

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed our first full week of the new academic year and the children are settled into their routines. I am pleased to inform you that our first 'Stars of the Week' have been announced. We have seen so many 'Halebank Heroes' this week, it's been a difficult task for the staff to choose just one from each year group. Well done to everyone, but particularly the following star pupils:



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	<b>Clara:</b> for embracing every aspect of school life
Year 1	<b>Ahmed:</b> for excellent counting
Year 2	<b>Daniel:</b> for an amazing start to Year 2
Year 3	<b>Ivy:</b> for being very independent and working well
Year 4	<b>Phoebe:</b> for being a super role model
Year 5	<b>Hayden:</b> for working hard in all subjects
Year 6	<b>Malak:</b> for amazing reading and writing



Each week, we will also be presenting a 'Reading Champion' award to one pupil from each class. The award will be given to pupils who show commitment and effort with regard to their reading. This week's champions are as follows:

## READING CHAMPIONS

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
<b>Isabella</b>	<b>Stanley</b>	<b>Louis</b>	<b>Arthur</b>

### Dinner Money and Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'universal infant free school meal' so no payment is required. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), school dinner money should be brought into school in a named, sealed envelope and handed to class teachers. The cost of a school dinner is **£2.50; this should be paid in advance**, ideally at the start of each half term (and no later than the start of each week). If you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, please have a look at the [Free School Meals](#) information on the HBC website by clicking [here](#).

### PE Kits

In order to reduce the need for PE bags, the children may come into school in their PE kits on days when they have a PE session. Wherever possible, PE will take place outdoors this half term. PE days are arranged as follows:

<b>Class 1:</b> Wednesday	<b>Class 3:</b> Wednesday and Friday
<b>Class 2:</b> Monday and Wednesday	<b>Class 4:</b> Monday and Wednesday

## Covid-19 Update

While we are all delighted that the children have now returned to school, this does present us all with a number of challenges as a school community. We are already seeing the start of coughs and colds as the autumn term starts and this seasonal change brings with it some uncertainty about how we might all be affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Should your child fall ill while in school, staff will assess the situation, seek advice and contact you if necessary. If we believe that your child is displaying virus symptoms, you will be advised to collect him/her and arrange for a test, using the [NHS website](#) or by phoning **119**.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Halton Borough Council has provided all schools with a series of letters which will be sent out to you should there be a confirmed case in the school community. The three letters are summarised below:

- 1) **Warn and Inform Letter:** this explains that someone in the school community has tested positive for Covid-19, although your child has not been identified as being in close contact.
- 2) **Outbreak Letter:** this informs parents/carers that there have been two or more confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school. All parents/carers will be informed.
- 3) **Close Contact of Confirmed Case Letter:** this letter explains that a pupil has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 and must self-isolate for 14 days.

As we work together as a school community during this time, I would ask you for your support in acting only on factual information. Please be mindful of what you might see on social media; you may well read of a positive case in school but this information may not be accurate. The school will do its utmost to keep you informed of any situations that arise and we will act accordingly based on the instructions we are given from the Local Authority and Public Health England.

## After School Clubs

This half term, we will be offering a sports-based club for pupils in Years 1 to 6; **these clubs will start next week**. There will be one club per class (to keep each group in its 'bubble') and this will take place on a day when pupils are already wearing their PE kits. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter and return this to your child's class teacher. We will provide a place for all pupils wishing to take part. There will be no charge for the clubs but please ensure that your child commits to each of the **6 sessions** up until the October half term.

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIME	CLUB LEADERS
Mon	Football	Year 5/6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Wed	Multi skills	Year 1/2	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports
Fri	Dance	Year 3/4	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

### Halebank Heroes

Teachers and teaching assistants have reviewed our school rules and expectations with their classes; these form the basis of our [positive behaviour policy](#). Here are the school's rules which we expect all of our 'Halebank Heroes' to follow:



- 1) We are **kind**.
- 2) We are **respectful**.
- 3) We are **safe**.
- 4) We are **ready**.



The staff continue to celebrate good behaviour and hard work; we have a number of rewards in school to support this, one of which is passing on the good news about your child to you. Similarly, if the staff have concerns about behaviour, they will let you know so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

Mr R Harley  
Headteacher

### After School Clubs Autumn Term 2020

Please complete and return this form to school as soon as possible to book your child onto the selected club.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIME	CLUB LEADERS	✓ PLEASE TICK TO REQUEST A PLACE
Football	Year 5/6	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports	
Multi skills	Year 1/2	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Progressive Sports	
Dance	Year 3/4	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Andrew Curphey	

I agree to my child taking part in the chosen club for this half term.

Signed (parent/carer) \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be collected by \_\_\_\_\_ . (please complete if appropriate)

My child is allowed to make his/her own way home from school at 4.15pm.  
(please tick if appropriate)