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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2018

In Monday morning's assembly, we reminded ourselves that by using our learning muscles everyone can grow their brains and become successful learners. The muscles we reflected on are resilience, hard work and determination. After visiting the classrooms this week I have seen evidence of the positive effect of this.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to announce that Friday's coffee morning raised £213.69 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to everyone who supported us with this.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

If you missed this meeting on Monday or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment with Mr O'Toole or Mrs Daley.

HPL Monthly Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents who joined us at our monthly coffee morning on Wednesday, which was well attended. Annette Jones, Safeguarding and Welfare Manager for Pontefract Academies Trust, also joined us. During the morning, we talked about the new extended school services we will be offering after half term. See below for further information about this. Our next coffee morning is Wednesday 7th November; I hope you can join us.

Year 3 Pontefract Castle Trip

On Wednesday, Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Pontefract Castle. Linking to their current Science topic, they spent the day as anthropologists, which included researching ancient bones. It was a fantastic local study and the feedback from the children was very positive.

Harvest Dinner

Yesterday we had our Harvest themed dinner. It was delicious and I know the children enjoyed their meals too! Our catering provider, Chartwells offer a hot meal (plus vegetarian alternative) daily as well as a jacket potato and sandwich option. They can also cater for most allergy types. Please contact the school office if you require a copy of the current menu or would like your child to try school meals. All children in Key Stage 1 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible for income-based Free School Meals please obtain an application form from the reception entrance.

Parents Evening

Just to remind you that on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October it will be our first parent consultations of the year. If you have not already signed up for an appointment please call into the office or return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Key Dates

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
Fri 12th Oct – Nursery Stay and Play
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

Extended School Service

We are proud to announce that we will shortly be launching Extended School Services. This new initiative will support families who may deal with SEN, vulnerable children or adults or who have other family needs. The services we will be offering include complimentary therapy, counselling, anger management, fitness lessons (Kickboxing) amongst many others. More information will follow in a separate letter, however if you feel you would like to take up any of the services please make an appointment with Mrs Evans, our Pastoral Learning Mentor. More information will also be available in the hall during Wednesday's parents evening.

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	93.75	4A	97.13
RBM	99.33	4B	97.14
1S	98.00	5H	92.41
1W	94.14	5W	98.28
2M	94.81	6D	96.38
2T	92.41	6OT	98.28
3G	98.93	Whole School total	96.44
3W	99.00	Cumulative total	96.21

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	Laya T	3W	Lucas E
RBM	Kamryn H	4A	Charlie K
1S	Skyla S	4B	Macie B
1W	Cameron J	5H	Noah H
2M	Freya N	5W	William K
2T	Eli S	6D	Caitlin D
3G	Tyler B	6OT	Emily W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School