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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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Our focus this week, taken from Monday's assembly, was all about 'Being our Best!'. With simple strategies such as positive thinking, healthy eating and plenty of rest, we discussed how we could help ourselves to be our best. I have enjoyed speaking with the children throughout the week about how they have helped themselves.

Football at HPL

On Tuesday, we played Ackworth Howard in what was poised to be our toughest game of the season. With the score goalless going into the second half, it was a very tight game. However, Halfpenny prevailed as winners scoring three goals without reply. It was a very good game and it was fantastic to see our Year 4 boys competing well against the opposition who were two years their senior. Well done team!

Year 4 – The Big Drum

On Tuesday, our Year 4 children joined other Wakefield schools to perform at 'The Big Drum'. Led by Wakefield Music Services the children had a fun day, which involved drumming workshops and a final performance at Wakefield Cathedral. The children had a great day and have been 'banging' on about it ever since! (Terrible I know!)

Summer Fair

Yesterday's Summer Fair turned out to be a fantastic event. It was great to speak to so many parents and I hope you all enjoyed the different games and stalls. We raised an amazing £1,657.70 for school funds as well as supporting local charities who have close links to Halfpenny. Thank you to all the staff involved in the preparations for this event and to all the parents who attended and supported our school.

New Uniforms

As you are aware from yesterday's communication, we shall be shortly providing you with more information regarding our new school logo and uniforms. I thank you for your support and I look forward to sharing more information soon.

Staff Update

At the end of this academic year, we shall be saying a fond farewell to four members of our teaching staff. We wish Miss Oldroyd, Mrs Biscombe, Mrs Barrick and Miss Rose all the very best as they move on from Halfpenny Lane and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our school! In next week's newsletter I shall be informing you which class teacher your children will have in September.

Parking around Halfpenny Lane

Please can I remind you to park appropriately around Halfpenny Lane during drop off and pick up periods (this is including Breakfast club drop off.) The service road and School staff car park should not be used during these times and we encourage all parents to use the parent car park or in places that are not blocking other traffic. Thank you for your support with this.

Key Dates

Thur 5th July – Sports Day

Wed 11th July – 10B Class Assembly

Wed 18th July – Year 6 & EYFS Buddy Class Assembly

Fri 20th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Party

Wed 25th Jul – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Wed 25th Jul – Break up for Summer

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing 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	93.62	4D	95.00
RW	88.33	4M	94.67
1C	91.67	5A	98.28
1OB	99.33	5W	96.21
2B	96.67	6L	97.50
2G	96.33	6OT	86.55
3S	90.33	Whole School total	94.16
3W	94.00	Cumulative total	95.24

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	Holly Banks
RW	Eva Routledge
1C	Harry Gingell
1OB	Jake Richardson
2B	Myles Burnley
2G	Nika Ipatova
3S	Jayden Bankole
3W	Thomas Collinson
4D	Lewis Hogg
4M	Tia Gill
5A	Dillon Dalton
5W	Caitlin Howard
6L	Daniel Askham
6OT	Lacey Webster

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School