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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 16th March 2018

With the sad loss of Stephen Hawking, I have found it fitting that the children have been taking part in activities for National Science Week. They have been learning about different scientists and exploring various science related topics. It's been lovely to see the children get so involved! One quote I've read from Stephen Hawking is something I hope remains with all of our children... "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

Breakfast Club

Several changes have been made recently to Breakfast Club operations in order to streamline the booking process and improve safeguarding. To save you time at drop-off your child will now be signed in by a member of staff. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Year 3 Educational visit

As you may have seen on our Twitter page, Year 3 had a great time at Gravity. This was part of their Healthy Bodies curriculum project. They spent the morning having a fitness workout followed by a healthy diet activity. Thanks to Miss Smith and Miss Ward for their time in planning and organising this event – I know the children really enjoyed it!

Parents Evening

Our Spring Term Parent Consultation meetings are taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please speak to the School Office.

Bug Hotel

Due to the popularity of our 'Bug Hotel' competition, more plant pots will be available to buy during school time on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd March. The cost is 50p, which should be given to the class teacher, and includes a plant pot, a guide on how to create a bug hotel and the template to be handed in for the competition.

Staffing update

Just to inform you that Mrs Williams, Teaching Assistant in Year 2, will be leaving us at the end of next week. We thank her for her support and dedication since she joined our team and wish her all the best.

Local resident support

A funeral will be taking place from a resident's house along Halfpenny Lane on Wednesday 21st March. The funeral procession will be leaving their house around home time. Please can I ask that on this day in particular, we are courteous and park sensibly and appropriately so that congestion is not an issue. Thank you for your support with this.

Key Dates

Tue 20th Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 21st Mar – 5W Class Assembly
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Wed 28th Mar – 4M Class Assembly
Wed 28th Mar – SEN Drop-In session
Wed 28th Mar – Easter Dinner/Activities
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

SEN Drop-Ins

Our next drop-in session with Mrs Holmes is on Wednesday 28th March between 8.30 and 11.00, please contact the school Office for an appointment.

Easter activities

On Wednesday 28th March we are running some Easter activities that all the children can get involved in. We are holding an Easter Bonnet competition for Early Years and Key Stage 1 where children can design and make an Easter Bonnet, they will be able to wear their creations in a parade through school. In addition, we are holding an egg decorating competition for Key Stage 2 pupils, where they can be as creative as they like and decorate an egg. Please can all entries be brought into School on the morning of Wednesday 28th March. The student council will decide the winners for each year group with the help of Miss Williams. There are prizes to be won!

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	91.97	4D	93.88
RW	95.33	4M	94.67
1C	97.22	5A	98.21
1OB	97.93	5W	97.93
2B	98.33	6L	95.17
2G	92.33	6OT	92.41
3S	94.00	Whole School total	95.60
3W	99.26	Cumulative total	94.98

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	Cameron Andreassen
RW	Harry Moxon
1C	Freya Cartledge
1OB	Eli Strangward
2B	Logan Watkiss
2G	Joe Casey
3S	Tyler-Ronn Colley
3W	Jenson Jewitt
4D	Patrick Eccles
4M	Isla Westerman
5A	Oliver Brook
5W	Daniel Orrell
6L	Annie Eccles
6OT	Darja Svare

Thank you for your continued support!

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