

Friday, 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

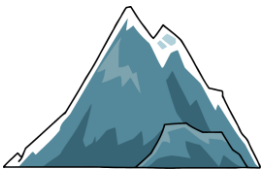
Covid-19 Update

You have probably noticed some changes in our staffing this week. Unfortunately, our staff team has been hit by illness (mostly Covid-related) and it has been necessary to shuffle people around to cover classes as required. So far, we have managed to keep all four classes running as normal, but it is likely that we will need to redeploy members of our team to cover where they are needed in the next couple of weeks. I would like to thank the staff who have been in school this week for their flexibility and commitment in helping to keep the school day running smoothly for all pupils. We send our very best wishes to those staff members and pupils who are currently absent and hope they are back in school very soon.

With a number of positive cases in school this week, Public Health have advised me to remind everyone about the importance of regular (at least twice a week) lateral flow testing, good hand hygiene and ventilation. We will continue to follow the advice we are given as a school to help minimise the risks and I ask that you do the same at home. Thank you.

Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **resilience**. Once again, we have been thinking about how we must stick with a task when it is challenging and how we should keep trying when our first attempts fall short. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated resilience this week:



Reception	Oliver: for showing resilience in his learning
Year 1	Clara: for always trying her best and never giving up
Year 2	Lyla: for showing lots of resilience in maths this week
Year 3	Oscar: for resilience and working hard, particularly in maths
Year 4	Lyla: for always being cheerful and showing resilience in her work
Year 5	Max: for showing overall resilience and just getting on with things!
Year 6	Emily: for showing resilience in maths tasks

Flu Vaccination

The School-aged Immunisation Team in Halton will be holding a flu vaccination clinic for primary school pupils on **Sunday, 30th January** in Runcorn and Widnes. If your child did not receive their flu vaccination before Christmas and you would still like them to receive it, please call the team on (0151) 495 5066 to book an appointment.

Staffing News: Class 2

As most of you know, Mrs Draper is expecting her first child later this year and we anticipate that her maternity leave will start in April. I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Board has appointed Miss Alexandra Stones to cover the maternity leave in Class 2 and we are hopeful that she will be in post just before February half term. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Stones to the Halebank team later in the term.

Collective Worship: Courage



This half term's theme for collective worship is courage. We have read this acrostic poem together; perhaps you could talk to your child about which line you feel best describes courage. You could also discuss times when you have needed to be courageous and what the outcome was. Reverend Roland joined us yesterday morning. He shared the story of Esther and we learnt how we need to take small steps when we are overcoming our fears.

Courage is...

- Carrying on when things are difficult
- Overcoming fear
- Understanding and facing a challenge
- Risking being out of your comfort zone
- Always believing in God's promises
- Going for a goal
- Empowered by encouragement



25th January: Class 3 visit to Roman Chester

4th February: Class 4 Red Cross First Aid

8th February: Safer Internet Day

18th February: Break up for half term

28th February: INSET day



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Ananyah	Jack	Ivy	Collina

Prayer of the Week: A Prayer for Courage



Father God,
Help us to be strong and courageous.
Help us to speak out for others.
Help us to stand up and be counted.
Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.
Amen

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe 😊.

Yours sincerely

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