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NEWSLETTER

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End Of Year Reports

Today you will have received a copy of your child's End Of Year Written Report To Parents & Carers.

It is important to note, when you are reading the reports, the following key information:

- The **report format** for the children in Reception is different to those used for all of the other children in the school. *This is because the children in Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, whereas the children in all other year groups follow the National Curriculum.*
- The **attendance data** covers the period your child has been in our school, since the date of their last report. *This is a legal requirement and means that:*
 - *for the children in Reception, the attendance data is from the first day in September when they started at our school;*
 - *for the vast majority of our pupils, the attendance data is from 10th July 2017;*
 - *for any pupils who joined our school after the 10th July 2017, the attendance data is from the first day that they arrived at our school.*
- The **behaviour data*** includes the number of weeks, since our new Behaviour Policy was implemented, that your child has got onto 'outstanding' – which is a real achievement! It also contains the total number of 'stamps earned' during this period (out of a maximum of 339) for demonstrating a committed attitude to their learning. *It is only possible to earn a stamp on the days that your child has been in school so, unless they have 100% attendance, they are not able to earn the full 339 stamps.* The behaviour record also details the number of occasions that your child has been placed on 'reluctant' – and it was deemed appropriate for them to receive a lunchtime detention as a consequence.
- Within the report, your child's class teacher has identified **any issues that are affecting your child's learning*** and the progress that they are making in school. If there is anything that you

can do to address any of these issues, this will undoubtedly help your child have an even more successful year next year. Equally, every child has been set some targets. If you could use some time over the summer to support your child to acquire these skills before they return to school in September, then they will start the new school year with a much greater chance of reaching the expected standard.

- To inform you of **how well your child is attaining in each subject area – and how much effort they are putting into their work*** – your child's class teacher has used the following codes:

A ABOVE expected

E EXPECTED

B BELOW expected

The *new* National Curriculum is described as a keep up, rather than a catch up, curriculum – which means that the expectations are high, children need to be in school every day (and on time) to encounter all of the necessary learning experiences required to develop a 'mastery' understanding of the curriculum, and it is a challenge to catch up once you have fallen behind. *This is one of the reasons why we have invested so heavily in our staffing structure - and ensure that we have two highly skilled adults working with each cohort of children - so we can push and challenge every child appropriately and give them the best chance to achieve the expected standard.*

To be judged to be attaining above the expected standard (A), your child must have demonstrated the ability to achieve a high score on standardised assessment tests AND to be displaying this level of understanding, knowledge and skill on a consistent basis in lessons.

*** These sections are only included in the reports for children in Years 1 – 6.**

If you have any questions about anything that is within your child's report, you should arrange to speak with your child's class teacher or phase leader – or, if it is felt more appropriate, to speak with Mr Hilldrup.



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FOHL Summer Fayre: Friday 20th July



Thank you to everybody who brought in a donation to our Summer Fayre and took part in the Non-Uniform Day today.

It is not too late to bring in a bottle and receive a free ticket to the disco on Tuesday. Bottles can be brought into school at any point between now and Tuesday morning.

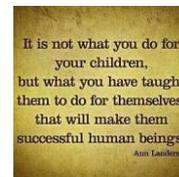
We also hope to have the raffle prizes sorted very soon so tickets can go on sale on Monday.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of any of the following items:

- Children's toys
- Children's books
- Board games and puzzles
- Glass jars filled with sweets
- Cuddly Toys and Teddy Bears
- Tombola Prizes
- Bottles of wine and beer
- Boxes and Bars of Chocolate
- Homemade Cakes and Biscuits (Please bring these in on Friday 20th July)
- Lucky Dip Prizes
- Bric-a-brac
- Dolls and Action Figures
- Dressing Up Clothes



If you are willing and able to help out on one of the stalls at our Summer Fayre (or even help us to set up), could you please let Miss Simcock know – so we will be able to run as many stalls as possible this year.



Rock Kidz

Anybody who walked past our school, between 9:10am and 10:40am, at any point this week would have heard that we have had a rock band in school.

For 90 minutes each day, all of the children at our school have been working with Simon, Jonathan, Charlotte and Ben from Rock Kidz to discuss really important issues, including bullying, appreciating and respecting people from different cultures, understanding tolerance and recognising the importance of self-respect (and self-worth).

A key component of the children's learning involved performing four specially written songs – which focused on each of these themes – and culminated in two concerts on Thursday evening. The children (and staff) also learned how to head bang, behave like a rock star and even how to do 'The Monkey' (a warm-up routine). *I also think the Lip Sink Battle that three members of the audience took part in during each of the concerts will live long in the memory of many of the children and audience members; as will the battles with staff throughout the week.*

The cost of taking part in Rock Kidz is free to schools. The band members only make any money from the sale of concert tickets and the sale of merchandise. Therefore, we are very appreciative of the families who came along to support this event; as it means it is highly likely the band will return to our school when their next collection of songs – focusing on a different set of themes – are written.

A huge 'Thank You' must also go to Mr Modaley who arranged for Rock Kidz to come into our school; and did a lot of the organisation in the run up to and during the week of Rock Kidz. The whole event has created a lot of excitement and positivity.



School Meals



We have been asked to inform parents that, from the start of the new school year (September 2018), the cost of a school meal for all children in Halton will increase to £2.50 per day.

If you feel that you meet the criteria for Free School Meals – and do not currently claim for Free School Meals for your child – please speak with Mr Hilldrup, Miss Simcock or Miss Smith (who can help you to fill in the necessary forms to establish whether you are eligible). If these forms are completed now, then everything will be set up from September onward.

School Meals will continue to be free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – but parents who are eligible for Free School Meals must still apply for these so the school can reclaim the money.



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