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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018

Despite the Summer term being a busy one, it has been a lovely first week back and I hope you have all enjoyed your Easter break! This week the children have been telling me all about what they have been up to over the holidays! Thank you to Mr Kirkland who has worked hard over the holiday looking after our school and making it the fantastic place it is.

Year 3 Project Launch

To launch their new topic, yesterday Year 3 were joined by a real life Viking, who led some interactive workshops. It was great to see the adults and children dressed as Vikings, I thought we were being invaded! Thank you to the Year 3 staff for organising such an incredible learning opportunity - I know the children won't forget it!

Weather

This week has finally seen the return of some weather we can enjoy. As it is very warm please can you ensure your children dress appropriately and have a water bottle in school so they can remain hydrated. Children also need a sun hat and a high factor sun cream applied before school. Hopefully the sunnier and warmer weather will stay with us for a while.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies resume on Wednesday 25th April at 9:00am when the children in 2B will be sharing with their grown-ups what they are learning and what they love about our school.

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 27th April children can come into school wearing non-uniform in return for a donation of £1.00 in aid of The Bradley Lowery Foundation. As you may have seen in the local press, Ivy-Louise is a young girl who is suffering from the life threatening disease neuroblastoma. This is a rare condition and treatment is only available in the USA. Like many other schools and community groups, we feel that our small donation can help support a child in need. If you would like to know more please visit: <https://bradleyloweryfoundation.com/ivy-louises-fight-against-neuroblastoma/>

National Tests

Over the next few weeks, our Year 2 and Year 6 children will be making their final preparations for the national tests. Just to remind you that Year 2 will be sitting their SATs during the weeks commencing 7th and 21st of May, and Year 6 will sit their SATs throughout the week of 14th May. Regardless of test results, we are so proud of all our children and the attitude to learning they display each day.

Key Dates

Wed 25th April – 2B Class Assembly
Fri 27th April – Non-uniform day
Thur 3rd May – Nursery Closed
Mon 7th May – Bank Holiday – School closed
Mon 7th May – KS1 SATs week
Wed 9th May – 1R Class Assembly
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

Inset Day

Our next Inset day (school closure for children) will be on Monday 4th June.

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	92.67	4D	98.28
RW	91.25	4M	99.17
1C	99.14	5A	99.57
1OB	95.00	5W	92.67
2B	95.42	6L	95.69
2G	95.00	6OT	95.69
3S	98.21	Whole School total	96.08
3W	97.50	Cumulative total	95.23

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	Preston Roberts
RW	Lillie Clark-Hughes
1C	Isla Kirby
1OB	Lily Town
2B	Ruby Smith
2G	Lucas Ellis
3S	Matiss Stanga
3W	Luke Brooks
4D	Sonny Garahan
4M	Chloe Kirby
5A	Elliott Longdon
5W	Dillon Halstead
6L	Thomas MacDonald
6OT	Joe Rylatt

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School