



THE HALE HERALD



THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and carers

This week we have been putting into place our plans to open fully once again to all children. Staff have continued to work hard to ensure the environment is ready as well as providing supervision for those children in school and remote learning for those children working at home. We are both looking forward to the children returning and continuing with the work to develop the environment and curriculum at Hale CE.

This term so far has been challenging for all families and we appreciate how hard families have worked to help their child access the remote learning and those who have used the in school places only when they have no other option. Thank you.

Next week we will share fully some of the practical information regarding drop off and pick up times but largely the plans will remain the same as before Christmas. As children return we will focus the first two weeks on re-establishing routines, well being and some very low key assessments that will inform our recover curriculum.

The class zoom sessions from staff next week will include some discussions around returning to school and hopefully address any concerns that the children may have.

Once again we thank you for your continued support in these challenging times and wish you all a successful final week of remote learning!

Mrs Fenton and Mr Williams



I can pray...all over my house!

Isaiah 32v18

"My people will live in peaceful places and in safe homes and in calm places of rest."

The Bible teaches us that God provides for us and keeps us safe. Why not use the safety of your house as a place to pray for some of those in the world who are struggling at the moment.

Everybody's house is different so if you don't have one of the rooms in your home just use the room that best suits the prayer!



A prayer in the bedroom

Take a moment to pray for anybody who doesn't have a safe place to sleep at night.

Thank God for all the hotels that have taken in the homeless during lockdown.

Pray for all those working to find safe homes for people to stay in.



A prayer in the kitchen

Take a moment to pray for all those keyworkers who are making sure that food is still being prepared, transported and sold during lockdown.

Pray for the foodbank and all those charities helping people to access food and supplies.

Ask God to help all those who are struggling to afford food to feed themselves and their families.



A prayer in the dining room

Take a moment to pray for those families who are isolated in their homes together.

Ask God to draw them closer to one another and Him during this time of being together at home.



A prayer in the bathroom

While you are in the bathroom... wash your hands and then take a moment to pray for all working for the NHS and emergency services.

Pray for all those who are working to find a cure for the Coronavirus that God would give them wisdom and help them bring an end to the spread of the virus.



A prayer in the living room

Take a moment to pray for all those who appear on the screens of our home.

Ask God to guide the leaders of the countries of the world as they make difficult decisions to protect everybody.

Thank God for all those who lead and work for the church and are finding new ways to connect with their congregations.

Thank God for all those in the entertainment industry who continue to produce television, theatre, music and films for us to watch at home.



A prayer in the garden

If you do not have a garden, you can pray from your doorstep or from a window.

Take a moment to pray for all those in your street and community.

Thank God for all those who have reached out to help and support their neighbours during lockdown.

Ask God to keep our communities connected even after the lockdown time is over.



Thursday 4th is officially World Book Day we will celebrate this day with some remote activities and will use this to launch what will be a full "book week" as we return to school on the 8th.

On Wednesday 10th children are invited to come into school dressed up as a book character if you already have a costume, if not any dressing up or simply non-uniform will be fine.

Please do not go to any unnecessary expense.

The week will be full of activities that will help settle the children back into school as well as helping to develop a love of books and reading.

Keep an eye on our Twitter feed to follow the activities.

WORLD BOOK DAY
4 MARCH 2021

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

Dominic and Benny

Year 1

Erin A and Callum Mc

Year 2

Harry W and Maddison P

Year 3

Lola and Mark

Year 4

Alfie and Jessica B

Year 5

James and Allana

Year 6

Emma and Louise

Well done!

As we return to school on the 8th we will continue to select "Stars of the Week" and publish them in our newsletter. We will be reviewing all our current other rewards and sanctions. We welcome feedback from parents as part of the process. Please email your comments to head.hale@halton.gov.uk



The home learning packs that were sent home in January do not need to be returned. Please keep the resources safe to help your child complete homework.

All reading books need to be returned to school on Monday 8th.



CLASS MESSAGES



What a busy first week back we've had in **Reception!** We've been working on the numbers 6, 7 and 8 in Maths and we read the story of The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf in Literacy. We saw some great examples of how the characters might be feeling and what they might be thinking. We also had our Zoom form time, which we love, and our first live Phonics lesson! We're looking forward to seeing more of your fantastic work next week Reception.

Year 1 have made a great start to the half term creating predictions about our new story book and completing their work on time. We really enjoyed seeing the children on the live zoom lessons and their answers and work were very impressive

Year 2 have been excited to start their India topic this week and have been experimenting with Indian Gond Art. Preparations are well underway to welcome back our classmates and we have been expressing our hopes and wishes for the 8th of March when we will all be together again.

After a well-earned half-term break, the children in **Year 3** have been busy learning about statistics in Maths and have been working hard to improve their grammar in English lessons. It has been lovely to meet for our Zoom form time but particularly nice to get back to interacting with the children during our Live Lesson on Zoom this morning. Now, I can't wait to get back to teaching you all in class again in just over a week.

Well done to **Year 4** for quickly settling back into home learning this week. This week, the children have had a lovely time making predictions about their new class story and have worked very hard in all lessons. The children should be very proud of themselves. Keep up the hard work Year 4!

Well done to **Year 5** for their continuing with hard work this week after half term. In maths, we have been completing work on different types of angles and how to calculate angles on a straight line and around a point. We finished reading our class book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and spent our Zoom time planning our own myths linked to this. Keep up the good work!

A fabulous return to our Spring term **Year 6**. You have produced amazing acrostic poems about the Galapagos Islands and informative fact files about the species that inhabit them, I've really enjoyed reading them. Well done for all of your hard work.

School Improvements Works

Over the half term break new carpet was fitted in most of the classrooms they now look very smart for the children's return.

New tables and chairs are also on the way which will complete the classroom upgrades for now.

The majority of the furniture and resources that we no longer need has been donated to Halton Play Council to sell on. This is a great charity that provides activities for SEND children throughout Halton.

Work to segregate pedestrians and cars at the main entrance is almost complete and we will give further details in our return to school letter about how and where to enter the school grounds.



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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR REPORTERS



This week some of our Junior Reporters in school have gathered the thoughts of some staff and children about the return to school for all children.



**Would your child like to contribute to the school newsletter?
Please send any articles/pictures or poems that they have produced specially for the newsletter to your child's teacher. We will include as many submitted pieces as possible!**

