

Friday, 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of the current half term and the halfway point in the school year. There is so much to be proud of since we returned to school at the start of January, especially with the way we have all managed the uncertainty caused by pupil and staff absence. I hope that the children manage to rest and recover over half term, ready for all the exciting things that lie ahead...

Miss Stones

I am delighted to inform you that we have welcomed Miss Alexandra Stones to the Halebank staff team this week. Miss Stones has started working with Class 2 and has now completed her first full week with the children as their new class teacher. She is currently liaising with Mrs Draper to plan and assess the children's learning and she will be based in school each day. While Miss Stones is delivering all the lessons to the class, Mrs Draper will remain very much involved until her maternity leave starts in April.



Personal Development Strengths

This week's personal development strength is **honesty**. We have considered the importance of being true to ourselves and understanding the complexities of 'truth'.

You could help your child understand the value of honesty by praising him/her for telling the truth, even when owning up is difficult! Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to be honest and truthful:



Reception	Mason: for being an honest role model in Class 1
Year 1	Clara: for being a kind and honest friend
Year 2	Stanley: for being a role model of honesty in Class 2
Year 3	Lacey: for being honest and kind
Year 4	Ivy: for being an honest and trustworthy role model in Class 3
Year 5	Mea: for being an honest and trustworthy member of Class 4
Year 6	Oliver: for always being honest and making the right choices



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.

After School Clubs

The system for booking next half term's after school clubs is now live and will close at **5.00 pm on Friday, 25th February**. Clubs will start during the first week in March and include infant/junior sports, KS2 art, Year 6 revision*, EYFS/KS1 construction and KS1 drama. For more details, please see the information and booking instructions that were sent out yesterday by Mrs Fenlon. As usual, if your child is booked onto a club, the staff expect him/her to attend all the sessions on offer unless there are exceptional circumstances. *Y6 pupils who have been taking part in this club this half term are not required to re-book



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Frankie	Isabella	Molly	Lillian



Messy Church: Thursday, 3rd March

The next Messy Church session will take place at St Mary's Church in Hale on 3rd March from 4.15 pm. Families of the school are invited to join in; there will be food, fun and crafts. Further information is attached to this week's newsletter.

Halton Primary Arts Network (HPAN)

If your child is taking part in the HPAN performance at The Brindley on 28th February, I hope that you enjoy the show. Good luck to all the children taking part! If you have any free time over half term, take a look at the fabulous exhibition of art work from schools across Halton, based on the theme of light. The exhibition includes pieces from Halebank pupils across all four classes and is currently on display at Shopping City, Runcorn. Thank you to Mrs Bennett for coordinating the school's contribution to both HPAN projects.

Prayer of the Week: A prayer for those in need



Written by
Lucie, Poppie,
Mea, Emily R,
Poppy, Phoebe
and Emily P
(Class 4)

Dear Lord,

We pray for those who go hungry each day, dreaming of food,
For those who are homeless and are looking for a better future,
For our families and friends and those who need courage,

For people without food and clean water,

For children and those who are sick or ill,

For people fighting or living in war zones.

We pray for people who are struggling.

Christ, let your light shine

And give courage to those who need your help. Amen

Don't forget that school is closed for staff training on 28th February and will re-open on **Tuesday, 1st March**. Stay safe ☺.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley