



# THE HALE HERALD



**THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and carers

This week has been wonderful welcoming back the full school community once again! The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed catching up and returning to some sort of normality. We have been particularly impressed with how well the children have remembered many of the school rules and routines.

As staff we have enjoyed sharing the improvements that have been made to the classrooms and the curriculum all of which remain work in progress but have had a positive impact on the children's return.

We now have 3 tutors secured to work with children from Reception to Year 6. Our full tutor programme will be in place from our return after Easter and will be funded from the DFE Covid Catch up Premium. During the summer term all children will have access to the tutors at some point.

For the next few weeks we would like everyone to focus on Reading regularly and spellings for homework. Once in school routines are established we will roll out our updated homework timetable.

Mrs Fenton and Mr Williams



Lord,

We lift our hearts

Grateful for gifts of curiosity and imagination.

Fill the minds of your children with a quest to understand your world,

And bless their hearts with the security of knowing you are present

Whether the learning is joyful, hard, lonely, or full of friendship.

Wherever they go, you are there.

**Amen**

## School arrivals/departures

**Please do not arrive at school before 8.50am we do not have sufficient staffing numbers to open the doors of all classrooms earlier even if it is raining.**

**Please ensure any messages for teachers are passed via the office or on class dojo. Parents must not approach staff on the doors with messages, this prevents children from safely entering and compromises the safety of the staff on the doors in this current climate.**

**Can we remind parents to maintain social distancing when on the playground particularly outside the Year 2 and 3 classrooms.**

**COMIC RELIEF**

## FUNNY IS POWER



Funny can change things. It can connect us. It can be the difference.

So this March 19th, we need you to join us to help change the world with the power of funny.

On Friday 19th the children can enter school having made a "funny" change to their uniform e.g. odd socks, jumper back to front to make their classmates laugh.

We ask that the children do not wear a red nose to school this year but instead bring a joke in on a piece of paper with their name on the back. Jokes will be shared and all entered in a prize draw!

On the morning of the 19th staff will have buckets to collect any spare change that you may want to donate to Comic Relief.

## stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S** **SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M** **MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A** **ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R** **RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T** **TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Reception**

**Max and Blossom**

**Year 1**

**Silas and Sofia B**

**Year 2**

**Belle and Samual**

**Year 3**

**Ella and Zachary**

**Year 4**

**Jessica F and Jamie**

**Year 5**

**Albie and Eva**

**Year 6**

**Honor and Tula**

**Well done!**

### ★ Star Writers

Our Star Writers have had their work displayed on the board in the hall - please check our Twitter feed to see their work.



### Reading Books

We are continuing to develop our approach to reading now that we have the children back in school. Please ensure that great care is taken with the books we send home.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will be bringing home the newer reading books only - if accidental damage is caused or a book is lost we ask that parents send in a £4 donation that can be put towards the cost of replacing the book.



We're so proud of how well the children in **Reception** have settled back into school. It's been delightful to see the children interact with their friends and explore our new activities items and resources

We have had a wonderful week all back together in **Year 1**. We went on a dinosaur discovery and planted sunflowers to mark a new beginning. We are so happy to have our wonderful class back in school.

**Year 2** have returned to school with an excellent hard working attitude. We have loved being with each other again and have used games in Maths to wake up our brains ready for some challenging tasks to come. We have put our artistic talents to the test too creating a huge peacock for our lovely India display.

Welcome back! It has been lovely having all of our class back together. The children have worked hard this week in all our lessons. They have enjoyed catching up and playing at lunch times with each other. Well done **Year 3!**

Welcome back **Year 4!** Well done to all the children in Year 4 for having such sensible and positive attitudes towards being both back in school and learning. It has been amazing to see how quickly and sensibly the children have settled back into the classroom routines.

The children have been working super hard all week and have written some fantastic short stories. The children have also produced some brilliant artwork inspired by The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.

**Year 5** have all settled back into school extremely well, it is like we have never been away! They have been getting to grips with protractor work and measuring angles in maths and have written some lovely character descriptions in English. For world book day, they enjoyed working together to complete a maths and English escape room! It's good to see you all back and enjoying school once again!

What a fabulous return to school this week **Year 6**. We've have a wonderful, fun filled time and I've loved being with you all again. You have produced some excellent writing about Jemmy Button's story and your paintings, based on the book 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' are beautiful, well done. It's so good to have you all back in school!



## We need your help!

We are collecting board games, dominoes and Lego (in good condition) to create lunchtime games club boxes for each bubble.

If you have anything that you are able to donate please hand them in to the school office.

Thank you for your help in advance!