

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Transition Meetings

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be running 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 to school. Mrs Fenlon has now sent out your appointments via email and we look forward to seeing you at the end of term. The meetings 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. Further details about arriving onto the school site and social distancing guidelines can be found in the email.

### Term Dates

As the staff will be busy with transition meetings on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the final day of term for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils will be Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July; please remember that this is two days earlier than published. Provision for our key worker pupils will continue as planned until Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The school will then close for the summer break and will re-open to all pupils on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Arrangements for the New School Year

We are currently making plans and completing risk assessments for the return of pupils from all year groups in September, along with our new Reception starters. As some of this planning will take place over the summer break, I will write to you on 28<sup>th</sup> August (the final Friday of the holidays) to confirm arrangements for dropping off, picking up and access to the school site. It is likely that we will need to continue with some form of staggered start and end to the school day to reduce congestion.

### Changes to Breakfast Club



I know that some of you rely on Breakfast Club to enable you to get to work on time and many children enjoy attending. The facility has been running for some time on a flexible basis and, if it is to continue, we will need parents to make a half termly commitment. This will enable us to provide the required staffing levels and to make sure we can plan ahead.

From September, Breakfast Club will run from **8.10 am** until **8.40 am** (after which the children will be led to their classrooms for the start of the school day). We will trial a fixed cost to the club; this will be £1 per day and will include supervision along with a drink and one breakfast item (toast or cereal). If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, please complete and email the attached booking form to Mrs Fenlon at [sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk) no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Thank you.

## Home Learning

Next week will be the final week for home learning activities; after this, we think it's time that you all had a break! Thank you so much for all you have done to support your child's learning at home. The staff are really looking forward to taking over in September and will be working hard over the holidays to identify key areas of the curriculum which will need to be targeted. Please continue to keep in touch with your child's class teacher using the email addresses below:



- Mrs Power: [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)

## Free School Meal Vouchers

You should now have received your final fortnightly voucher from Edenred if your child is eligible for free school meals. The voucher scheme has been running throughout the period of school closure for pupils who are eligible; please note that this is not the same as the Universal Free School Meal entitlement which all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive in school. The COVID Summer Food Fund has been established to provide support during the summer break and those who are entitled to free school meals will receive a £90 voucher per child. If you think your child may be eligible, please have a look at [Halton Borough Council's FSM](#) application information by clicking [here](#). If you do apply and are successful, please let me know as I will be ordering the summer holiday vouchers at the start of next week. If you are unsure about this and would like some guidance, feel free to give me a ring or send me an email.



## Dressing Up Friday: 17<sup>th</sup> July

To mark our final Friday, those pupils who are in school are invited to dress up in something special to celebrate the end of the academic year. This idea is the suggestion of Andrew Curphey who works in our key worker bubble; Andrew is keen to see Halebank dressing up for the last Friday. Your child is welcome to come into school wearing his/her favourite outfit or costume but this is not compulsory!

## See You Soon

We are so happy to have lots of children back in school and it's great to see everyone looking so content and settled. It won't be long until we will see children from the other year groups once more and we are very excited about meeting with you all before the end of term.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions, please send me an email at [head.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:head.halebank@halton.gov.uk). If you need to contact the school office, Mrs Fenlon can be reached at [sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk).

Stay safe and take care ☺.

Yours sincerely

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