

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



### World Book Day: Share a Million Stories

It was lovely to see our younger children enjoying stories with older pupils on World Book Day yesterday. Everyone looked so relaxed and happy in their pyjamas and dressing gowns, enjoying their favourite stories together. In total, **295** books were read so Halebank has certainly helped with the nationwide campaign for a million stories to be shared in schools.

### Collective Worship: Forgiveness



Our school theme for Collective Worship this half term is the Christian Value of **forgiveness**. Class 4 led a super act of worship this week in which they taught us the importance of turning over a new leaf when we have made a mistake. This was followed up by Reverend Roland who joined us for community worship yesterday; we learnt how we can seek forgiveness when we follow the wrong path.

We have also read this acrostic poem together; perhaps you could talk to your child about which line you feel best describes forgiveness. You could also discuss which part of forgiveness can be the most challenging.

### Forgiveness is...

Forgetting the hurts  
**O**ffering a new beginning  
**R**estoring a friendship  
**G**iven and received  
**I**dentifying responsibility  
**V**aluing the truth  
**E**nding an argument  
**N**ot holding a grudge  
**E**ncouraging honesty  
**S**aying sorry  
**S**tarting again



### STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	<b>Pippa:</b> for super work in maths and English, and fantastic effort in everything!
Class 2	<b>Isabella:</b> for wonderful reading
Class 3	<b>George:</b> for trying very hard with his joined handwriting
Class 4	<b>Evie A:</b> for working hard and being kind and helpful



### Sport Relief: 13<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday next week we will be taking part in fundraising for **Sport Relief**. The Pupil Parliament are currently arranging some sport-themed activities for the classes to complete on the day and all pupils are invited to come into school on the day in their favourite sports kits; they could even dress up as their favourite sports stars! We would welcome a small donation of £1, although this is not essential.

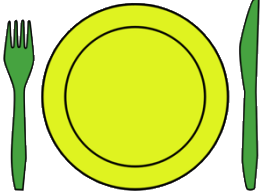


## ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
93.0%	90.0%	92.3%	87.3%	90.8%

Attendance across the school has slipped a little this week and none of our classes have achieved our target of **96%**. Class 1 came the closest and won the Attendance Cup with 93%; well done Reception and Year 1! Fingers crossed for next week...



### Healthy Eating

Our Midday Assistants (Mrs Boon, Mrs Delacoe, Miss Farrell and Mrs White) were over the moon with the number and quality of the entries they received for the healthy eating competition. Thank you to everyone who took part. After much deliberation, the winning entries were chosen as follows: *Pippa, Daniel, Rocco and Elsie-May*.

As a school, we promote healthy life choices through our curriculum and we know that you support our work by encouraging the children to eat well. Unfortunately, we have noticed a few children bringing in sweets and chocolate bars as part of their packed lunches. We would ask that you support our work by not including these items in your child's lunch. Further information about healthier lunchbox recipes and 'sugar swaps' can be found at [www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes)



**9th March:** Science Week (activities will run throughout the week)

**13th March:** Sport Relief

**19th March:** Community Worship at 9.05 am (in school)

**2nd April:** Easter Service at 9.30 am (in school)

### Computing Club: Change of Day

I currently run after school Computing Club on Mondays. Unfortunately, I have been asked to attend safeguarding training off-site for the next three Mondays; this means I will be unable to run the club on a Monday. So that the children do not miss their club, I propose to move it to a **Tuesday**. I hope that most of the group will still be able to attend. If this is not possible, I would be grateful if you could notify the school office so that the club register can be amended. Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Parents' Evenings

It was good to see so many of you in school for this week's Parents' Evenings. I hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work and meeting with staff to talk about his/her progress and achievements. If you didn't get a chance to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school as soon as possible so you don't miss this important opportunity to find out how your child is doing and what you can do to help at home. Thank you.

Have a super weekend!

Yours sincerely

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