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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 12th October 2018

Our assembly this week was all about autumn and the changes that take place this time of year. We discussed how we could change ourselves for the better and change our mind-set to be better learners. I enjoyed hearing from children in this morning's Celebration Assembly about the many opportunities where they have adapted their mind-set to be successful learners.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents evenings this week. The learning process is a partnership between both parents and the school therefore it is vital that we share with you how your children are excelling in school, and how you can support your child at home to further their progress. If you were unable to attend your appointment, and have not already rearranged this, please contact your child's teacher.

Buddy Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our first Buddy Assembly for the children in 6OT and RBM. It was great to share this wonderful event with lots of parents from both classes. The buddy system is very important to us at Halfpenny as it provides extra support for some of our youngest children as well as providing more responsibility for our eldest. I look forward to next Wednesday's assembly for 6D and RB.

Year 2 Historic Toys Workshop

As part of their curriculum theme, a toy historian visited Year 2 on Wednesday. During the workshop the children learnt all about toys and games from previous generations and how they developed into the toys we know today. They had the opportunity to play with old toys from the Victorian period as well as other toys from not so long ago. The children enjoyed the workshops as it gave them a very hands-on experience of toys from the past.

Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

Today we held our first Stay and Play sessions in our Nursery provision. The children have been very excited about this all week. Thank you to all the parents who came and spent time with their children. I hope you enjoyed it as much as they did. Thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Barnes for organising this great learning opportunity.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 24th October, all children in school and nursery will have individual photographs taken. A family photograph is also available for children with siblings in school. If you would like a family photograph to include children who are not in school or nursery, then please complete the reply slip on the separate letter entitled "Family Photographs". Please return reply slips to school by Tuesday 23rd October.

Bonfire Disco

Tickets are selling fast for our popular Bonfire Discos on Tuesday 6th November. As places are limited, and operate on a first-come-first served basis, please ensure you purchase your tickets by Friday 19th October. Tickets can be purchased online using ParentPay or by cash at the school office.

Key Dates

Wed 17th Oct – 6D/RB Buddy assembly 9.15am
Wed 17th Oct – Extended School for parents/carers
Wed 24th Oct – School Photographs
Thur 25th Oct – Pyjama Story Evening 5:30
Fri 26th Oct – Break up for half term
Tues 6th Nov – Return to School
Tues 6th Nov – Bonfire Disco KS1 – 3.30-4.30
KS2 – 4.45-5.45

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 %
RB	91.72	4A	96.43
RBM	94.00	4B	95.36
1S	98.33	5H	92.07
1W	96.90	5W	97.93
2M	99.33	6D	98.21
2T	93.45	6OT	98.28
3G	97.86	Whole School total	96.21
3W	97.00	Cumulative total	96.20

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



Celebration



In every single 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 this week!

Class	Child of the week!	Class	Child of the week!
RB	Isla W	3W	Joe B
RBM	All of RBM	4A	Jessica G
1S	Rosie C	4B	Alicja M
1W	Joshua E	5H	Isla W
2M	Jack B	5W	Alfie J
2T	James G	6D	Freya B
3G	Ruby D	6OT	John B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School