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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 26th October 2018

What a fantastic start to the school year! Looking through the children's books it is easy to see the progress they are making following the hard work they have applied this first half term. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 6th November.

Harvest Festival

It was lovely to all come together (including our morning Nursery children) on Monday to share the importance of Harvest and sing some popular harvest songs! Thank you for the incredible donations your children brought into school. These have now been distributed to worthy causes in our local community, such as The Food Bank and were very gratefully received.

School Photographs

On Wednesday, Tempest Photography were in school, the children were looking very smart. The sample prints and order forms were sent home the same day. The deadline for returning your orders to school is 3.45pm on Monday 12th November. Any orders after this date can only be made directly with Tempest Photography.

Pyjama Story Night

Last night's Pyjama Story Night and book swap was a huge success. The children enjoyed sharing stories with their friends and grown-ups. Thank you to all who came and supported us, we hope you enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs Daley for organising the evening and to all the staff who gave up their own time to make this event happen.

Year 5 Curriculum Morning

Today, the parents of our Year 5 children joined us to share the curriculum topic 'Why water is wonderful!' Together they had a huge amount of fun creating a 3D water cycle. It was a great morning and I know the children enjoyed sharing their learning with their grown-ups. Thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedule to come into school.

Parking

Please can I remind you to park appropriately around Halfpenny Lane during drop off and pick up periods (this is including Breakfast club drop off.) The service road and School staff car park should not be used during these times and we encourage all parents to use the parent car park or park in places that are not blocking other traffic or driveways. We have had a number of complaints from local residents recently. Thank you for your support with this.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, poppies and other stationery items will be on sale for a suggested donation of 50p each. Please send your donations with your child to purchase them in class. All funds raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Remembrance Sunday

This year sees the 100-year remembrance of the ending of the Great War otherwise known as World War 1. It is a hugely important date as we remember those who gave their today for our tomorrow. In school, we shall spend learning time finding out more about the important work of the British Legion and World War 1. On Sunday 11th November at 10:30am, children from Halfpenny Lane will be involved in the parade and service around the cenotaph. Please feel free to come along.

Key Dates

Tues 6th Nov – Return to School

Tues 6th Nov – Bonfire Disco KS1 – 3.30-4.30
KS2 – 4.45-5.45

Mon 12th Nov – Yr6 meeting 5.30

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	93.45	4A	95.00
RBM	88.67	4B	95.71
1S	99.33	5H	95.17
1W	98.28	5W	94.46
2M	92.67	6D	93.93
2T	99.66	6OT	97.93
3G	88.93	Whole School total	95.20
3W	99.33	Cumulative total	96.06

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	Jack D	3W	Daisy E
RBM	Charlotte D	4A	Alesha C
1S	Jesse M	4B	Emme C
1W	Esme W	5H	Lillie J
2M	Ryan V	5W	Maia W
2T	Harry W	6D	Sophie E
3G	Ellie-Grace G	6OT	Thomas H

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School