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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 18th January 2019

It has been another busy week with lots of fantastic work going on throughout school. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children get the new term off to a great start.

Online Safety/Social Media

In Monday's assembly, we discussed how to keep safe online and on social media platforms that are popular among younger people. The main message was to stay safe by never giving others any private information such as login details, your address and other personal information. We also discussed the importance of never meeting up with anyone you have met online and do not know in real life. We concluded the assembly by agreeing that if anything happens that makes a child feel uncomfortable to tell an adult immediately. Please support your child further by speaking to them about staying safe online at home.

M&M Theatrical Productions

On Wednesday, M&M Theatrical productions performed the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. The children really enjoyed the production! It was a laugh a minute show with many popular songs to sing along to. This event was possible due to the money raised over the Christmas period and I am hoping this will be the same again next year.

National Cheese Theme Lunch

Yesterday, the children enjoyed a cheese themed meal to coincide with National Cheese Lover's Day. It was great to see so many children enjoying a school meal. Chartwells offer a range of fresh and nutritional meals on a daily basis. If your child enjoyed the themed meal and would like to continue having school dinners please contact the school office.

Road Safety Team

Yesterday we welcomed our Road Safety Officers back into school. They completed a second parking survey at home time and there was a definite improvement! Thank you to everyone that read and returned the "Parents' Parking Promise", we do hope it will continue to have a positive impact on the situation at drop off and pick up. The team will be working with all year groups to educate them on various aspects of road safety. Our Junior Road Safety Officers were once again eager to help.

Parent Reading Volunteers

Reading is the key to understanding the entire curriculum whether it is Maths, Science or History. To help with improving our children's reading skills, I am asking if any parents are able to volunteer in school for an hour a week to listen to children read. If you are interested in helping our school, please register your interest with the school office.

Lost Property

There has been a significant increase in the number of lost property items, especially winter coats. 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 contact us. Can I remind you to put nametags into your child's clothing so that any items found can be returned to you.

Key Dates

Mon 21st Jan – Yr4 Inspire morning
Friday 25th Jan – Yr3 Anglo Saxon workshop
Wed 6th Feb - 2M Class Assembly
Wed 13th Feb – 2T Class Assembly
Fri 15th Feb – Break up for half term
Mon 25th Feb – Return to School
6th Mar – 1W Class Assembly
13th Mar – 1S Class Assembly
18th Mar & 25th Mar – Yr5 Bikeability course
throughout both weeks
20th Mar – 5H Class Assembly
26th Mar – Parents Evening
27th Mar – 5W Class Assembly
27th Mar – 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	93.21	4A	97.86
RBM	95.00	4B	97.50
1S	95.00	5H	94.48
1W	98.62	5W	98.97
2M	97.78	6D	94.64
2T	99.66	6OT	95.17
3G	96.90	Whole School total	96.60
3W	97.66	Cumulative total	96.00

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	Paul B	3W	Bella H
RBM	Oscar B	4A	Lucy T
1S	Cameron A	4B	Ethan M
1W	Harry M	5H	Phoebe B
2M	Lola M	5W	Sonny G
2T	Lily T	6D	Dillon H
3G	Kiera J	6OT	Jessica W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School