

Wednesday, 27th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



Home Learning

I know from speaking to parents this week and through the contact you are having with the teachers that for some of you, the home learning experience is a bit of a bumpy ride at the moment. Some days are going well, while others are much harder work. The 'normal' school day never runs without glitches and hurdles to overcome, so please accept the ups and downs that come with teaching and supporting your child. It is difficult to balance providing support while also encouraging the children to work independently. Please remember that you are not being judged or inspected, so focus on doing all you can to keep your child happy, healthy and motivated. Offer all the praise you can as a positive response is always the most effective; if things aren't going so well, accept that a break or some 'time out' may be needed... for everyone! Everyone in school really appreciates all the support that the children are getting at home.

New Timetable and Collection of Work Packs

Your child's current timetable finishes at the end of this week and a new, 10 day schedule is being planned by our class teachers. This will take the children up to the February half term. It would be really helpful if you could all call in, as you did last time, to collect the new packs of work. The resources will be available for you at the front of school on the afternoon of **Friday, 29th January** at the times below:

Groups	Pupils	Collection Times
Group 1	Pupils with surnames A-E	1.00 – 1.25 pm
Group 2	Pupils with surnames F-K	1.30 – 1.55 pm
Group 3	Pupils with surnames L-R	2.00 – 2.25 pm
Group 4	Pupils with surnames S-Z	2.30 – 2.55 pm

You all stuck to your allotted slots last time which was so helpful as it helped to keep our collection point free from congestion; if you could do this again, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Please follow the school's usual routine for entering the grounds:

- ✓ wear a face covering
- ✓ only one adult collecting
- ✓ observe 2 metre social distancing
- ✓ enter/leave the site as quickly as possible

Contacting the School

If you need to make contact with your child's teacher about remote learning, please use the class email addresses below. Any other enquiries may be directed to the school office (sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk) or to me (head.halebank@halton.gov.uk).

Class	Class Teacher/s	Email Address
Class 1	Mrs Power	class1@halebank.halton.sch.uk
Class 2	Mrs Draper	class2@halebank.halton.sch.uk
Class 3	Mrs Eley/Mrs Griffin-Jones	class3@halebank.halton.sch.uk
Class 4	Mrs Bennett	class4@halebank.halton.sch.uk



Device Loans

We have managed to provide laptops to a number of families through the Department for Education's allocation for disadvantaged families. If your child does not have an effective device to access his/her home learning, please let me know as soon as possible as the school may be able to help. Don't forget, we can also request a mobile data increase for children who do not have fixed broadband; please read last week's newsletter for further details.

A Message from Rev Roland Harvey

Would you like a free half term activity hamper delivered to you from St. Mary's Hale and Halebank?

The hamper contains:

- *Craft activities – materials with instructions – specially prepared for the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 17th February)*
- *Snacks to enjoy while doing the crafts*
- *Pancake mixes with all necessary ingredients – Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is on Tuesday 16th February. Send a picture of your pancake with any imaginative design or filling, or a picture of you eating it or tossing it – there may be a prize for the most creative pancake!*
- *Popcorn for a movie night!*



If you would like a hamper, please provide your details by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/RNszcl3mGHuRgWUZZ>

We look forward to catching up with you when you come to collect your home learning packs on Friday afternoon. In the meantime, look after yourselves and your families. Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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Headteacher