good health. We have shared Aidan's remarkable story with the children in school this week and it has featured on North West Tonight, Sky News and Granada Reports. Mrs Jackson's phone simply hasn't stopped ringing and I wouldn't be surprised if you see even more of the Jacksons in the coming days. We have posted a link to the news report on our [website](#) and on our [Twitter](#) feed, so do have a look if you weren't lucky enough to catch it earlier in the week.



New School Website

Speaking of our new site, the staff have now completed their training with School Spider and they are starting to update their class pages with news, photos and upcoming events. The website can be found at www.halebank.halton.sch.uk



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Kaiden: for super writing
Class 2	Isabella: for working hard in maths adding two 2 digit numbers
Class 3	Poppie B: for always trying her best and putting in 100% effort
Class 4	Lottie: for excellent writing and hard work

Whole School Attendance

Once again, there is much to celebrate with this week's attendance. **Class 2** have achieved a **second consecutive week of 100% attendance! WOW!** **Class 3** have also achieved **100%** this week which is fantastic! **Classes 1 and 4** have **excellent attendance** this week and are not far off 100% either! I am delighted to inform you that **Classes 1, 2 and 3** have all earned their final 'HERO' letter, so they have a non-uniform day on **Monday**. What a fantastic start to 2020, everyone! Keep it going.....

ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
98.8%	100%	100%	97.7%	99.2%



Collective Worship: Courage

Our theme for the half term is **Courage** and this week we have been thinking about 'doing the *right* thing, not the *easy* thing'. We have also considered how we may need to be brave when stepping outside our comfort zone. Perhaps you could share with your child something that you have done that was outside your comfort zone. What small steps did you have to take to overcome your doubts or worries? A group of children have shared this acrostic poem with the whole school. You could talk with your child about which line best describes courage.



Courage is...

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement

After School Clubs

All of our after school clubs began this week and it was great to see so many children taking part in these enrichment activities. If your child hasn't returned his/her reply slip, it may be too late now as most of the club places have been filled. I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time to provide these additional opportunities for the pupils of the school and to the fabulous Mrs Fenlon for working so hard to allocate places for everyone!



24th January: SATs Information Session for Y6 parents at 3.30 pm (in Class 4)

27th January: Roman Workshop for Class 3

6th February: Community Worship at 9.05 am (in school)

11th February: Church on Tuesday at 3.30 pm (in school)

12th February: School Nurse Drop In at 2.30 pm

Worship at Halebank



Last week's newsletter included information from Rev Roland about changes to worship. Fortnightly **Community Worship** sessions will begin on **Thursday, 6th February** and a new after school '**Church on Tuesday**' service will take place on alternate Tuesdays; the first of these will run on **Tuesday, 11th February** from **3.30 until 4.00 pm**. Please do continue to support these events; I know Rev Roland is very excited to be working with us all again this term.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

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