

Friday, 31st January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

What a Week!

It's been another eventful week in school with so much going on! Our Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed celebrating the Chinese New Year with an afternoon of food tasting and activities linked to the *Year of the Rat*. Earlier in the week, pupils in Years 3 and 4 took part in a Roman Workshop where they learnt all about Roman battles, homes, weapons and rulers. Have a look at [Class 3's photo gallery](#) on their class page to find out why the Romans invaded Halebank!



Children in all classes are currently busy working on the school's contribution to the Halton Primary Arts Network (HPAN) exhibition. Their artwork, linked to the theme of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, will be part of this exciting celebration which opens on **10th February** at Shopping City, Runcorn.

It has also been non-stop for the staff this week as they have been in and out of school attending cluster meetings with colleagues from local schools, subject leader training, conferences and meetings with school governors. I think everyone is ready for the weekend!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Gracie-May: for fantastic maths and phonics
Class 2	Amelia: for working hard in maths, adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers
Class 3	Alex P: for excellent effort and progress in reading
Class 4	Jorja: for perseverance, hard work and being a role model in Class 4

Positive Recognition

As part of the review of our positive behaviour policy, we have introduced 'Recognition Boards' in the classrooms, corridor and hall in order to celebrate the good choices the children are making in relation to our four school rules. This week, these recognition boards have been bursting with the names of children who have made good choices by showing everyone that they are **kind, respectful, safe** and **ready**. All staff, including teachers, teaching assistants and midday assistants, have noticed so many of our pupils following the rules and giving their best this week. Well done, everyone!

Whole School Attendance

Our great start to 2020 continues with **Classes 1** and **3** achieving attendance above 96% and earning another 'HERO' letter as they work towards their next non-uniform day.



ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
97.5%	93.8%	97.1%	94.1%	95.8%

Community Worship and 'Church on Tuesday'

Next week's 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. Don't forget that Community Worship will now run fortnightly. A new service, 'Church on Tuesday', will begin the following week on **Tuesday, 11th February** from **3.30 until 4.00 pm**. These sessions will also run every two weeks.



- 10th February:** HPAN Arts Exhibition opening at 4.00 pm
- 11th February:** Church on Tuesday at 3.30 pm (in school)
- 12th February:** School Nurse Drop In from 2.30 pm
- 14th February:** Last day of the half term

An Invitation to Parents of Class 4 to an Internet Safety Talk: 7th February at 2.00 pm

On **Friday 7th February** at **2.00 pm**, one of the PCSOs will be coming to talk to Class 4 about internet safety. Although we discuss this often in school, we have asked Steve Marnick to talk to our older children about the use of phones and social media. While there are many positives to children having a phone, we have found an increasing number of disagreements taking place online which causes upset, both in and out of school. We also want to ensure the children are clear about how to keep themselves and their personal information safe. Parents and carers of Class 4 children are all invited to join us; please do take this opportunity to work with us to support your child.



A Request from Mrs Draper to Class 2 Parents

Mrs Draper has asked if parents/carers of Class 2 pupils could kindly send in household boxes/junk modelling resources by next Friday (7th) as the children will be creating junk model machines linked to their story, *The Dragon Machine*. Mrs Draper would appreciate cereal boxes, milk cartons, yoghurt pots etc. Thank you.

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, 12th 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.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

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