

Friday, 25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Spike the Hedgehog

There has been one hot topic in school all week..... a friendly hedgehog named Spike! Many of you noticed our rather out of sorts friend wandering around on the playground on Tuesday morning. Poor Spike looked rather lost as he limped around the school grounds and many of you were concerned about his health. I am pleased to tell you that after a couple of days with the wonderful staff at the Andale Veterinary Centre, Spike has returned safely to Halebank and was released back into 'the wild' yesterday. We would like to say a big thank you to the Andale team for caring so well for him and to Miss Griffiths (mum of Melissa and Emily in Reception and Year 4) for helping to make him comfortable while he was with us. Well done to Mrs Boon for providing Spike with such a brilliant name!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Thomas W: for being a master of shapes!
Year 1	Lily: for a fantastic week working hard
Year 2	Pippa: for wonderful writing in phonics
Year 3	Elsie May: for writing a lovely prayer to share with the class
Year 4	Max: for brilliant 'Morning Maths'
Year 5	Oliver: for joining in all activities enthusiastically and working hard
Year 6	Ronnie: for excellent maths work and for showing an excellent attitude

School Photographer: 28th September

Don't forget that the school photographer will be visiting on the morning of **Monday, 28th September**. Please note that pupils in **Classes 2 and 4** will need to come into school in their **school uniforms**, not their usual PE kits. Thank you.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Tommy	Robin	Phoebe	Alex P

Applying for a Place in Reception for September 2021

The application process for school places for Reception pupils (September 2021) is now live. Applications can be made online by clicking [here](#). If you have a child who needs a place in Reception next September, please have a look at the admission documents on our school website. If you know anyone who has a child ready to start with us next year, please share this information with them. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2021**.

Covid-19 Update

You should have received a letter on Wednesday from Public Health England which provides further information about testing arrangements in the event that you or your child develop Covid-19 symptoms. If you haven't seen the letter, please check your inbox or have a look at the ['Newsletters'](#) page on our school website. The letter offers a reminder that tests should only be booked as follows:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 - 1. a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 - 2. a new, continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 - 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the [NHS website](#), which is reviewed regularly.
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.
- No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

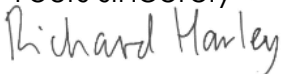
Dropping Off and Picking Up

Thank you for taking note of the additional guidance provided to parents and carers from [Halton Borough Council](#). Just in case you missed the letter last week, here are the additional measures that have been introduced in all schools in the borough:

- **All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises**
- Only **one adult** to enter the premises for drop off and pick up
- Arrive and leave **promptly** when dropping off/collecting your child – maintain social distancing and please do not congregate
- **All staff to wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times**
- Ensure your household adheres to self-isolation rules

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley

Headteacher