

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent Governor Vacancies: We Need YOU!

Would you like to get more involved in the life of our school? Would you like to support Halebank's continued improvement? If so, please read on to find out more about being a school governor....

The school's Governing Board is made up of parents, staff and other members of the community. The Governing Board meets every term to review, support and challenge the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for ensuring that a good standard of education is provided to all pupils.



We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies and it would be brilliant to welcome some new faces onto the board. While there is some commitment required, the role is a rewarding one as governors make an invaluable contribution to the direction, decision making and improvement of the school. If you think you are interested and would like an informal chat about the role, please let me know. The procedure for nominations is set out below:

1. If you would like to become a Parent Governor, or to put forward the name of another parent who is willing to stand, please complete and return the nomination paper attached.
2. You can propose yourself or you may ask your partner or another parent to do this for you.
3. Candidates are asked to write a short statement which sets out what they would hope to do for the school if elected and what skills and experience they possess.
4. Nominations will close on **23/10/2020**.
5. If the number of nominees is the same as the number of vacancies, the nominees will be elected onto the Governing Board.
6. If there are more nominations than vacancies, ballot papers will be sent out and an election will take place.



### Applications for Secondary School Places for September 2021

We have received a reminder from the Admissions Team regarding the deadline for applying for secondary school places. If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to complete this process ready for September next year.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October** via the [Halton Parent Portal](#).



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	<b>Melissa:</b> for trying really hard with her writing ☺
Year 1	<b>Annabelle:</b> for excellent number line work
Year 2	<b>Molly:</b> for having a fantastic week!
Year 3	<b>Noel:</b> for good exchanging work in maths
Year 4	<b>Poppie:</b> for using inverted commas in English
Year 5	<b>Poppy:</b> for working hard and being kind to others
Year 6	<b>Ronnie:</b> for excellent maths work



## READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
<b>Darcie-Rae</b>	<b>Pippa</b>	<b>Kodie-Leigh</b>	<b>Daisy</b>

### Covid-19 Update

The rapidly changing situation with the virus continues to make headlines across the UK and as a school we ask for your continued vigilance. While we have (so far) avoided needing to collapse any of our 'bubbles', we require your help and support. Should your child display any of the symptoms below, please do not send him/her into school:

- 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

You must book a Covid-19 test as soon as possible if your child is symptomatic via the [NHS website](#) or by phoning 119. Once you receive confirmation of the test result, please forward this to the school office: [sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk). Your child should only return to school when you have received a negative result and when he/she is well. In the event of a positive test outcome, please inform the school as a matter of urgency. **If you have other family members (including children attending other schools) who are currently self-isolating, we would ask that they do not enter the school site.** Thank you.

The following measures continue to be in place across all schools in Halton:

- 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

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

Mr R Harley  
Headteacher

Halebank Church of England Primary School  
**Election of Parent Governor/s: Nomination Form**

Name:

Address:

The above-named has a child at the school, is willing to serve if elected and is hereby nominated to stand for election.

Nominated by\*: (name in capitals and address)

Signature of nominee:

Completed nominations must be returned to the school office by **23/10/2020**.

\*Self-nomination is acceptable

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**Personal statement**

The nominee should use the back of this form to complete a short **personal statement** (100 words max.) which should include:

- evidence of the extent to which you possess the skills and experience to support the Governing Board;
- your commitment to undertake training to acquire or develop the skills to be an effective governor;
- details of your contribution to the work of the Governing Board during your previous term of office (if seeking re-election); and
- how you plan to contribute to the future work of the Governing Board

**Name of nominee:**

**Personal statement**

