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Dear Parents and Carers,

What another fabulous week in school Andrea was in again on Tuesday singing with most of the children and Andrew has been in doing Drama. All the children love to sing at Halebank and we are all very excited about the Young Voices Event taking place in January in Manchester. Watch this space for more news!

We were incredibly lucky to be joined by Bartholomew Gee on Thursday. He is a motivational speaker who talked to the children and staff about all the hurdles he has faced in his life as a disabled man. Everyone in the hall was amazed and inspired as he talked about all his accomplishments and how he has frequently proved his doubters wrong. Please ask the children to tell you all about him as they listened to his every work in awe.

Our Hello Yellow Day on Monday was great fun as we shared our thoughts and ideas on how to keep ourselves healthy in body and mind and how we can support others too. Thank you for all the £1 donations which will be sent directly to the Young Minds Charity to help them continue their brilliant work with young people everywhere. We have raised £46.80 so far. **Today is the last day for donations so please take your £1 to the office if you haven't already and would like to donate.**

Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was **91.6%** and our best attending class was Oak Class with **93.7%**. Our whole school attendance for the academic year so far is **93.3%** and the best attending class so far this year is Beech Class with 94.1%. We still need to reach that figure of 95% so let's keep going! Thank you all for your efforts to work with me in improving attendance in support of your child's education.

Willow class have won the award for tidiest classroom this week and have shown us how much they respect the equipment and resources available to them and that they are willing to tidy up after themselves and work as a team.

Trips and Residentials

We have been disappointed by the take up for our first ever Year 2 overnight residential trip to Delamere. We will give parents the weekend to think about the opportunity on offer and to ask any questions that they may have and then we may have to open it up to another class.

I have been on this trip many times before with Year 2 children and it is a super opportunity to experience a first overnight stay or a short adventure with friends. I would urge you to consider what your child may gain from this experience and come and ask me about anything that may be worrying you.

Information

Data collection sheets will be sent home with children today and Monday. It is crucial that school has upto date emergency contact details and any medical information for your child(ren). Please check the information in all sections. **If there are any changes** to be made to any of the medical or dietary information that we hold for your child or any of the details for emergency contacts, please amend the information on the form and sign, date and return it to school.

If there are no changes, then please sign, date and return it to school as soon as possible.

I am saddened to say that we have been made aware of some parents writing negative comments on social media about the school and individual staff. This is very distressing for the individuals concerned and it often causes issues to quickly worsen. I have an open door policy and am always willing to meet with parents to discuss any issues that may arise or anything that parents feel we may need to change or improve in school. As a result of recent activity on social media I have sought advice and attached information about the Acceptable Use of Social Media for Parents/Carers. Please make sure that you read the information and are clear about expectations. I am keen for us all to work together to make our school the very best it can be so please ring the office and make an appointment if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ezmay	Anayah	Isabella	Annabelle	Katelyn	Lyla	Sophia



Friday 21st October

Harvest Festival Performance 1.30pm – Also last day of Autumn Term 1

A letter will come out on Monday to let you know what food items are currently needed by the Food Bank and we will ask you to donate if you can.

Monday 31st October – Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school for Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 2nd November – School photographs in the morning

Parents' evening appointments from 1:00pm further details about booking appointments will be sent out early next week



READING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Tim	Elilia	Stan	James

HANDWRITING CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Naya	Vinnie	Lottie	Elsie May

MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

Cherry Class	Willow Class	Beech Class	Oak Class
Phoebe	Emilia	Scarlett	Phoebe

Our Prayer of the Week Comes from the whole school community and is sent with love to one of our pupils who has unfortunately been very poorly this week and remains in hospital as I am writing the newsletter.

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after Billy and taking care of him when he needs you most.

Thank you for giving his family the strength to support him.

Thank you for all the people who were in school to help and to the hospital and ambulance staff.

Please help Billy and his family to look after each other and keep smiling.

Please make Billy to get well soon so that he can come back to school soon and play with all his friends who are missing him,

Amen

My very warmest wishes. Take care and have a great weekend.

Mrs C Warner
Headteacher