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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017

Parents Evening

It was great to meet so many of you at our first two Parents Evenings this week. Lots of you completed the parent questionnaire - as soon as we have compiled the information, we will share the results. Thank you to James and the catering team for providing some delicious food samples. The smoothie bike went down well with both staff and pupils!

Inset Day

Just a reminder that **Friday 20th October** is an inset day and school will not be open to the children.

Buddy Assembly

On Wednesday we held our second Buddy Assembly with 6OT and RBM. Again, our Year 6 children stepped up to be fantastic buddies supporting the children from RBM. Thank you to the parents who came and shared this special assembly with us! I would like to thank Mr O'Toole, Mrs Mitchel, Mrs Burton and all the staff who helped prepare for it.

Nursery Stay and Play

The nursery stay and play sessions were well attended yesterday. Mrs Taylor and the Nursery Team welcomed the opportunity to share the experience of learning through play with you.

Halfpenny Lane Garden

4M spent time in our school gardens this week. Mrs Collinson and Mrs Houghton had the class collecting leaves, digging a border and planting bulbs. I look forward to seeing their hard work come to fruition in the spring.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 1st November, all children in school and nursery will have individual photographs taken. For children with siblings in school a family group photograph will also be taken. If you would like a family photograph to include children who are not in school or nursery, then please complete the reply slip on the separate letter entitled Family Photographs. Reply slips must be returned to school by Tuesday 31st October please.

Bonfire Dinner

On the 2nd November, we are hosting a themed Bonfire dinner. If your child usually has a packed lunch this is another opportunity for them to try our school dinners. Please return the consent slip on the letter sent home yesterday by Thursday 19th October. If your child is on packed lunch and did not receive a letter, please contact the office.



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	86.33%
RW	88.67%	4M	97.24%
1C	93.79%	5A	92.86%
1OB	97.24%	5W	98.97%
2B	99.64%	6L	93.10%
2G	95.19%	6OT	90.00%
3S	92.07%	Whole School total	93.14%
3W	92.33%	Cumulative total	94.89%

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	William Hardie
RW	Fleur Wood
1C	Phoenix Wright
1OB	Finnly Searby
2B	Olivia Green
2G	Cody Richardson
3S	Oliver Woodcock
3W	Jessica Giles
4D	Holly Wigglesworth
4M	Noah Hill
5A	Kayden Thewlis
5W	Esther Hodgett
6L	Adam Marshall
6OT	Kevin Buckley

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School