

Friday, 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Personal Development Goals



This week's personal development strength is **responsibility**. We have been thinking about doing things for ourselves as soon as we are able to, getting stuck in and giving everything a go, and finishing the tasks we start. Most importantly, we have learnt that our actions have consequences. Please encourage your child to be independent at home; doing things for themselves is so important, even though it sometimes takes longer! Well done to the following children who have demonstrated responsibility:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Oscar: for being a responsible member of the class and for completing all challenges this week
Year 1	Scarlett: for being a responsible member of the class and always giving 100% effort
Year 2	Gracie: for being helpful and responsible in class
Year 3	Coltyn: for being a kind, responsible friend
Year 4	Louis: for taking responsibility for his own learning and showing a very mature attitude
Year 5	Emily: for being an organised and responsible member of our class
Year 6	Freya: for being responsible and a good role model

Health and Wellbeing Week



Thank you so much for supporting your child with the extra home learning challenges that have been set as part of Health and Wellbeing Week. The staff have been impressed with all the additional tasks that have been completed and the children seem to be taking on board what they have learnt. Many have continued to run laps around the school grounds at break time and they benefited from a visit from School Health linked to healthy eating and dental hygiene. We hope that the week has been informative and that the children will be better equipped to make good choices linked to healthy food, their own fitness and their mental wellbeing.

Covid-19 Update

I was hoping to write a Covid-free newsletter for once but as you are already aware, the government set out the new coronavirus tier system yesterday. This will come into effect when the national 'lockdown' across England ends on 2nd December. There is a new set of 'high alert' guidelines which we need to familiarise ourselves with and these are set out on the [government website](#).

For school, we need to continue to follow the measures we currently have in place and these are outlined as follows:

- 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.
- 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 have been given.**



Healthy Schools Award 2020

I am delighted to inform you that we received our Healthy Schools Award from the Health Improvement Team this week! Despite the disruptions last year, we achieved the **Halton Healthy School**

Standard for our work in maintaining the foundation of health and wellbeing for the school community. This included participating in the Halton Virtual School Games; well done to last year's Key Stage 2 pupils who joined in with the netball challenge (Classes 3 and 4) and the dribbling challenge (Class 3).



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Melissa	Lily	Charlie	Malak

Christmas at Home



As we move into Advent, there will be a special treat attached to the next four newsletters. At a time when we are all spending more time at home, we will be providing a few ideas to help keep your children busy, while also reminding them of the true meaning of

Christmas. These lovely activities have been produced by Katy Eaglestone for schools and churches. Each week, there will be a different theme with a set of activities for little ones, school-age children and adults. With Advent Sunday kicking things off over the weekend, the first theme is Hope. If you do complete any of the activities and would like to send a photo, I will do my best to share these in collective worship. Please send your images to me at head.haleb@halton.gov.uk. I hope you enjoy spending some quality time with your children completing the activities.

Christmas 'Performance'

With Advent just around the corner, it is worth clarifying the school's position on some of our usual Christmas traditions. While there will be no official Christmas show in school for you to attend, the children are currently working on a short virtual 'performance' with the support of Andrew Curphey. This will be recorded within each bubble and shared with you later in the term. Unfortunately, we ask that the children do not bring in and send Christmas cards this year. I am sorry that this is the case but it seems the most sensible decision to make at the current time ☹️.

I hope you have a restful weekend. Look after yourselves and stay safe. Don't forget to email photos of your *Christmas at Home* activities!

Yours sincerely

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