

Friday, 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Newsletter

Since joining the Halebank team in September, I have shared the school's news and alerted you to forthcoming events via this weekly newsletter. I know from speaking to you, and from reading the questionnaires that were returned, that you are all keen to find out what is going on in school and what is coming up. In order to keep up to date, please do make time on a Friday to read the newsletter; if for any reason you don't receive one, please let us know. Weekly newsletters are also published on the school [website](#). If there is anything that you think needs to be added to this weekly news bulletin, please let me know. Other news items can also be viewed on the website and via our [Twitter](#) feed ([@halebank_sch](#)).

Halebank School Welcomes a Silent Soldier



I am sure that you have already seen that our remembrance poppies, displayed near the front gate, have now been joined by a 'Silent Soldier'. Following a visit from the Royal British Legion as part of our remembrance events in November, we were given an opportunity to provide a temporary home to the soldier. We think the remembrance area looks amazing and we are very proud of the work we have completed to raise the children's awareness of those who have lost their lives in war. Please note that the soldier is not a permanent fixture in school so do have a look while he is with us. I would like to thank the councillors of Halton Borough Council and the Royal British Legion for providing us with this special opportunity.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Sofia: for trying her best in all maths and English activities
Class 2	Jack: for trying hard in all subjects all week
Class 3	Charlie: for being a fantastic role model and always trying his best
Class 4	Jack: for excellent design & technology and problem solving

Whole School Attendance

In another impressive week, three of our four classes have attendance above our target of **96%**. This is a very pleasing start to the new year and I hope it can continue. As you know, the school has introduced new systems to monitor attendance and I am grateful to you all for your support as we work together to make the necessary improvements.

ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
96.3%	99.0%	97.1%	89.5%	95.6%



Community Worship and 'Church on Tuesday'

This next Community Worship session will be held on **Thursday, 6th February** at **9.05 am** and we are looking forward to welcoming Rev Roland back into school. Community Worship will now run fortnightly. A new service, 'Church on Tuesday', will begin on **Tuesday, 11th February** from **3.30 until 4.00 pm**. These sessions will run every two weeks and I hope lots of Halebank children and their families will join us.



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

School Nurse Drop In Session: 12th February

The school nurse, Michelle Barratt, will be running a drop in session **from 2.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 12 February**. Michelle will be available to discuss any health questions and queries you may have regarding your child. She will be able to give advice on head lice and other health related items. There is no need to make an appointment to see Michelle, so feel free to call into school to see her.



A Message from Mrs Bennett: Halton Primary Arts Network (HPAN) Concert

We are delighted to announce that twenty children will be going to the Brindley Theatre to sing at the Halton Primary Arts Network concert on the evening of **Tuesday 25th February**. This is a fantastic experience for the children as they get to perform in the theatre alongside five other schools. The children will be performing alongside the other schools and then on their own as the Halebank choir. We had a huge response, with forty-one children wanting to perform! Unfortunately, we cannot take everyone. Eight children were selected to reward consistent singing performances and good behaviour within school and the other twelve names were picked out of a hat. The children have been told who has been selected and a letter will follow shortly with further details.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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