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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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This week the children have been reflecting on courage, being brave, facing your fears and keeping going even when it is tough. I have really enjoyed discussing with the children how they have worked hard and been courageous!

Lost Property

There has been a significant increase in the number of lost property items. Please check if your child has anything missing and speak to the School Office. As you are aware, at the end of each half term we send our lost property to charity shops so please have a look. Can I remind you to put nametags into your child's clothing so that any items found can be returned to you.

Year 5 Bun Sale

Well done to all the children who participated in the Year 5 Bun Sale last week and raised £45.40 for the Pontefract Food Bank.

ParentPay System

This week, registration letters were sent home to parents who have not yet accessed ParentPay. Nearly 400 of you are now registered so if you have not yet done so, please do log on and create your account. This enables us to send urgent messages such as adverse weather, closures, club cancellations and trip updates to you quickly and effectively. Once registered, please remember to update your account with any change to either your mobile number or email address.

World Book Day

Following on from last week, this is a day where we can really encourage children to read and expand their descriptive vocabularies. Each year group will be planning different but exciting activities based around a specific book and author.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

The phonics check for Year 1 children is a national assessment to check each pupil's ability and understanding of phonics. On Wednesday 7th February at 5:00pm, we will be holding a meeting in the school hall for all Year 1 parents. We will be explaining how we prepare the children and how you can support them at home.

KS2 SATs Meeting

Year 6 children will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments in May. To give you more information about the national tests, we would like to invite all Year 6 parents to a meeting on Thursday 8th February at 5:30pm in the school hall. Please make every effort to attend.

Key Dates

Wed 7th Feb 5:00 – Year 1 meeting
Thur 8th Feb 5:30 – Year 6 meeting
Fri 9th Feb – Break up for half term
Mon 19th Feb – Return to school
Thur 1st Mar – World Book Day
Tue 20th Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 21st Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 28th Mar – Break up for Easter
Thur 29th Mar – Inset Day
Mon 16th April – Return to school
Mon 7th May - KS1 SATs throughout week
Mon 14th May – KS2 SATs
Mon 21st May – KS1 SATs throughout week
Mon 21st May – Class group photos
Fri 25th May – Wear Blue non-uniform day
Fri 25th May – Last day at school
Mon 4th June – Inset Day
Tuesday 5th June – Return to school

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	96.95	4D	94.64
RW	96.18	4M	87.67
1C	93.36	5A	98.93
1OB	97.93	5W	94.48
2B	98.00	6L	96.07
2G	94.97	6OT	93.79
3S	91.07	Whole School total	94.82
3W	93.65	Cumulative total	94.99

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	Lacy Franks
RW	Vinul Liyanage
1C	Jack Bailey
1OB	Krissy Buckley
2B	Ruby Durose
2G	Kain Thompson
3S	Grace Perkins
3W	Junaid Hutchinson
4D	Isabella Crowther
4M	Lillie Jones
5A	Alice Daley
5W	Riley Logan
6L	Owen Broom
6OT	Phillip Pratt

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School