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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

It's been another busy week at Halfpenny Lane! All the children have been working hard and enjoying their lessons. Thankfully, the snow didn't stop us celebrating World Book Day this week, it was fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books.

World Book Day

Yesterday we were joined by a local author, Mr David Webb, who really wowed the children in our whole school assembly. The children enjoyed learning about different authors and books and sharing their love of reading. At the end of the day, we held our first 'Book Swap Café', which was a real success, with many children coming to swap books. I hope you enjoy reading them!

Class Assemblies

This week the children in 2G and 5A enjoyed showing their grownups what they have been learning so far this term. I hope you can join us next week for the 3S class assembly.

Parents Evening

Everyone from Reception to Year 5 should have received the letter regarding the Parents Evenings on 20th and 21st March. Please complete and return your slip as soon as possible so that we can try to accommodate your preferred date and time.

Inset Day

Just a quick reminder that school is closed to children on Thursday 29th March, we reopen after the Easter break on Monday 16th April.

Breakfast Club

I would like to remind you that bookings and payments for Breakfast Club need to be received no later than 4pm on Wednesday for attendance the following week. This allows us to organise the correct number of staff to supervise your children, and to order breakfast from the kitchen. In recent weeks, a number of parents have booked and paid after the cut off, resulting in these children not being on the attendance register or included in the numbers used to arrange staffing. In some cases, payment has been made but dates of attendance have not been specified. When booking on ParentPay, please ensure you detail the days/dates of attendance in the 'notes' section. If this continues to happen, I may need to limit the number of Breakfast Club places to ensure staffing ratios are adhered to. I would like Breakfast Club to be available for as many pupils as possible, but safeguarding of the children is paramount and I therefore request that you follow the correct procedure.

Easter Colouring Competition

Chartwells, our catering provider, are organising a Special Easter Dinner and colouring competition for Wednesday 28th March. Packed Lunch children are welcome to take a dinner and enter the competition, details to follow.

Key Dates

Wed 14th Mar – 3S Class Assembly
Tue 20th Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 21st Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 28th Mar – Break up for Easter
Thur 29th Mar – Inset Day
Mon 16th April – Return to school
Thur 3rd May – Nursery Closed
Mon 7th May – KS1 SATs week
Mon 14th May – KS2 SATs
Mon 21st May – KS1 SATs week
Mon 21st May – Class group photos
Fri 25th May – Wear Blue non-uniform
Fri 25th May – Last day at school
Mon 4th June – Inset Day
Tue 5th June – Return to school

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	87.33	4D	96.99
RW	96.14	4M	89.24
1C	91.30	5A	97.03
1OB	97.75	5W	92.48
2B	97.53	6L	95.29
2G	98.57	6OT	97.39
3S	95.74	Whole School total	94.53
3W	91.55	Cumulative total	94.96

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	Millie Medlock
RW	Izzy Dunn
1C	Lily Blackburn
1OB	James Bird
2B	Blake Pouton
2G	Brooklyn Goodhall
3S	Grace Lashford
3W	Harrison Hill
4D	Lilly Hudson
4M	Lewis Cartledge
5A	Ellie-Mai Doyle
5W	Brandon Rudge
6L	Alesha O'Leary
6OT	Matthew Allen

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School