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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 Update

Following a few new positive cases of the virus within the school community, Public Health have advised us to continue to reduce the mixing of classes as much as possible for another week. We have made the decision to keep these arrangements in place until we break up for Christmas on Wednesday, 22nd December as we think this is the safest and most sensible thing to do. Thank you for supporting us in our work to reduce the spread of the virus within the school community.

At this stage in the term, we are experiencing an increase in general illness and we are all feeling a little more cautious than normal. Our advice to you is to continue to look out for the three main symptoms of Covid 19: *a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste*. If your child develops any of these, he/she should **isolate** and **arrange a PCR test**. If you require any support or advice in relation to symptoms or testing, please contact the school office and staff will be happy to talk to you. When you receive your child's PCR result, please phone the school office as soon as possible and forward the result (via email) to Mrs Fenlon at sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Thank you.

After School Clubs

The **final sessions** of our staff-led clubs and dance club (run by Andrew Curphey) will take place **next week**. Gymnastics and football (run by our sports coaches) will both run until the last Monday and Wednesday of the school term (20th and 22nd December respectively).

The system for booking next half term's after school clubs will go live early next week so please look out for a notification (via the School Gateway app/email). It will close at **12.00 pm on Friday, 7th January 2022**. If your child wishes to take part in any of the clubs on offer with Progressive Sports, The Andrew Curphey Theatre Company and the staff team, please book promptly to avoid disappointment. Clubs will start during the first full week in January (week beginning 10th January 2022). If you do book a place for your child, we do expect him/her commit to attend all club sessions for the **whole half term**; when staff are giving up their time to offer extra-curricular provision, we expect the children to show the same level of commitment and 'stickability'. Thanks.



Attendance

Thank you to those parents who have already met with me for an attendance review meeting. Please make an appointment before the end of term if you have received a letter and/or reminder text so that there is an opportunity to discuss your child's absences and identify any support that may be needed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

The Pupil Parliament have now taught the school community all about *The 5 Ways to Wellbeing*. We still have room on our wellbeing board in the hall, so if your child practises any of the five ways outside school, please do email a photograph and we can print and display it. Send your images to head.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Thank you.



Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **honesty**. We have considered the importance of being true to ourselves and understanding the complexities of 'truth'.

You could help your child understand the value of honesty by praising him/her for telling the truth, even when owning up is difficult! Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to be honest and truthful:



Reception	Warren: for being an honest and kind member of Class 1
Year 1	Thomas W: for always being honest
Year 2	Stanley: for being an honest and truthful member of the class
Year 3	Lottie: for always being helpful and honest
Year 4	Ben: for always being honest and thinking of others
Year 5	George: for engaging in our 'honesty' class worship session very well
Year 6	Daisy: for being a kind and honest member of Class 4

Christmas Events

In the remaining days of the term, a number of Christmas-themed events are taking place in school:

- 🎄 On **Thursday, 16th December**, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy a school **Christmas dinner**.
- 🎄 On **Monday, 20th December**, all children are asked to come into school in their special clothes for our **Christmas party**. Staff will organise an afternoon of festive fun for each bubble.
- 🎄 Each class will have a **movie afternoon**; arrangements will be provided by class teachers in the coming days.
- 🎄 This year's virtual **Christmas 'Performance'** will be available for you to watch in the last few days of term; a broadcast date and time will be sent out once Andrew and Rachel have finished editing it and uploading it onto our YouTube channel.
- 🎄 The school will close for the Christmas break at the usual time on **Wednesday, 22nd December**.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Oliver	Lyla	Jessica	Hayden



Team Treat: Non-Uniform Day for St Andrew on 14th December

Pupils in **St Andrew** will be rewarded for being this term's house point winners. This means that all pupils in the **blue team** can enjoy a non-uniform day on **Tuesday, 14th December**. Well done to everyone in **St Andrew**!

And finally....

School staff have noticed the children becoming more tired this week and we can see this in their energy levels; it has been a long and tiring term for everyone. We still have a week and a half week left before we break up and there is much learning and fun ahead before Christmas. To ensure that your child gets the most out of the coming days, a bit of rest and relaxation might be needed this weekend so that we are all coming into school on Monday morning with our batteries recharged, ready to work and learn together!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe ☺.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Harley

Headteacher