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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 8th June 2018

It has been a great first week back after our half term break. We have all been working hard and enjoying the summer sun!

Halfpenny Lane Vs Larks Hill

Earlier this week, our KS2 boys played against Larks Hill school. It was a brilliant game with a convincing 8-0 victory! The boys continue to develop their skills every game and play with an incredible team spirit. Thank you to Mrs Schofield for providing us with a football kit!

GB Athlete visit – Sports for Champions

Yesterday the children were informed that Beth Dobbin will be visiting the school on the 3rd July and carrying out a fitness challenge with our pupils. The children are extremely excited and this is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for a great cause. For further details, please refer to the back of your child's sponsor form sent home yesterday.

Reception Class at The Deep

Today our Reception children have visited The Deep museum in Hull. This supports their creative topic learning about aquatic animals. After speaking with Mrs Mitchell it is clear that they have had a brilliant time and I'm sure the children will want to tell you all about it! Thanks to all who organised this wonderful event.

Mr Ward

Mr Ward has been working within our UKS2 team throughout the year whilst training to be a teacher. We are proud to say that he has successfully completed his course and will be finishing his time with us today. We wish him all the very best as he takes up his new role as class teacher at Orchard Head school.

Halfpenny Video Shoot

On Monday, as part of the development of our school website, a design company will be taking photos and video footage of different learning opportunities throughout school. This is so we can show parents and wider audiences the fun and exciting activities undertaken throughout the school day. To support us with this video please could you ensure children come to school on Monday dressed smartly in full school uniform, although children will not need to wear jumpers or cardigans. Only children with the necessary permissions will be involved in this. If you wish to make changes to the permissions held in School please speak to the office.

Prince of Wales Colouring Competition

As part of our continuous support to The Prince of Wales Hospice, we are giving our children the opportunity to enter a colouring competition for a donation of 50p. The winners will be selected and announced by the Prince of Wales team at our Summer Fair. If you would like to take part, the posters can be collected from our main reception office.

Pontefract in Bloom

Our local gardening charity 'Pontefract in Bloom' have kindly donated hundreds of plants for our garden. From seed to flower, the gardening experts have been growing the plants to donate to different schools around Pontefract. This will definitely help make our school garden look beautiful!

Key Dates

Mon 11th June – Year 1 Phonics screening
Wed 13th June – 3W Class Assembly
Fri 15th June – Non-Uniform day, bring-a-bottle
Thur 21st June – Summer Fair (after school)
Wed 27th June – 1OB Class Assembly
Thur 5th July – Sports Day
Wed 18th July – Year 6 & EYFS Buddy Class Assembly
Fri 20th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Party
Wed 25th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wed 25th Jul – Break up for Summer

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that we currently have no crossing patrol outside School. Please be vigilant and take extra care until a new appointment is made.

Newspaper photo

Before half-term we had a whole school photo which was due to feature in the Pontefract and Castleford Express. I have now been informed that our picture will be in the 15th June edition.

Summer Fair

I hope you can join us at the Summer Fair on Thursday 21st June. The Fair will commence at 3:20pm and there will be many different stalls, bouncy castles and food for sale. A separate letter has been issued today asking for donations of chocolate and bottles for our most popular stalls!

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 | 93.89 | 4D | 97.78 |
| RW | 88.89 | 4M | 96.11 |
| 1C | 94.44 | 5A | 89.08 |
| 1OB | 98.89 | 5W | 95.40 |
| 2B | 95.00 | 6L | 99.40 |
| 2G | 93.89 | 6OT | 90.80 |
| 3S | 88.89 | Whole School total | 94.26 |
| 3W | 97.22 | Cumulative total | 95.26 |

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 | Tevan Stapleton-Birdsall |
| RW | Maria Wallis |
| 1C | Mia Atkinson |
| 1OB | Mason Smith |
| 2B | Jayden Firth |
| 2G | Amelia Jeffery |
| 3S | Blake Dyson |
| 3W | Troy Chappell |
| 4D | Tom Millett |
| 4M | Chloe Watkiss |
| 5A | Tristan Beverley |
| 5W | Harvey Jackson |
| 6L | Lewis Baker |
| 6OT | Luca Causer |