

Friday, 7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Parking

The school has received a number of calls in the last week from local residents who have raised concerns about some of the parking around Heathview Road. When arriving to drop off or pick up your child, please do respect our neighbours by parking your car carefully and responsibly; be mindful of the safety of pedestrians, other road users and blocking the drives of residents. Please do not park on the yellow zigzags around the school gates. Parking around school sites is always busy, so please allow yourself ample time to park up and be prepared to walk that little bit further to park safely. The safety of the children of the school must be our shared priority at these very busy times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Personal Safety

In another concerning piece of news, Mrs Fenlon sent a text to you yesterday informing you of an alert all schools received from Halton Borough Council's Health & Safety Team. The alert related to an attempted abduction and further details are available on the school's Twitter feed and on the homepage of our website (scroll down to the bottom to access the latest tweets). Please talk to your child about personal safety, particularly if he/she walks to and from school without you. Thank you.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Jake: for giving his best in everything this week!
Class 2	Kodie-Leigh: for fantastic work in English and always trying her best
Class 3	Poppy W: for trying very hard with her times tables
Class 4	Chloe: for fantastic art work

Church on Tuesday: 11th February at 3.30 pm

It was lovely to see lots of you joining us for Community Worship yesterday and we were delighted to have Reverend Roland back with us. As you are already aware, a new after-school service will run on Tuesdays; the first session will run for half an hour from **3.30 pm** in the school hall on **11th February**. This is a family service for the children of the school and their parents, carers and grandparents. I hope you will be able to join us.

School Nurse Drop In Session: 12th February

Michelle Barratt, our school nurse, is running an informal 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. You don't need to make an appointment to see Michelle; just come along on the day!



Safer Internet Day: 11th February

Schools all over the UK will be marking Safer Internet Day on Tuesday next week and the pupils and staff at Halebank will be getting involved. We will provide the children with a whole school launch at the start of the day on Tuesday and we will run a number of e-safety activities throughout the week. We hope to raise the children's awareness of how to stay safe online and to provide them with the knowledge they need to use technology carefully and responsibly. Do ask the children what they are learning about in school and have a look at the parent resources on the Safer Internet website:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

Whole School Attendance

Well done to Class 2 for winning the Attendance Cup this week. This class is the only one to exceed the school target of 96%. All four classes are now halfway with their 'HERO' letters. Let's try to get another letter next week...



ATTENDANCE HEROES

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
94.6%	97.4%	94.8%	92.7%	94.8%



- 14th February:** Last day of the half term
- 24th February:** Pupils return to school after half term
- 25th February:** Church on Tuesday at 3.30 pm (in school)
- 28th February:** Year 5/6 Crucial Crew Visit

Halton Primary Arts Network (HPAN) Exhibition



Children in all classes have now completed 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 officially at **4.00 pm** on **10th February** at Shopping City, Runcorn. The exhibition of art work will run until 27th February, so do take a look if you are in the area. Our artwork will come back to school after the main exhibition and you will have a chance to see it here if you miss the showing. Thank you to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Jackson for coordinating the project in school and to all the children and staff for their hard work.

I hope you all have a safe and happy weekend. See you next week.

Yours sincerely

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