

Friday, 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You and Goodbye

My final day at Halebank has arrived and I am writing my last newsletter to you as headteacher of the school. The school's acting headteacher, Mrs Claire Warner, will be taking over from next week and I know that she will receive the same warm welcome that I did when I joined the school in 2019. Many of you have already had the chance to meet Mrs Warner out on the playground and she has been in school several times in the last fortnight to ensure a smooth handover.

I would like to thank the school community for the high level of support that I have received during my time here from staff, pupils, parents and governors. I feel privileged to have known and worked with you all. The children and staff gave me the most wonderful send off yesterday with a celebration of songs, readings and memories, delivered with the usual Halebank energy and passion that we all love! I'd like to thank you all for your wonderful messages, which have been collated in a lovely book of memories for me to take away, and for your cards and gifts. Thanks again to every member of Team Halebank for making my time at the school so special! I will miss you all very much.

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **kindness**. Please acknowledge and praise your child's kind deeds at home. We always try to ensure that our first response in school is kindness and I hope you see this at home, too! Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their kindness:



Reception	Frankie: for being a kind and thoughtful member of Class 1 and for always being ready to learn
Year 1	Alanna: for always showing kindness to everyone
Year 2	Jack: for being a role model of kindness and thoughtfulness towards others
Year 3	Jessica: for showing kindness and empathy
Year 4	Anthony: for showing kindness and being helpful to his classmates and staff
Year 5	Louis: for being a kind and considerate member of Class 4
Year 6	Daisy: for being a kind and helpful friend



2nd May: May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

9th May: End of KS2 tests (SATs week)

17th May: Kindness/Community Day



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

You may remember that our Pupil Parliament worked very hard during the autumn term to promote wellbeing in the school community. They shared the '5 ways' through weekly news bulletins and information sessions. This work culminated in a lovely display of photos of families working on their wellbeing; this can still be seen in the school hall. Following a visit from Maria McNulty from HBC's Health Improvement Team yesterday, I am delighted to inform you that the children's work has helped us to achieve 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing' award. Well done to everyone who supported the initiative. I'm sure you'll hear more about the '5 ways' later this term.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Sophie	Stanley	Oscar	George

Allergy Information

We received information this week about the use of almond oil in some Nivea sun protection products. As we have some children in school with nut allergies, I would ask that you avoid using these products on your child until we have received further guidance from Allergy UK and the Health & Safety team. In the meantime, many thanks for your cooperation.

Prayer of the Week: Prayer of encouragement



Lord Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of our friends.
Make us aware when our friends are sad
or feel that they have failed.
Help us to encourage one another and build each other up.
Amen.

Thanks again for your support during my time as headteacher. I am sure the school will continue to thrive and I look forward to hearing all about it.

My very best wishes to you all!

Yours sincerely

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