

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a fantastic Arts and Poetry week with all children demonstrating skills and talents that sometimes otherwise go undiscovered. Thank you to all those who were able to join us for the coffee morning this week. We hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to engage with your children in school on their poetry and art work. The next coffee morning is on July 11th so please join us then. Following the work done in school last week with performance poet Paul Delaney, we would like to congratulate Alex, Lucie and Phoebe who performed poems last night at the Poetry Buzz Festival in Widnes. We are very proud of them all and would like to thank parents for their support in taking them to the festival. Well done to Lucie who was named 'a poet with merit'

Our new September school starters came in to school to visit the Reception classroom today. It was wonderful to see them all with their grownups looking ready and excited to start their journey at Halebank. They will be joining us next week for our transition days. Our Year 6 pupils will be heading to high schools on Monday and Tuesday and so all the other children will be spending the time with their new teachers and TAs getting ready for September. This will be a lovely opportunity for your child to get to know any new arrangements for September to support their transition. We would like to welcome Miss Walsh to the team. She will be covering Mrs Power's maternity leave and will be in to meet the children and parents next week. Mrs Power is hoping to be back in school later in the year.

Class Staffing for Academic Year 2022 - 2023

Class	Teacher	TA
1 - Reception	Miss Walsh/Mrs Power	Mrs Harris
2 - Year 1 and Year 2	Mrs Bennett	Mrs Gibson
3- Year 3 and Year 4	Miss Stones	Mrs White
4 -Year 5 and Year 6	Mrs Eley/Mrs Griffin Jones	Mrs Jackson

OCA are providing a summer school for any Year 6 pupils who will be attending the school in September. Details will follow next week.

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Board for parent Governors. If you are interested and have the time and skills to fulfil the role please complete the form that is attached with the newsletter e-mailed to you today. Thank you for your support.

We would like to remind you that the Book Fair will be in school all next week. This is a great opportunity for you to buy quality books for your children and support the school at the same time. Reading is one of the most important things that your child will ever learn to do as it is a lifelong skill that will help them in all walks of life and hopefully also provide them with a hobby to be enjoyed.

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is empathy. Empathy is the ability to emotionally understand what other people feel, see things from their point of view, and imagine yourself in their place. Essentially, it is putting yourself in someone else's position and feeling what they are feeling.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Warren - for being a kind member of the class and always thinking of others.
Year 1	Bella for always being polite and respectful
Year 2	Georgie - for showing respect and readiness to learn.
Year 3	Lottie for being cheerful, kind and empathetic to staff and her classmates.
Year 4	Lexia for using empathy and being kind and helpful.
Year 5	Quin - for always thinking of others
Year 6	Poppy - for always putting the needs of others before her own.



4th and 5th July: Transition Days

4th - 8th July: Book Fair in school.

7th July: New Starters Parent's Meeting

7th July: Rocky Monster Show Performance 6.30pm

8th July: Rocky Monster Show Performance 1.30pm

11th July: PHSE coffee morning in school.

14th July: Sport's Day 9.15am

18th July: Leaver's Service 1:30pm

19th July: Last day in school 2pm finish



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Mikey	Isabella	Gracie	Reece

Our Prayer of the Week was written by one of our year 2 pupils:

Dear God,

Help us to do the right things and help us treat others the same way they treat us.

Help us to do our best in our work.

We will respect you.

Help us to be kind to our teachers, friends and family.

Help us to always be respectful.

Amen

We have seen a slight increase in pupils and staff testing positive for COVID this week although not at levels that are in any way alarming. I have been in touch with Public Health and Halton LA and current advice is that children testing positive should isolate for three days before returning to school. However if they still have a raised temperature after 3 days then they should remain at home. There is no cause for concern at this time.

Have a lovely weekend.

My very best wishes.

Mrs C Warner
Interim Headteacher