

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

I am sure that you are closely following developments in the news regarding the country's response to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and you will be aware of the key information provided in yesterday's press conference. Schools are being encouraged to keep themselves updated daily via official government and Public Health England sources of information.

<p><b>Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms</b></p> <p>Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough</li> </ul> <p>Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.</p> <p>You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.</p>	<p><b>Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home</li> <li>• your condition gets worse</li> <li>• your symptoms do not get better after 7 days</li> </ul> <p> <a href="#">Use the 111 coronavirus service</a></p> <p>Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.</p>
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We are currently being advised that education and children's social care settings should remain open. If this advice changes, we will contact you via our text messaging service, the [school website](#) and our [Twitter](#) feed (@halebank\_sch). Public Health England is continually reviewing how best to support all educational settings.

While I am aware that there is a great deal of information available to the public about the current situation, it is worth reading the government's official guidance which can found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Tips for staying safe and good hygiene can be found at the BBC's website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227> It might be useful to share this key information with your child over the weekend.

Unsurprisingly, the children are asking the staff questions about the virus and I would like to reassure you that we are responding to their worries in a calm, sensitive and age appropriate manner. In addition, we are reminding them of the advice we are being given regarding handwashing and hygiene. Should you have any specific concerns or if you feel your child has a medical condition which you think the school needs to consider, please speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE HEROES**



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
93.9%	<b>96.8%</b>	95.5%	<b>97.7%</b>	95.9%



Congratulations to **Classes 2** and **4** for exceeding our school attendance target of 96%. Class 4 won the Attendance Cup this morning and are now only one win away from another non-uniform day. Well done!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	<b>Millie:</b> for fantastic phonics and writing
Class 2	<b>Ivy:</b> for giving 100% effort at all times and being a wonderful role model
Class 3	<b>Daisy:</b> for fantastic science work
Class 4	<b>Freya:</b> for being hardworking and an excellent role model



**IT'S GAME ON**

### Sport Relief

Well done to all the children who supported **Sport Relief** today by coming into school dressed in their sports kits. All children participated in a Sport Relief Mile around the school grounds; this was organised by our wonderful Pupil Parliament who cheered words of encouragement as each class ran, jogged, skipped and hopped around the track. In total, our school raised **£80.40** which is fantastic. Well done, everyone!



**19<sup>th</sup> March:** Community Worship at 9.05 am (in school)

**25<sup>th</sup> March:** Team Day (PE kits needed all day)

**2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Easter Service at 9.30 am (in school)

### A Message from Mrs Eley: Team Day on 25<sup>th</sup> March and PE Kit Reminders



I am writing to inform you about another 'Team Day' we have planned this half term. On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be taking part in a whole school competition between our four house teams. We will be completing a range of sporting activities and the children are invited to wear a coloured T shirt to match their house team (red, blue, green or yellow). We do not want parents and carers to go to any expense, so if the children don't have a matching coloured T shirt, we will give them a coloured band to wear around their wrist. The winner of our team day will be announced when all the scores from each class and team have been added up. This is an exciting team building opportunity for the children that will help us earn our next School Games Award.

It is essential that all children have their full PE kit in school at all times (ideally bringing it in on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday). May I remind you that whilst the weather is still a little colder, children are also advised to bring in an outdoor PE kit (plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt). If you require any further information, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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