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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018

It has been another busy week with lots of great things happening throughout school! The highlight of my week was being invited to Clarence House in London in recognition of the school's fundraising efforts for the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Malham Trip

Yesterday the Year 6 children went to Malham. The weather was perfect for the walk during which they experienced natural wonders such as Janet's Foss and Malham Cove! Thank you to all the adults who helped make this trip possible and particularly Mrs Applegarth who stood in at the last minute!

EYFS Phonics Parents Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended this meeting yesterday. I hope you found the meeting useful. If you need any further support or if you are unsure of anything please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Brennan, Head of Early Years.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of you who either attended our MacMillan coffee morning today or kindly donated cakes or buns. The children enjoyed having a tasty morning treat too! All the money raised is in aid of the MacMillan Cancer foundation.

Parents Coffee Morning

Our next monthly Parents Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 3rd October from 8.45 to 10am. You will have an opportunity to talk to some teachers, learning mentors and other members of the Care Team. You can ask questions, express comments you may have or talk about what we can do to improve the school for your child/children and you. This is also a chance to meet other parents, share experiences and knowledge with one another and build new networks. So come along for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

Harvest Festival

Monday 22nd October will be our whole school Harvest Festival assembly. Any donations of tins or small fruit or vegetable parcels will be gratefully received on the day. The School Council will deliver all donations to the Food Bank at Pontefract and Thornycroft.

Halfpenny Lane Website

Our new website launched earlier this month. We are proud of our school and our website helps us promote our school into the wider community. You will also find useful information about term dates, uniform, clubs, school meals and much more! Please visit our page at www.halfpenny.patrust.org.uk

Lost Keys

Some keys were found on the school playground yesterday. If you believe they are yours please contact the school office.

Key Dates

Mon 1st Oct – Yr 6 SATs meeting 5.30pm
Wed 3rd Oct – Parents Coffee Morning
Thur 4th Oct – Harvest Festival Dinner
Tues 9th Oct – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Wed 10th Oct – 6OT/RBM Buddy assembly 9.15am
Wed 10th Oct – Yr 2 Toys Workshop
Wed 10th Oct – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Thur 11th Oct – Kings High Open Evening
Wed 17th Oct – 6D/RB Buddy assembly 9.15am
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

Parent Pay

It is important that you register on Parentpay to receive electronic communication from School. In an effort to become paperless and do our bit for the environment we intend to send the bulk of our correspondence electronically by the end of this academic year. This will include trip information, details of clubs, emergency closures and more. Please contact the school office if you require a registration letter or need assistance with the registration process.

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	95.16	4A	95.00
RBM	97.33	4B	97.14
1S	97.33	5H	95.85
1W	97.24	5W	97.24
2M	95.57	6D	94.24
2T	94.48	6OT	96.18
3G	97.93	Whole School total	96.30
3W	97.00	Cumulative total	96.10

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	Sebastian C	3W	Tai B
RBM	Jake S	4A	Lydia M
1S	Warren S	4B	Lewis C
1W	Evie-Rose E	5H	Ruby W
2M	Harrison M	5W	Rihannah M
2T	Sophie O	6D	Tia S
3G	Holly G	6OT	Kayden T

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School