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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2019

The children have enjoyed their first week back, settling back into the school day routine. We look forward to the next half term and all the exciting things it will bring.

Internet Safety

As you may have heard, there is an internet alert in the press and on social media regarding a worrying pop up video that occurs through numerous sources online. In school we teach all of our children about e-safety in an age appropriate and child friendly way. Please can you ensure you are observant with the internet access your child has at home.

Litter around Halfpenny Lane

As I walk around Halfpenny before school commences and at the end of the day, I am seeing an increasing amount of rubbish dropped on the floor. During school, we ensure that children know that wrappers and rubbish go into the bin. Please can you encourage your children to use the bins around the school grounds and keep our school tidy.

World Book Day 2019

Just to remind you that next Thursday is World Book Day! The children can come to school dressed up as a popular children's book character and will spend the day learning about well-known authors. Be sure to follow our twitter feed, as I am sure there will be many photos showing all of the great costumes! Mr Webb, (a grandparent of one of our pupils) who is a published author, will be helping us gear up to World Book Day in a whole school assembly on Tuesday.

Red Nose Day 'Comic Relief' 2019

On Friday 15th March, Halfpenny will be taking part in Red Nose Day. The children are welcome to wear red (including a red nose if they wish) in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. All proceeds raised are in aid of Comic Relief.

Science Week

Following on from British Science Week, 'Mad Science' will join us on Monday 18th March. They will spend the day carrying out science activities with the children across the whole school. There will be a letter with more information shortly.

Parents Evening

A date for your diary – our next whole school parent consultations (Reception to Year 6) will take place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. More information will follow shortly.

Key Dates

Mon 4th Mar – Year 4 Magna trip
Wed 6th Mar – 1W Class Assembly
Wed 6th Mar – 5H at Pontefract Castle
Thur 7th Mar – World Book Day
Fri 8th Mar – 5W at Pontefract Castle
Mon 11th Mar – Reception Lion Learners visit
Wed 13th Mar – 1S Class Assembly
Thur 14th Mar – Book Bus
Fri 15th Mar – Red Nose Day
w/c 18th Mar & 25th Mar – Yr5 Bikeability
Wed 20th Mar – 5H Class Assembly
Tue 26th Mar – Parents Evening
Wed 27th Mar – 5W Class Assembly
Wed 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	94.17	4A	100.00
RBM	90.83	4B	89.69
1S	97.92	5H	94.83
1W	97.41	5W	98.33
2M	94.58	6D	99.11
2T	97.08	6OT	94.83
3G	100.00	Whole School total	96.15
3W	97.08	Cumulative total	95.88

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 B	3W	Jahden J
RBM	Oliver D	4A	Evie H
1S	Lily W	4B	Blake D
1W	Scarlett T	5H	Sasha-Lee S
2M	Tyler OB	5W	Andrei i
2T	Mia R	6D	Harvey J
3G	Ella D	6OT	Finlai R

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School