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NEWSLETTER
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In our celebration assembly this morning (and last Friday), the following children were congratulated and presented with certificates:

STARS OF THE WEEK

Last week	
Kestrels	Ashton, for continuing his learning outside the classroom and sharing it with others.
Ravens	Lewis, for showing a kind and considerate nature when helping his peers with their learning.
Robins	Freya for a responsible, conscientious attitude and adapting to Y5 with lots of hard work and appropriate humour.
Falcons	Lucy, for having a great attitude to learning in all areas. She is an excellent role model to all.

This week	
Kestrels	Miley, for being brave enough to demonstrate her amazing hula hoop skills in front of all the others.
Ravens	Nevaeh, for being a consistent and enthusiastic learner. She can be relied upon to listen carefully to instructions and to carry them out to the best of her ability.
Robins	Maddison, for always following the school rules and taking care to actively listen to instructions.
Falcons	Connor, for always doing the right thing. He is becoming more willing to offer answers and opinions, and thinks carefully.

SUPERSTAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Last week	
Kestrels	Harley, for putting real effort into his lessons all week and trying to include all the new techniques we have been covering in his writing.
Ravens	Olly for showing excellent perseverance and resilience skills when attempting to problem-solve during his maths lessons.
Robins	Aron, for enhancing the learning of the whole class about space, with infectious enthusiasm and fascinating facts.
Falcons	Jasmine, for making good progress in maths, particularly division.

This week	
Kestrels	Olivia, for putting lots of effort into her maths work and seeing success as a result.
Ravens	Charlie, for demonstrating an excellent understanding of the fossilisation process, as part of his learning in Science.
Robins	Grace, for maintaining high standards of presentation and effort independently.
Falcons	Grace, for a great piece of descriptive writing about the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Enjoy and Achieve – Aiming High



As part of Black History Month, our Year 6 pupils took part in a national online event this week, held by the Book Trust. Lots of schools around the country took part.

The author Joseph Coelho spoke about his writing and then he answered questions that children from different schools had submitted in advance. We were delighted that he chose several questions from Hallwood Park and commented on how interesting they were. Well done Year 6!

The family learning workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 about **keeping safe online** took place yesterday morning and we were delighted to welcome so many parents into school. The children and parents worked together on some activities, which have hopefully helped to build the children's awareness of keeping themselves safe on the internet.

Parents Evenings: IMPORTANT CHANGE

We have sent out a message on the app today to say that we have decided it will be safer for all of us if we hold parents' evening discussions on the telephone rather than in person, as we did last year.

As you know, we had hoped to be able to hold face-to-face appointments in school, but with the Covid infection rate being so high again, we are concerned about so many people gathering together in the hall.

Teachers will ring parents and carers for a telephone discussion at some point next week. We have a limited number of phone lines and so some discussions will need to take place nearer the end of the week, but we will try to accommodate your time preferences as much as possible.

Illness

As mentioned in a recent app message, there are a few childhood illnesses in circulation at present. In general, if your child is too unwell to attend school and concentrate in lessons, he/she should not attend school.

- If your child has any of the three main Covid symptoms, they must not attend school and you should arrange for a PCR test.
- Hand, Foot and Mouth seems to make children feel unwell just before raised spots or blisters appear. The health advice we have been given is that children can come into school as usual, unless they are feeling too unwell to attend.
- In the case of chicken pox, the health advice is to keep children at home until the spots have crusted over, which will be approximately five days from the first appearance of the spots.
- For stomach upsets, children must not return to school until a clear 24 hours have elapsed from the last occasion of being sick or having diarrhoea. If there are several cases of a vomiting bug in school, the 24 hour period will be extended to 48 hours as a control measure. Mrs Shanks will advise you of this when you speak to her about your child's absence.

Secondary School Applications

Parents and Carers of children in Year 6 need to submit their applications for secondary school by **Sunday 31st October** at the latest. (Please see previous messages on the app or look on the admissions section of our school website for the link to the council website.)

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/PrimarySecondarySchool.aspx>

Snack Money

If you wish your child to have snack (toast and/or milk) next half term, the charge will be **£7:00**. Please send it as a single payment in a named envelope, either next week or on the first day after half term

If you do not wish to pay for snack, your child may bring a piece of fruit from home instead. (NB No other items allowed.)

Half Term

We break up on **Friday 22nd October at 3pm** for our half term holiday. There is an INSET day on Monday 1st November and so the children will return on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

We hope that everyone will have a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday.