

Friday, 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **creativity**. We have been teaching the children the importance of celebrating their individuality and developing their imaginations. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their creative skills this week:



Reception	Dotty: for using her wonderful imagination and thinking creatively in literacy
Year 1	Isabella T: for showing creativity in D&T and English, and for trying really hard with her handwriting
Year 2	Robin: for being a superb role model to her peers and for showcasing her creativity in D&T by making a boat
Year 3	Molly: for her creative writing and for working hard
Year 4	Noel: for creative writing and enthusiastic singing
Year 5	Phoebe: for a creative piece of writing with personification
Year 6	Ellie: for being a creative choreographer in dance lessons

Valentine's Day Lunch

Mrs Robinson, our school cook, will be preparing a special **Valentine's Day** lunch on **Monday, 14th February**. Your child can book their lunch on Monday morning; the menu consists of the following:

- ♥ Cupid burger and potato wedges
- ♥ St Valentine's flan and potato wedges
- ♥ Salad
- ♥ Vegetable medley
- ♥ Valentine biscuits and cakes
- ♥ Strawberry milkshake



World Book Day: Thursday, 3rd March

For World Book Day, we are inviting the children to bring their favourite book into school and dress up as a character from the book. We encourage **homemade** costumes/props and look forward to a fun day of book-themed activities and sharing stories.



Safer Internet Day: All Fun and Games?

This week, the children have completed activities linked to Safer Internet Day where they have considered their online activity at home and in school. They have learnt how to communicate online safely and positively, and what to do if they feel unsure or concerned. There are some good resources to support your conversations at home and these can be found at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>. Do have a look!



Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of the 2022 Children's Mental Health Week is *Growing Together*, and the children have explored how they can grow emotionally and find ways to help one another develop. We have learnt that emotional growth is a gradual process and we can all have feelings of being 'stuck' from time to time. We have completed a number of activities in school this week and you might like to take a look at the parents and carers resources. These can be found by following this link: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Flu Vaccination

As I mentioned last week, the School-aged Immunisation Team is delivering vaccination sessions during the weekend of 12th and 13th February 2022. If your child did not receive the flu vaccination in school before Christmas, you can book a timed appointment by ringing 01925 946808 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday).



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Jessica	Annabelle	Coltyn	Harry

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Please take a moment to read the attached letter from the school's Chair of Governors, Ms Haley Roach, which outlines the forthcoming changes to the school's leadership team. I have made the difficult decision to step away from my role as headteacher to pursue a career in higher education. It goes without saying that it has been a privilege to lead Halebank Church of England Primary School and I appreciate the support I have received from parents, carers, staff and governors during my time at the school. I will be in post until the end of April and in the meantime, the Governing Board is working through the recruitment process to appoint a new headteacher. You will be informed of the outcome of this as soon as possible. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Prayer of the Week: A prayer for encouragement



Dear Lord,

Help us to find ways to encourage other people that we are working with. Help us to remember how it feels to be discouraged and to try to have the courage to build other people up. Amen

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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