

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Parking**

While the residents who live close to the school accept that there will be busy spells on the roads as pupils are being picked up and dropped off, they do need to be able to access their own drives. It was brought to my attention this week that some parents are not parking their cars considerately on Heathview Road and this has resulted in driveways being blocked and safety being compromised. A situation this week could have resulted in an accident involving a young child; luckily for all concerned, this was a near miss.

Please remember that the safety of the children is of paramount importance and I would ask you all to bear this in mind when you are parking your cars. Sometimes parking a little further away from the school and walking a bit more is a much safer option. I have reported the information I was given to PCSO Steve Marnick and I know he is already monitoring the situation for us. Thank you for help in this matter.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**



Reception	<b>Isabella T:</b> for having a fantastic week and for always trying her best!
Year 1	<b>Gracie-May:</b> for working hard in maths this week
Year 2	<b>Kaiden:</b> for having a great attitude towards learning
Year 3	<b>Isabella:</b> for being a super scientist
Year 4	<b>Sophia:</b> for being a fantastic role model
Year 5	<b>Harry:</b> for excellent descriptive language in diary writing
Year 6	<b>Chloe:</b> for working hard, especially in maths

### **Applications for Secondary School Places for September 2021**

Don't forget that the deadline for applying for secondary school places is approaching. 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](#).

### **Parent Governor Vacancies**

You still have a week to submit your nomination forms for the two Parent Governor vacancies we have available. This is a great way to get involved in the life of the school and to contribute to the direction, decision making and improvement of Halebank. Please feel free to have a chat with me if you think you might be interested in representing the views of parents/carers and bringing your skills and experience onto the Governing Board. Nominations close on **23/10/2020**.



### Water Bottles and Packed Lunches

As a school, we promote healthy life choices and encourage the children to make these independently. We are now part of the National Breakfast Programme and each child receives a bagel in school to have while early morning tasks are completed. We are also providing a piece of fruit to everyone during morning break. We would ask for your help in ensuring that your child always brings in a water bottle each day and that packed lunches prepared at home offer a balanced meal and healthy options (**no chocolate bars or sweets, please**). If you are unsure about what to provide, there are some great ideas on the [NHS's Change for Life](#) website.



### READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Oscar	Georgie	Ben	Libby

### Parents' Evenings

At this stage in the year, our teachers would usually be meeting with you to talk about how your child has settled back into school and to share the progress he/she is making. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite you into school for face to face meetings this term but teachers are keen to share this key information with you. In the next few weeks, teachers will provide you with a slot for a telephone appointment. There will be up to 10 minutes to talk to class teachers and they will contact you using the telephone number you have provided on your **data collection forms** (these were sent out last week and need to be returned to school as soon as possible). Slots will run after school as set out below and you will receive confirmation of your date and time in due course:

Class 1 Mrs Power	Class 2 Mrs Draper	Class 3 Mrs Eley/Mrs G-Jones	Class 4 Mrs Bennett
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov

### Covid-19 Update

As you are no doubt aware, new restrictions came into force this week in Halton and our routines and systems in school have been reviewed once again. Please note the following reminders/changes:

- 1) Class teachers have marked out an area around classroom doors to ensure that parents/carers keep their distance from staff at the start and end of the school day. **Please do not enter this area when picking up/dropping off.**
- 2) Ask your child to **wait on the coloured spots** when he/she arrives at school before entering the building for handwashing.
- 3) Arrive within the slot you have been allocated for pick up/drop off. Please **do not arrive early** as this increases congestion around classroom doors and makes social distancing challenging.
- 4) You must **leave the site promptly**. Sadly, the school is no longer a place for parents and carers to catch up for a chat; this is a great shame but we do need you to collect your child and head home immediately.
- 5) Finally, don't forget your **face covering**.

Thanks you for supporting the school as we work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

## Home Learning

The staff team has also reviewed the school's home learning arrangements and these are set out below:

### *Developing symptoms in school*

Should your child develop symptoms during the school day, he/she will be isolated and you will be contacted immediately. We will then ask you to book an NHS test to check if he/she has coronavirus; this can be done via the [NHS website](#) or by phoning 119. At this point, staff will do their best to put together a small pack of work for your child (and his/her siblings) to complete at home.

### *Developing symptoms at home*

If your child develops symptoms at home, he/she should not come into school and you should book a test as soon as possible. While you are awaiting the results of a test, staff will provide a pack of work and deliver this to your home.

### *Self-isolation*

Should your child need to self-isolate for an extended period of time due to a positive case in your household, please inform the school as soon as possible so that a more substantial pack of work can be sent home. This work will be in line with the learning that is taking place in school and we would expect this to be completed unless your child is unwell.

### *Partial or full closure of the school*

If your child's 'bubble' is forced to close due to an outbreak of the virus in school or if the school is instructed to partially or fully close, teachers will move to remote learning. Daily activities will be posted on our Learning Platform which can be accessed via the school website. Your child will need his/her log in details and activities will be posted daily via the 'Homework' tab on your child's individual page. We are currently teaching the children how to access their individual pupil pages so they will know how to log in, where their home learning can be accessed and how their work will be submitted, should this option be needed.

## Reading Books

If your child took reading books home prior to the school closure in March, we would be grateful if you could have a look for these and return them to school. Many thanks for your help.

## PE Kits

Just a quick reminder about your child's PE kit which is a part of our school uniform. The kit, which consists of **navy blue shorts/joggers** and a **royal blue T shirt**, needs to be worn for the full day when your child has PE.

## Widnes Foodbank Donations

Although we are not running a Harvest Service in school this year, you are invited to make a donation to Widnes Foodbank. We will be talking to the children about the work of the Foodbank in collective worship next week. If you would like to make a donation, there will be collection boxes **outside the main school doors and on the playground** on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. A list of suggested items is set out below. Thank you.




# MONTHLY SHOPPING LIST

## October 2020



Every food item generously donated to our foodbank will help to save a life. This month, we're asking if you could especially donate...

### TOP THREE ITEMS

-  Laundry Powder
-  Treats
-  Jam

-  Shampoo
-  Tinned Potatoes
-  Shaving Foam
-  Tinned Fish
-  Toothpaste

Thank you for your continued support. Please look after yourselves and your families.

Yours sincerely

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