

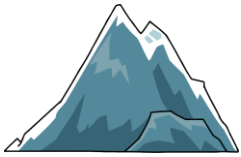
Friday, 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new half term! As we enter another period of 'lockdown', I hope that you are all well. Thankfully, schools remain open and we have continued to see good attendance at Halebank. While it is an uncertain time for us all, please rest assured that the staff here are doing everything they can to keep the day to day school experience for the children as positive and as stimulating as possible. We understand that some pupils are feeling unsettled and we will do our best to provide extra support to those who need it.

Personal Development Goals



This half term, our Stars of the Week will be linked to a series of personal development goals that we are promoting in school. The staff have identified seven 'strengths' which they will be teaching the children about in collective worship and lessons. This week, our focus is

resilience. We have been thinking about how we develop 'stickability' when a task is challenging, what we do when we get 'stuck' and how we keep trying when our first attempts fall short. Perhaps you could talk to your child about a challenge you have overcome and share what you learnt from the experience. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated resilience this week:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Isabella G: for having a fantastic week and for always trying her best
Year 1	Scarlett: for showing resilience with her writing this week
Year 2	Marley: for being resilient and always trying his best
Year 3	Jack: for having a very mature and determined attitude
Year 4	Coby: for producing some fantastic maths work and for not giving up!
Year 5	Lydia: for having a fantastic attitude to work and showing great resilience
Year 6	Charlie: for working hard and showing great resilience

Data Collection

Mrs Fenlon has only had around half of the data collection sheets returned to school. Please ensure that these are signed, dated and returned no later than **Friday, 13th November** so that our school records can be updated. Your signed forms must be returned to school even if there are no changes to your details. **At a time when we may need to contact you urgently, we must have this information in school.** If you have lost or misplaced the original form (it was sent home in a labelled envelope before half term) please collect another copy from the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents' Evenings

I hope that you have managed to have your parents' evenings telephone consultations with the teachers and that these offered an opportunity to share your child's successes and achievements so far this year. If you didn't get to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office as soon as possible to make arrangements. I would like to thank the staff for giving so much of their time to provide these consultations when there is so much going on in school.



School Money

If you are sending money into school, please ensure that this is in a named, sealed envelope. **Staff are not in a position to handle loose change in school.** Dinner money must be sent in on **Mondays** so that it can be dealt with at the start of the week. The staff in the office are extremely busy at the moment, so your cooperation in this matter would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Parent Governor Vacancies

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Rachel Oasgood has now joined the school's Governing Board as a new Parent Governor. Mrs Oasgood, who is a senior teacher at a large primary school in Liverpool and mum to Robin in Year 1, will be a welcome addition to the board. We are delighted that she was nominated and elected. We do still have a vacancy for another Parent Governor. Please speak to me as soon as possible if you are interested, so I can tell you more about the role and the commitment needed. I look forward to hearing from you...



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Thomas W	Gracie-May	Lyla	Maddie

After School Clubs

We have brought forward the finishing times of our after school clubs as the dark nights are drawing in this term. Unfortunately, Mr Farrington, our football coach, can't start his club until **3.15 pm**. This means that football club for pupils in Years 5 and 6 on Mondays will finish at the slightly later time of **4.15 pm**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Details of the three clubs are as follows:

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	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Progressive Sports
Fri	Dance	Year 3/4	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

Poppy Appeal



The school is supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other items in school. You should have received a letter from Mrs Eley containing more information and an order form if your child would like a poppy or other remembrance items. Forms and money should be sent into school in a **labelled, sealed envelope**. We have a limited amount of stock, so items will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Covid-19 Update

Here are a few reminders regarding the dropping off and collecting of the children:

- Please continue to wear a face covering that covers both your nose and mouth while you are on the school site.
- Make sure you maintain social distancing between yourselves and other families at all times.
- Leave the premises as soon as you have collected your child.
- Please keep younger children with you while you are waiting; younger siblings should not play with others on the playground.
- Please stick to the drop off/collection times you were given before half term; if you are having any difficulties with these, please let me know.



Children in Need on 13th November: A Message from Class 4

Hello everyone! Next Friday is **Children in Need** day. As usual, we want to take part. You can come into school dressed in any bright clothes you have. If they don't match, all the better! We are also having a **Children in Need** art competition. You can do any drawing, painting or collage. You can even make a mask if you wish! The only rule is that your art has to have Pudsey Bear somewhere on the picture. There will be a prize for each class. Please bring in any donations to **Children in Need** in an envelope next Friday. We want to have fun and raise money. So remember - bright clothes and don't forget to enter our competition. 😊😊😊

Thank you for your continued support. I am sure that this will be a quiet weekend for us all; I hope you manage to spend some quality time with your wonderful children! See you on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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Headteacher