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Happy Christmas Everyone!

First and foremost, I would like to wish every family who has a child at our school, a very happy Christmas and the very best for 2021 from all of the staff (teachers, teaching staff, MDAs, cleaners, office staff kitchen staff and premises manager). We hope the children have enjoyed their last week in school – and spending some time taking part in Christmas activities, singing songs and enjoying a Christmas lunch in the run up to the 25th December.

The children have also been able to watch the video of the Reception children's 'Wriggly Nativity' and the KS1 children's performance of 'The Christmas Story' in school this week. *The size of the video files have prevented us from uploading these to the school website (so far), but we have been able to upload the video, in parts, on Tapestry (for the parents and carers of the children in Reception) and on Seesaw (for the parents and carers of the children in Year 1, The Fawns and Year 2).* We hope these have brought those families whose children have been involved some Christmas joy and cheer.

Our school will reopen in two weeks' time, on Monday 4th January, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Should Your Child Contract Covid-19 Over The Next Few Days, What Should You Do?

As outlined in the school newsletter last week, should your child start to display symptoms over the next few days – at any time up until 2:00pm on Sunday 20th December – and go on to test positive for Covid-19, it is essential that you let the school know; so we can Track & Trace any person who they may have come into direct close contact with over the previous 48 hours.

You can either inform us of this via Studybugs.com or by emailing head.haltonlodge@halton.gov.uk.

Should we be alerted that someone within our school has tested positive for coronavirus, we will contact those people who will need to self-isolate as a matter of urgency. The fastest way that we can do this – as we did back in September – is via the Studybugs App. So, please take some time to check this, each day, between now and Christmas Eve.

After this date, any direct close contact will not have taken place in school so any communication will be via NHS Track & Trace. However, should your child need to self-isolate at the start of the new school term, it is also important for us to be informed.



Last Numbots and TT Rockstars Battles of 2020

Over the last few weeks there have been a few Maths Battles going on:

In the first of these battles (on TT Rockstars), Year 5 beat Year 6 with the most valuable players being:

In Year 5 - Mia O'Toole (1st), Jack Moreman (2nd) and Skye Quirk (3rd);

In Year 6 - Imogen McFarlane (1st), Ethan Leach (2nd) and Kieran Dennett (3rd).

In the second TT Rockstars Battle, Year 4 beat Year 3. The most valuable players in this contest were:

In Year 4 - Lily McBride (1st), Isabella Bickerton (2nd) and Mason Gayter (3rd)

In Year 3 - Sophie Flaherty (1st), Annabella Pitt (2nd) and Rocco Day (3rd).

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been developing their knowledge of number, using Numbots. The players who have amassed the greatest number of minutes, over the last few weeks, are:

In Year 1:

Alaska Campbell and Layla-Rose Davies-Wilkinson (Joint first place), and Sophie Zhu (3rd);

In Year 2:

Tyler Davies (1st), Andrei Olteanu (2nd) and Holly McBride (3rd).

Remember: The children can continue to use TT Rockstars and Numbots over the holiday period, to improve their speed of calculation and mathematical fluency. Equally, if your child claims to be bored at home at any point over the next two weeks – and you still have the Activity Books that were sent home with the end of year reports, in July – you may wish to ask them to do some of these too.

The children in Reception have each been issued with their Numbots logins in recent weeks – so they can start competing against each other as well!