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NEWSLETTER
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In our celebration assembly this morning the following children were congratulated and presented with certificates:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Kestrels	Isla for always having a positive attitude towards school life. She is always willing to have a go, usually with a big smile.
Ravens	Billy for demonstrating that he is an empathetic member of the class who puts himself in the role of his peers and responds appropriately.
Robins	Danny for being an all-round star in all ways – effort, attitude, behaviour and manner
Falcons	Kelsey for always doing what she is asked to the best of her ability. As a result, she is making great progress!

SUPERSTAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Kestrels	Penelope for an amazing amount of effort with her phonics. Her scores have gone up and up!
Ravens	Sophie for always approaching her reading sessions with enthusiasm and positivity. She is making fantastic progress!
Robins	Ethan S for care and attention to detail in art.
Falcons	Jaeden, for much-improved effort with all aspects of his work, particularly his handwriting.

Extra Holiday Date – Wednesday 22nd December 2021. PLEASE NOTE!

The government have allocated an additional bank holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022 to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. As this falls within the school's half term holiday, we have been asked to identify one more day of holiday during the 2021-22 year. We are taking the extra day on Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Enjoy and Achieve – Aiming High

We had a wonderful “awe and wonder” moment yesterday. Some of the children in Key Stage 1 found an owl pellet on our school playground, so Mrs Shone put on her rubber gloves and showed the children how it was made up of fur and bones from a mouse! They talked about how these are the bits of the mouse that the owl cannot digest....and they also realised that we must have owls flying around our school in the dark after we have gone home.



END OF TERM EVENTS

Please note the dates and times of the following Christmas and end of term events in school. We will provide more details nearer the time: please check messages on the app next week for updates and booking forms.

Wednesday 15th December

- 9.30am Nursery & Reception Nativity play in the Infant Hall. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be limited to 4 tickets per child.
- Christmas lunch (If your child usually has a packed lunch, you may book Christmas lunch via the form on the school app. It will cost £2.50 for KS2 children who are not eligible for free school meals (FSM). There is no cost for infants or FSM children in KS2.)



Thursday 16th December

- 2pm: KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Nativity play in the Junior Hall. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be limited to 4 tickets per child.



Friday 17th December

- Wear your Christmas jumper to school. £1 per child for the charity, "Save the Children".

Monday 20th December

- Class parties during the school afternoon. Children should wear their uniform to school but may bring party clothes in a bag to change into at the end of the lunch break if they wish.

Tuesday 21st December

- School finishes at 1.15pm, then we will sing carols on the playground before going home.

Application for Reception Class in September 2022

Please encourage any neighbours, friends or relatives to consider our school for their child if they have a birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. The deadline for applications is **Saturday 15th January** and the application can be made via the council's website:

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

We would be delighted to talk with any prospective parents and carers, and to show them round the school. We offer dedicated, caring staff, small teaching groups and a fantastic school site. Visitors invariably comment on the calm, purposeful atmosphere in our school, so children are given the very best chance to succeed in their learning.

Parenting Tips

We have put a link to a set of tips and short videos for parents from the "Wellbeing & Nurture" section underneath the "Parents" tab on our school website.

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart

The Place2Be is a well-regarded charity that works with families and schools to promote children's mental health, wellbeing and behaviour. These top tips cover a range of different issues that your child may experience at home or in school, and we hope that they may be helpful.