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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Friday 6th July 2018

It has been a very 'sporty' week, with lots of fantastic opportunities for our children to demonstrate their sporting abilities! In Monday morning's assembly, I spoke to the children about respecting each other and valuing each other's differences. I used the England World Cup team as an example about how each player's individual skills come together to create a strong team! Just like at Halfpenny Lane!

Sport for Champions

Beth Dobbin, who is the current British 200m Sprint champion, joined us earlier this week. Each class took part in the sponsored event undertaking many different challenges. Overall, we raised a staggering £515 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who generated sponsorship!

Transition Day

On Wednesday, the children were excited to spend the day in their new classrooms as part of the transition process for next year. Although there were some early nerves all the children enjoyed the day including Year 6 who were at their respective high schools.

Sports Day

Yesterday's Sports Day was a real success well supported by many families! The weather was just right, which meant we could really enjoy the day. This year's new format provided the chance for children to be involved in every activity. Thanks for all your feedback — we value your opinion and the feedback will help shape the event for next year. Well done to Miss Wilkinson for arranging such a great day! Please can I remind all parents that photographs of other children are not permitted to be shared on social media without parental consent.

Book Swap Picnic

On Monday 9th July after school, we shall be holding our latest book swap event. Weather permitting this will take place on our school field. Everyone is welcome to attend to read, swap or share books. It will be great to see you all enjoying some quality reading time in the sun! Don't forget your picnic!

World Cup Day

On Tuesday 10th July, as part of our Modern Foreign Languages curriculum, we shall be holding a World Cup day! As per the letter sent home yesterday, each class will be learning about the language

Key Dates

Mon 9th July – Book swap picnic

Mon 9th July - Yr 5 Taster Day - The King's School

Tues 10th July – Yr 5 Taster Day – Carleton High

Wed 11th July - 10B Class Assembly

Wed 18th July - Yr 6 & EYFS Buddy Class Assembly

Wed 18th July – Yr 6 Greatest Showkids 6pm

Thur 19th July – Yr 6 Greatest Showkids 2pm & 6pm

Thur 19th July – Yr1 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Fri 20th July – Yr 6 Leavers Party

Wed 25th July - Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

Wed 25th July – Break up for Summer

Mon 3rd Sept - Inset Day

Tues 4th Sept – Inset Day

Wed 5th Sept - Return to School

and culture of different countries taking part in this year's World Cup. To support this there will be a French themed lunch available to all pupils. Our catering provider, Chartwells will also be working alongside some classes to make French crepes!

Garden Update

With some of the proceeds made from the garden stall at this year's Summer Fair, we have purchased an additional rainwater tank (thank you Mrs Langbridge for arranging this). We are now doing a rain dance! We also plan to buy materials for a small wildlife pond that the children will help to install.

Uniform

Further to the recent letter issued regarding changes to the uniform we would like to clarify the contact number for Better & Bright is 07486 140776.

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. **Our aim is to have a whole class attendance of above 96%.** If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ensure you inform the office. Minor ailments can be managed in school with the support of the school nurse.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance%	Class	Attendance%
RBM	89.67	4D	94.00
RW	98.00	4M	97.67
1C	90.27	5A	95.52
10B	89.33	5W	95.17
2B	98.00	6L	94.64
2G	98.00	6OT	92.14
3\$	90.67	Whole School total	94.49
3W	99.67	Cumulative total	95.21

Well done to all of those children who were here every day!



Celebration



Each and every lesson our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. However, some catch the eye of their teachers and have been chosen for the pupil of the week award! Well done to the children chosen in the grid below!

Class	Child of the week!	
RBM	Erin Barratt	
RW	George Dawson	
1C	Evan Hill	
10B	Finnly Searby	
2B	Holly Garth	
2G	Erin Hancox	
3S	Grace Lashford	
3W	Jessica Giles	
4D	Luke Marshall	
4M	Lillie Jones	
5A	Jensen Connolly	
5W	Daniel Orrell	
6L	Ben Lloyd	
6OT	Luca Causer	

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson - Head of School