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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2019

We have come to the end of another busy week and it feels like Spring has definitely sprung! The children continue to work hard and learn new things each day.

Book Bus

Last week's Book Bus visit was a great success. The £195 commission earned from your book purchases will be used to buy new books for the Key Stage One reading scheme. Thanks to all those who bought books!

Ofsted Report

I hope you have all had chance to read the Ofsted report following our recent inspection. We are immensely proud of the GOOD outcome in all areas and the report validates the many strengths of our School as well as indicating where we can improve further. We thank you for your continued support.

Mad Science Evening

The Mad Science team joined us on Monday demonstrating exciting experiments to all of our children. Thanks to all those who joined us after school when we had a great time conducting our own experiments such as making lava lamps, layering different elements and rocket mice!

Year 5 Bikeability

Throughout the week, Year 5 have been developing their road cycle safety skills with the Wakefield Council bike safety team. The children's behaviour outside of School has been exemplary and we know this will continue as other children complete the training next week.

Year 4 Bench Ball Tournament

Yesterday, Mr Camm took a group of Year 4 children to the Kings school to take part in a Trust Bench Ball competition. The team trained hard in preparation for the event and had a great time competing. I am proud to report they came second overall only losing first place by one single point.

Parents Evening

Parent consultations take place next Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Just to remind you that after school clubs are cancelled on these days, as well as Extended Schools on Wednesday. Please ensure that if your child is missing any belongings you look at the Lost Property table, as all uncollected items will be donated to charity at the end of term.

Easter Egg Competition

This year, as part of the Easter celebrations, we are asking children to design their own Easter egg, entry sheets have been given to children today. There will be chocolate prizes for two lucky winners in each class. The closing date for entries is Monday 1st April, with the winners announced on the last day of term. Please print name and class clearly on the entry form.

Key Dates

w/c 25th Mar – Yr5 Bikeability Tue 26th Mar – Parents Evening Wed 27th Mar – 5W Class Assembly Wed 27th Mar – Parents Evening Fri 5th April - Last day at school Tue 23rd April – Return to school Tues 7th May – Yr2 SATs week Mon 13th May – Yr2 SATs week

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.

Please remember that children should be at their class doors by 8:50am. If you arrive later, the gates are locked at 9:00am so you will need to sign your child in at the School Office.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	95.67	4A	98.97
RBM	95.86	4B	96.79
15	97.67	5H	97.24
1W	95.52	5W	98.00
2M	92.00	6D	97.86
2T	96.33	6OT	96.90
3G	96.33	Whole School total	96.35
3W	94.00	Cumulative total	95.95

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	Lilly H	3W	Jaxon W
RBM	Dillan M	4A	Robert T
15	Logan P	4B	Tyler-Ronn C
1W	Maria W	5H	Chloe W
2M	Aria P	5W	Tom M
2T	Chloe M	6D	Lexi C
3G	Myles B	6OT	Liam W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School