



Friday, 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Transition Meetings with the Staff

I would like to start this week's newsletter with some key information about the rest of term. As you know, we have now welcomed back to school most of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils as three self-contained 'bubbles'. We also have a fourth group of children whose parents are key workers. While it has been wonderful to have children back in school, we are conscious that there are many pupils who have not been able to return. With this in mind, we are proposing to run face-to-face transition meetings on the last few days of the term to give you and your child an opportunity to meet with the staff if your child has not yet come back. We hope that this will enable the teachers to share some of your child's achievements and celebrations from the year, talk through next year's targets and, if your child is due to move classes, meet next year's teacher.

As you can imagine, there are lots of you to see! The teachers are finalising the allocation of appointment times and these will be emailed out to you early next week along with further details about when and how to arrive in school. I would ask you all to do your best to attend so that your child is able to have contact with the school and experience some form of 'closure' on what has been an extremely unsettling end to the school year. We know that those pupils who have been able to be back with us have benefitted from spending time in the building and 'touching base' with the staff and the school.

The staff will be busy for two full days on Tuesday, 21st and Wednesday, 22nd July meeting with children and parents; this means that **the last day of term for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils will be Monday, 20th July**. Please note that this is two days earlier than published but I hope that by giving you advance notice of this change, it will not cause too much inconvenience. We think it is vitally important that all of our pupils are given an opportunity to return for a short time and I would like to thank parents in advance for understanding the decision we have made. Provision for our key worker pupils will continue as planned until Wednesday, 22nd July.

The appointments are expected to run as follows:

Date	Year groups	Staff
Monday, 20 th July	Year 3 pupils (pm)	Mrs Eley
Tuesday, 21 st July	Year 5 pupils Year 6* pupils Year 2 pupils	Mrs Bennett Mrs Bennett Mrs Draper and Mrs Eley
Wednesday, 22 nd July	Reception* pupils Year 1* pupils Year 4 pupils	Mrs Draper Mrs Draper Mrs Eley and Mrs Bennett

* please note, appointments will only be offered to pupils from these year groups who have not returned to school

Free School Meal Vouchers

The final fortnightly vouchers have been ordered for the term and these should be emailed to you from Monday if your child is eligible for free school meals. A [COVID Summer Food Fund](#) has been established to provide support during the summer break. This is a one off payment of £90 per child which should arrive in the same way via Edenred. Vouchers should be delivered to you within the first couple of weeks of the summer holiday.

Staffing News

Having covered Mrs Power's maternity leave since November, Mrs Griffin-Jones will end her stint as Class 1's full time teacher today. I would like to thank Mrs Griffin-Jones for all the hard work she has put in throughout her time with us and for keeping us all smiling and laughing with her quick wit and good humour! But we are not saying goodbye just yet; she will be staying with us for one day a week in Class 3 next year! On Monday, we will all be excited to see Mrs Power returning to Halebank; I'm sure you will give her a warm welcome back if you see her around.

Our class and staffing structure for the new academic year will be as follows:

Class/Year group/s	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Class 1: Reception	Mrs Power	Mrs Harris
Class 2: Year 1/2	Mrs Draper	Mrs White
Class 3: Year 3/4	Mrs Eley (Mon-Thu) Mrs Griffin-Jones (Fri)	Mrs Gibson
Class 4: Year 5/6	Mrs Bennett	Mrs Jackson

Home Learning

Please continue to keep in touch with your child's class teacher using the email addresses below.

Mrs Griffin-Jones: Class1@halebank.halton.sch.uk

Mrs Draper: Class2@halebank.halton.sch.uk

Mrs Eley: Class3@halebank.halton.sch.uk

Mrs Bennett: Class4@halebank.halton.sch.uk



Best Wishes from the Halebank Team

We have been delighted to have so many children back in school and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone else before the end of term. Please look out for the information coming out next week regarding your allocated date and time for a school visit, and encourage your child to continue with his/her home learning. We are expecting a full time return to school for everyone in September and we are currently making plans for this based on the guidance published yesterday by the Department for Education (DfE).

I hope you are all looking after yourselves and your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

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