



THE HALE HERALD



THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and carers

The Summer term has got off to great start with the children celebrating Earth Week. Across the school there has been a high levels of engagement in the challenges set and a real sense of responsibility during class debates.

All children in KS2 now have access to Reading Plus. The children will have 2/3 sessions in school and are expected to access the resource regularly from home to support home reading.

The first phase of our school premises and resources improvements are now completed. All classrooms have new tables and chairs, maths equipment and storage, additional reading books as well as new carpets and non slip flooring. We have donated our old furniture to Halton Play Council who will sell it on to fund their play schemes for SEND children. They have written to the school to thank us for our generous donations.

Hopefully soon we will be able to welcome you into school to see the changes.

Mrs Fenton and Mr Williams



Extra Curricular Clubs

A small selection of after school clubs will start next week for children in Years 2-6. Clubs and numbers are very limited due to ongoing restrictions. Reception and Year 1 will all take part in a multi sports fun club on a Friday afternoon during school time with our sports coach Luke.

A range of lunch time clubs and activities will be available to all children from 4th May.



Over the last month we have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support that we have received to help us set up our forest school.

A big thank you to those parents, staff and members of the wider community who were able at very short notice come and plant 50 trees during the Easter holidays when we were let down by a pre booked gardener.

Children and staff have already been in our forest area this week learning about the trees that have been planted and ensuring they have enough water during this dry spell.

The Forest School will be a key element of our "Hale Curriculum" used by all children throughout the year for many years to come. It is fantastic that so many children and members of the wider school community are able to be involved in setting it up.

If you are able to offer any help or donate any resources please contact Miss Mason.



A beautiful life does not just happen, it is built daily by prayer, humility, sacrifice and hard work.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception

Sienna and Alice

Year 1

Elsie W and Oliver B

Year 2

Belle and Joshua

Year 3

Louis and Miles

Year 4

Isla J and Liam

Year 5

Heidi J and Halle

Year 6

Ava S and Kamran

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.



Warmer Weather



Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them each day that only contains water.

A sun hat is needed daily especially as we currently have little shade at break times.

Summer school shoes should be a full school shoe for health and safety reasons sandals are not suitable. Trainers are not acceptable as school footwear.

Sun cream should be applied before school.



We have had a lovely first week back in **Reception**. We've been busy investigating what has been rummaging in our bins and making wanted posters - was it a bear? or a monkey? We've enjoyed playing on the trim trail and exploring our new forest school.

Year 1 have had a great first week back. They have worked really hard to collect as many points as possible for our Earth Day competition and on Friday they took part in our first ever forest school session.

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this week and have returned to school with an excellent attitude and willingness to learn. They have explored the idea of endangered animals, especially when we learned about Mountain Gorillas which tied itself in well with Earth Week. Our work on multiplication has begun and we have used our apparatus to create arrays in different ways.

Year 3 have had a great week during Earth Week. They have explored the new Forest School, made leaflets and posters about protecting our planet as well as doing things at home and in school to help the environment. I have also been impressed with the sensible attitudes and behaviour of the children who are demonstrating they are soon ready for Year 4.

This week in **Year 4** we've dived deep into the rainforest and used our new class story to learn about ecosystems, landscape descriptions and important rainforest themed vocabulary. The children have also designed posters promoting recycling and ways in which people can help the environment.

This week **Year 5** have been talking about pollution and climate change, this has linked to the fact it has been Earth Day and also to both our new books for writing and reading lessons this half term. They produced some fabulous artwork about Greta Thunberg! In maths, they have worked hard to master long division methods.

A great return to school after the Easter holiday **Year 6**. This week, we have started our new book Manfish which chronicles the life of the ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau. We have all loved watching the fascinating undersea footage shot by him and his team on the Calypso. We have also had a great time creating quiz questions for our Quiz Master topic which we will use to make our own online Kahoot. I'm looking forward to playing them all.

Parent/Teacher Meetings



These meetings will take place via phone during the week beginning 10th May. Some day time appointments will be available as well as after school, booking details will be shared next week.