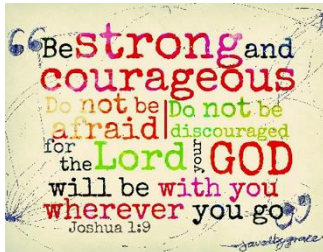


Friday, 14th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



We have reached the halfway point in the school year and I think the children have earned a well-deserved break! During this final week of the half term there have been a number of highlights including the installation of our artwork at Shopping City, Runcorn as part of the **HPAN exhibition**. If you are in the area, do have a look as the exhibition includes work from around forty Halton schools. Check our [Twitter feed](#) to see Halebank's display. In other news, **Class 3** led collective worship for the whole school yesterday and they did a wonderful job teaching us all the importance of being courageous and encouraging one another. The school also had a very special visitor this week.... **Mrs Power!** She called in to say hello and to introduce her new baby, Charlie, to the school community. Mrs Power was serenaded by Class 1 and the school choir; she had so much fun she ended up staying with us for the whole afternoon!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Hugo: for always making us smile!
Class 2	Lexi: for being confident and independent, and working incredibly hard this week
Class 3	Caiden: for being a good friend and an overall superstar!
Class 4	Jessica: for working hard in maths

Duggie Dug Dug's Praise Bubble Party: Saturday, 15th February at 3.30 pm



You should already have received a flyer with information about Saturday's **Praise Bubble Party** led by **Duggie Dug Dug**. This exciting event has been sponsored by the churches of Halebank: *The New Life Christian Centre* and *St Mary's*. It will begin at **3.30 pm** and will run until **5.00 pm** in the school hall. It is a family event and the churches are very much looking forward to welcoming as many Halebank families as possible.

Whole School Attendance

Well done to **Classes 2 and 3** for moving one step closer to their next non-uniform day with attendance above 96% this week. **Class 2** were 0.2% ahead of **Class 3** to win this week's Attendance Cup. Well done to both!

ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
94.2%	97.9%	97.7%	93.2%	95.8%





A Thank You from Mrs Draper to Class 2 Parents

Mrs Draper would like to say a big thank you to the parents/carers of Class 2 for the household boxes and junk modelling resources which were sent into school. The children have really enjoyed making their machines!

Diary Dates for Next Half Term

There are a number of events and special days taking place after the half term break. Here is a summary of what's coming up in the first few weeks; further details will be provided nearer the time:



24th February: Pupils return to school after half term

28th February: Year 5/6 Crucial Crew Visit

3rd/4th March: Parents' Evenings (3.30 – 5.30 pm)

5th March: World Book Day and Community Worship (9.05 am)

Staffing News

As the half term draws to a close, it is time to say goodbye to a few of our colleagues. We say thank you and good luck to **Miss Connor** and **Mrs Ferrington** who have worked with us as student teachers (from Liverpool Hope University) in Classes 2 and 4 respectively. Both have worked exceptionally hard and we wish them all the best as they continue with their training. I know they have enjoyed their time at Halebank, and they have loved teaching the children. We also bid farewell to **Miss McGuinness** who has worked as a teaching assistant here since the end of last term in Class 3. Miss McGuinness is moving to take up a full time post at Play Away Day Nursery in Runcorn. We have loved having her working as part of our staff team and we will miss her greatly.

Thank you for your continued support this term. I look forward to seeing you all again when the school re-opens on **Monday, 24th February**.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Harley