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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	Layla, for her kind and patient ways with her friends
Ravens	Bentley, for having a positive attitude in all aspects of his learning. He always gives his best and combines it with a huge smile!
Robins	Alfie, for an excellent attitude to all learning, especially when changing his approach to completing tests.
Falcons	Grace, for always asking questions to gain a deeper understanding of what is being taught.

SUPERSTAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Kestrels	Ashton, for an amazing run of "full marks" in his spelling tests this term.
Ravens	Gracie, for being a fantastic team player. No matter who Gracie is partnered with, she is always able to work at a high level and she brings out the best in her partner.
Robins	Maddison, for enthusiastic volunteering of answers, especially when exploring types of nouns.
Falcons	Riley, for effort in all areas of the curriculum. He always does his best, which is all we want!

Enjoy and Achieve – Aiming High

Children have been completing assessments this week and we have been pleased to see them all trying their best. We will update parents and carers at the end of term.

COVID-19 Update

The new variant of the Covid-19 virus means that we need to be particularly vigilant and do everything we can to minimise transmission. At the moment, we still intend to hold nativity plays etc as planned, but **parents, carers and other visitors to the school will be required to wear a face covering whilst they are in the building**. This is in line with the latest guidance for schools.

Samba Drumming (Year 6)

Year 6 parents and carers should have received an app message this week, inviting you to a short performance of samba drumming on Monday 6th December, at 10:10am. This will give the children the opportunity to share what they have learned in their music lessons this term. It will last approximately 20 minutes and numbers are limited to two people per child. Please note that face coverings must be worn in the building.

Value of the Month

All schools are expected to teach children about the fundamental British values of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

We also teach them that values are principles that guide our thinking and behaviour, and we focus on a different value each month.

During December, we are focusing on **thankfulness**.

END OF TERM EVENTS

Please note the dates and times of the following Christmas and end of term events in school.

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 and can be purchased at the school office from Monday afternoon onwards.(£1 each)
- 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 and can be purchased at the school office from Monday afternoon onwards. (£1 each)



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 approximately 1:45pm. The children will leave class at 1:15pm, then we will sing carols on the playground before going home. Parents and carers are welcome to join us – the gates will be opened at 1:10pm.

Christmas Holiday

We break up for the Christmas holiday on **Tuesday 21st December** at approximately 1:45pm. (See above)

There is an INSET day on 5th January and so term will begin for the children on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

(Term dates can be checked on the website or via the app.)

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.