

Thursday, 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You

As we reach the final day of the half term for the children (tomorrow is a training day for staff), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has certainly been an unusual start to the new school year and we have needed to adjust to new ways of working and learning together. Nevertheless, there have been many celebrations and successes since the school re-opened and I am grateful to you all for supporting us as we have responded to new guidelines and restrictions.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all your lovely children for coping so well after such a sustained period of time away from school. The children have responded positively to the changes we have put into place but now they need a well-earned rest to prepare them for the rest of the term!

Finally, I would like to thank the amazing staff team for embracing the challenges they have faced with their usual energy, enthusiasm and resilience. I think we can all call ourselves 'Halebank Heroes' for coping so well and for working together so that some form of 'normal service' has resumed.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Tommy: for fantastic work in phonics
Year 1	Jack: for independently finding addition facts up to 10
Year 2	Lottie: for being a wonderful role model
Year 3	Kodie-Leigh: for beautifully presented work
Year 4	George: for persevering in maths
Year 5	Isaac: for hard work and being a positive role model
Year 6	Freya: for improved maths and a positive attitude

Applications for Secondary School Places for September 2021

This is a final reminder to those 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, 31st October** via the [Halton Parent Portal](#).

Parent Governor Vacancies

You have one more day to submit your nomination forms for the two Parent Governor vacancies. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the life of the school and to contribute to the direction, decision making and improvement of Halebank. Nominations close at **12 noon tomorrow**.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Melissa	Oscar	Sophia	Lucy

Parents' Evenings

You should now have received a date and time for a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher. Appointments will run during the week beginning **Monday, 2nd November** and will be a useful opportunity to talk together about how well your child has settled in school this year. Please contact the school if you have not received your appointment and do your best to be available on the contact number you have provided to us. Thank you.



Widnes Foodbank Donations

Many thanks for the many generous donations which were sent into school this week. Your toothpaste, shampoo, tins and treats were gratefully received by the Widnes Foodbank and will support those in need. We had our first virtual whole school collective worship this morning and we said a big **well done** to the Halebank family. Thanks, everyone!

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

- **Breakfast club** will continue to run after the half term break; please let the school office know if you need a booking form.
- **After school clubs** will also resume as soon as we return and those who are already signed up will still have their places; anyone else can email the school office for a booking form via sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk.
- There will be no charge for the sports clubs but please ensure that your child commits to each of the **7 sessions** up until the Christmas break.
- Please note, **clubs will start and finish a little earlier** as the dark nights will be drawing in during November and December.

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	TIME	CLUB LEADERS
Mon	Football	Year 5/6	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Progressive Sports
Wed	Multi skills	Year 1/2	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Progressive Sports
Fri	Dance	Year 3/4	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

Re-opening of School

School re-opens after the half term break on **Monday, 2nd November**. Until then, keep yourselves safe, stay positive and take care. Should you, your child or a close family member become ill over the half term break, please do keep us informed in case this has implications for the school. Feel free to email me at head.halebank@halton.gov.uk if you need any advice. Thanks again for your continued support.



STOP PRESS..... SUPER SPELLER!

In news just in, **Ellie in Class 4** has accomplished something remarkable in her spelling tests this half term. Ellie has achieved full marks in **all 7** spelling tests and Mrs Bennett and Mrs Jackson think *that* is amazing! Well done, Ellie ☺.

Yours sincerely

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