

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are safe and well. Everyone at school sends you their best wishes and we all hope to see you soon. This is just a short newsletter with a few updates.

### Update on School Closure

Schools continue to remain closed and we are expecting some clarification over the weekend when the current 'lockdown' measures are being reviewed by the government. While there has been no announcement as yet, we are likely to know more next week about when and how we can re-open. This could include the 'phasing in' of particular year groups and we will have to wait for any restrictions to be lifted before we can operate fully as a school. The staff are currently working on a 'recovery plan' to ensure that we have considered and planned for all the challenges and operational issues before the restart.



### VE Day: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

Tomorrow is **VE Day** and there are a few clips and resources to help explain to your child why this is being celebrated. You might like to look at these links: a [Newsround](#) bulletin, a [BBC video for KS2 pupils](#) and [family activities](#) you could try at home. Remember that Friday is an official bank holiday so you should really be having a break from your home schooling commitments!

### Collective Worship with Rev Roland: When Things Go Wrong

Rev Roland has kindly put together another collective worship for the families of our school. This week's theme is 'When things go wrong'. Please click [here](#) to view it and make sure you have your best singing voices ready! Thanks again to Roland for continuing to support us.

### Home Learning and Staff Contact

Thanks to you all for supporting your child at home with his/her home learning activities. Our teachers have been delighted to receive emails with records of the children's work and updates on how it's all going. Please keep this communication going using the class email addresses below.



Mrs Griffin-Jones: [Class1@halebank.halton.sch.uk](mailto:Class1@halebank.halton.sch.uk)  
Mrs Draper: [Class2@halebank.halton.sch.uk](mailto:Class2@halebank.halton.sch.uk)  
Mrs Eley: [Class3@halebank.halton.sch.uk](mailto:Class3@halebank.halton.sch.uk)  
Mrs Bennett: [Class4@halebank.halton.sch.uk](mailto:Class4@halebank.halton.sch.uk)

The [class pages](#) on our school website continue to be updated each week with a variety of curriculum tasks for child to complete at home.

## **Voucher Scheme for Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals**

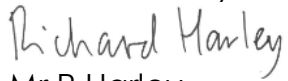
Edenred, the company responsible for the distribution of vouchers for parents of pupils entitled to free school meals, have notified schools that there have been more improvements made to their systems. I am aware that some of you have had difficulties with the delivery of the emails but most parents appear to have redeemed their eCodes now. The next fortnight's vouchers have been ordered and are due for delivery from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. You will know that there has been a delay of 3 to 4 days the last few times, so do hang on; your vouchers should reach you by the end of the week. Please contact me directly at [head.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:head.halebank@halton.gov.uk) if you have any questions about the voucher scheme or if you need any help with the system.

## **Thanks**

Thanks for everything you're doing at home to support your child. Please do get in touch with us if you need any help or guidance while the school is closed. The forecast is good for some of the bank holiday weekend and I hope you manage to get outdoors to enjoy the sunshine.

Look after yourselves and stay safe 😊.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley