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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Today sees the end of another term full of exciting moments, which we can look back on with a smile. There have been many challenges and lots of fun learning but each day the children have developed their growth mind set whilst being resilient, brave and positive in all that they do. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th April – don't eat too much chocolate!

Easter Celebrations

Lots of you came to school today wearing your Easter Bonnets with pride or with a fantastically decorated egg. I am very impressed with the creative and imaginative designs I have seen. It must have been a tough decision for our judge, Miss Williams. Congratulations to all the competition winners!

Easter Assembly

Father Bob from St Giles Church hosted today's assembly to share the real meaning of Easter and why we have the Easter Celebrations. St Giles church Easter Service will be held this Sunday at 10:15am for all those who wish to attend.



Easter Dinner

Chartwells presented the winners of the colouring competition with Easter eggs during today's themed dinner. Well done to you all.

Parents Evening Questionnaire

The Parents Evening questionnaires have been collated and the results are now available on the Parent View page of our website. Thanks to everyone who gave us this feedback, which is invaluable in helping us further improve our school.

Year 5 Educational Visit

Today Year 5 have been on a visit to Pontefract Castle. The children have enjoyed participating in a workshop around the life and timeline of the Castle. Thank you to Mrs Pattison for organising such a fantastic local learning opportunity. I have spoken to some children from 5A who visited this morning and had a great time.

Film night

Thanks to Miss Williams who organised Easter Movie Night. I especially enjoyed watching Rise of the Guardians in the hall. I know that this was a popular event, which soon became fully booked. With this in mind, I will look to arrange another event in the near future.

Key Dates

Thur 29th Mar – Inset Day
Mon 16th April – Return to school
Wed 25th April – 2B Class Assembly
Thur 3rd May – Nursery Closed
Mon 7th May – Bank Holiday – School 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

New Menu

The new summer menu from Chartwells has been sent home today for everyone that takes a school dinner. If you would like to see online, it can be found on the school website – www.halfpennylane.net under the Information tab. Chartwells are also changing the way they manage menus for children with allergies. Those children with individual menus will receive a letter today from Chartwells outlining the changes and menus will follow as soon as we 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	96.98	4D	95.80
RW	92.50	4M	94.58
1C	96.98	5A	99.55
1OB	99.57	5W	96.98
2B	92.08	6L	96.98
2G	96.25	6OT	96.98
3S	98.66	Whole School total	96.61
3W	99.17	Cumulative total	95.20

Well done to all of those children who were here every day!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School