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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 11th May 2018

I hope you all enjoyed the quality family time in the sun over the Bank Holiday weekend. Despite it being a short week at school, there has still been lots going on! The children have been working extremely hard in lessons and enjoying the learning!

National tests

This week has seen the start of the national tests. In Key Stage 1, the children have been working in smaller groups to complete their assessments. We are delighted with how hard they have worked!

Next week the Year 6 children will take their tests. Their timetable will be as below finishing with a celebratory BBQ on Friday:

Monday	Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation
Tuesday	Reading
Wednesday	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

We are so proud of the work the Year 6 children have done throughout the year in the preparations of these tests. Regardless of the results, each child has shown resilience, dedication and a positive attitude every day.

Pontefract and Castleford Express

As you are aware, last week a photographer visited us from the Pontefract and Castleford express. We are expecting to feature in next week's edition.

Halfpenny Lane Vs St Giles C of E School

Yesterday saw the start of our Pontefract School district football league fixtures. For the last couple of weeks, Mr Ward, Mr Ayre and Mr O'Toole have been training the children and preparing them for the matches. I am pleased to say the final score was 2-0 to Halfpenny Lane. Well done to all those who played! It was impressive to watch them play as a team, pass the ball around the pitch and defend resolutely to keep a clean sheet.

Royal Wedding Tea Party

On Thursday 17th May the children will take part in an afternoon tea party to celebrate the upcoming Royal wedding. After lunch, the children can change into party clothes and enjoy games and a selection of finger food. If you haven't done so already, please speak to your class teacher if you are able to contribute food. This event has been organised by the School Council.

Key Dates

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
 Mon 11th June – Year 1 Phonics screening
 Wed 13th June – 3W Class Assembly
 Thur 21st June – Summer Fair (after school)
 Wed 27th June – 10B Class Assembly
 Thurs 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

Weather

This week the fantastic weather has continued, which has meant we could play on our school field. Please ensure children have hats/sunglasses in their bags for sunny days and come to school with sunscreen already applied. If a child needs to apply further sun cream during the day, please ensure the lotion is in their bag clearly labelled. It is not school policy to provide and/or apply sun protection.

Scholastic Book Fair

The half price Scholastic book fair will be held on Monday 21st May to Thursday 24th May at 3.20 pm. Everyone is welcome, please enter through reception.

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	96.55	4D	96.58
RW	94.17	4M	97.50
1C	92.58	5A	96.57
1OB	93.72	5W	98.70
2B	100.00	6L	98.27
2G	100.00	6OT	98.28
3S	91.59	Whole School total	96.59
3W	97.50	Cumulative total	95.34

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	Warren Smith
RW	Thomas Bates
1C	Aria Pryce
1OB	Wilbur Southern
2B	Tyler Baker
2G	Branden Kelsey
3S	Alicja Mieszkowicz
3W	Noah Colley
4D	Oliver Hudson
4M	Leith Al-Mendhry
5A	Max Barnaby
5W	Avi Kaur
6L	The whole class!
6OT	The whole class!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School