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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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As this summer term flies by, there are so many things to celebrate and be thankful for! Every week our children enjoy different creative curriculum activities like Tuesday's World Cup Day. Though England were defeated by Croatia in the semi-finals, the England squad demonstrated true resilience and teamwork, which we aspire to achieve in our daily approach to learning.

Uniform

I am aware that there has been a circulation of both positive and negative responses to our new uniform on social media. As Head of School, I am incredibly proud to be part of Pontefract Academies Trust. To show the unity of schools each school within our Trust has a new badge or 'emblem', with Halfpenny's personally chosen by me. With the historic importance of Pontefract and having the heritage of the Castle ruins in our town, I feel the badge not only has a link to our joint history but keeps the sense of individuality with the crown from a halfpenny on our emblem. The new uniform list is attached for your reference. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the new uniform policy further, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Book Swap Picnic

Our book swap picnic on Monday was a great success and it was good to see so many children reading and families enjoying a picnic together in the sunshine. Thank you to Mrs Daley for organising this! I look forward to our next book swap in autumn.

World Cup Day

Everyone enjoyed Tuesday's World Cup Day. There were many activities taking place in learning about different countries and their cultures. The children also enjoyed a French themed lunch, bouncy castles and the penalty shoot-out. Thank you to Mrs Burton and Miss Williams for such a great day!

Garden Update

This week Miss Williams' Reception class paired up with their Year 6 buddies to enjoy some outdoor learning in the garden. With more work planned over the summer holidays, we look forward to seeing our garden develop further – watch this space!

Important Letter

An important letter has been sent by ParentPay today, if you are not registered on ParentPay a paper copy has been sent home. If you do not receive the email, please contact the school office who will be able to issue a paper copy. Could I take this opportunity to ask you to register on ParentPay if you have not yet done so, in order for us to be able to issue these communications with you online.



Key Dates

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

Annual Reports

Next Friday you will receive your child's annual report. This will include information around their attainment and effort of different subjects, next steps to learning and attendance information. Within the pack, you will also receive a report response letter, which gives parents the opportunity to provide feedback. Please return completed forms to your child's class teacher or to the School office. Thank you for your support with this.

End of year

Our last day is Wednesday 25th July and we return to school on Wednesday 5th September.

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	93.00	4D	90.00
RW	96.67	4M	98.33
1C	94.97	5A	95.52
1OB	91.00	5W	96.90
2B	92.00	6L	90.71
2G	98.67	6OT	93.21
3S	93.00	Whole School total	94.01
3W	92.00	Cumulative total	95.17

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	Matilda Beswick
RW	Darienne Midgley
1C	Lily Blackburn
1OB	Tyler Malan
2B	Oscar Dilcock
2G	Lauren Howard
3S	Jessica Cottell
3W	Luke Brooks
4D	Ruby Ivory-Downham
4M	Caitlin Wass
5A	Thomas Hopkinson
5W	Dominic Bingham
6L	Amelie Roper
6OT	Emily Rowe

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School