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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

Our first full week of Spring term 2018 has flown by. The children are working hard and back into their learning routines. I hope they have been able to share what's happening in their classes. From Superheroes in EYFS, Healthy eating in Year 3 and World War 2 in Year 6, there is so much happening in each year group!

Healthy Choices

As part of our Curriculum learning, Year 3 have enjoyed working with Chartwells, our catering provider on creating healthy fruit shakes and cooking a healthy balanced meal. All the children really enjoyed the topic launch day and learnt so much about the nutritional value of the typical food we eat. Thanks to both the Year 3 team for planning the day and to Chartwells for making our day extra special.

Pantomime

To stop the Monday blues, all the children were treated to an incredible performance of Dick Whittington, which they really enjoyed.

Parking around Halfpenny Lane

I have had several complaints recently from local residents about cars being parked in inappropriate and dangerous places, and also their driveways being blocked. I appreciate that some of you need to travel by car to collect your children, but please can I ask that you consider where you are parking. Please do not double-park, park on the zigzag lines outside of school or block residents' driveways. Earlier this week I observed our Crossing Patrol having to manage the crossing point between two cars because of the double-parking. Please help us ensure our children's safety and support of the local residents by parking in safer and more appropriate places.

Bird Watch 2018

For the last 40 years, the RSPB have conducted a Bird Watch count. If you would like to participate in this annual research, taking place on 27th - 29th January, simply observe and record the different birds that come into your garden. Then report your findings to the RSPB using a survey form available from the school office or online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch.

School Uniform

Another gentle reminder that children need to attend school in appropriate school uniform. We have noticed many children wearing trainers in school recently. We understand that feet grow and shoes wear out but we ask that you try to replace the items as soon as possible and send in a note to the class teacher to inform them.

Inset Day

Advance notice for those of you who may need to arrange childcare that school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 29th March 2018, due to a staff Inset day.



Key Dates

Thur 18th Jan – Winnie the Pooh day
Fri 9th Feb – Break up for half term
Mon 19th Feb – Return to school
Thur 29th Mar – Inset Day

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	91.00	4D	92.39
RW	96.90	4M	94.67
1C	91.38	5A	92.50
1OB	94.14	5W	95.86
2B	94.67	6L	94.46
2G	95.49	6OT	85.66
3S	98.57	Whole School total	93.74
3W	94.67	Cumulative total	94.67

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	George Normanton
RW	Scarlett Thickbroom
1C	Lincoln Carter
1OB	Jake Harrington
2B	Cody Sanderson
2G	Harry Tudor
3S	Jack McKinnie
3W	Summer Waldron
4D	Luke Marshall
4M	Lexi McGuinness
5A	Liam Winn
5W	Alfie Hunter
6L	Jack Schofield
6OT	Lacey Webster

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School