

Friday, 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 Update

There are still a small number of positive cases within the school community and I wish all those who are currently absent a full and speedy recovery. Our depleted staff team has continued to work at full capacity to keep the school running as normal and we are hopeful that we will have everyone back next week. Please continue to complete regular (at least twice a week) lateral flow testing at home with your child and promote good hand hygiene. We will continue to follow the advice we are given as a school to help minimise the risks.

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **empathy**. Please talk to your child about the importance of cooperating with and understanding the feelings of others. Maybe you could play some games together this weekend to promote turn taking and fairness. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to understand and think of others first:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Elilia: for always recognising when someone is feeling sad and helping them to feel better
Year 1	Jessica: for being empathetic towards others
Year 2	Annabelle: for showing empathy towards her friends
Year 3	Jessica: for thinking of other people's feelings and helping out
Year 4	Louie: for showing empathy and being kind
Year 5	Mea: for always showing empathy towards others
Year 6	Ellie: for always thinking of others and recognising how they feel



Year 3 Visit to Roman Chester

Pupils in Class 3 enjoyed a visit to Chester on Tuesday where they dressed as Roman soldiers, visited the site of the amphitheatre and explored the Grosvenor Museum. They learnt about life in Ancient Rome and explored Roman artefacts. Mrs Bennett and Mrs White were delighted with the children's enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the visit. Have a look at their photos on [Twitter](#).



4th February: Class 4 Red Cross First Aid

8th February: Safer Internet Day

18th February: Break up for half term

28th February: INSET day

Parent Governor Vacancies

Calling ALL parents..... we need YOUR help! Maybe you are new to Halebank and would like to get more involved in the life of the school. Perhaps you are one of our loyal and longstanding parents who now feels the time is right to give something back to the school. Now is your chance, as we have vacancies on our Governing Board! The school's Governing Board is made up of parents, staff and other members of the community. The Governing Board meets every term to review, support and challenge the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for ensuring that a good standard of education is provided to all pupils.



We currently have **TWO** Parent Governor vacancies and it would be brilliant to welcome some new faces onto the board. While there is some commitment required, the role is a rewarding one as governors make an invaluable contribution to the direction, decision making and improvement of the school. If you think you are interested and would like an informal chat about the role, please let me know.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Mikey	Georgie	Noah	Max

Mobile Phones

We know that one or two pupils bring in their mobile phones so they can contact their parents when walking home on their own. Please note that phones must be handed into the **school office** and collected at the **end of the school day**. We do not expect mobiles to be brought into school and left in pupils' coats and bags. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child's device stays at home unless there is good reason for it to come into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer of the Week: A Prayer for Bravery, Wisdom and Trust



Father God,
Make us brave like the spies who went ahead of the people into Canaan.
Make us wise like Rahab who hid the spies and saved their lives.
Make us trusting like Joshua who believed your word and led his people safely into the Promised Land. Amen

Have a great weekend and stay safe ☺.

Yours sincerely

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