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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2019

We have enjoyed our first week of the summer term and everyone is back into full swing, working hard and starting new topics! My assembly earlier this week was about 'going for goal!' We reflected back to the things in September we had wanted to achieve throughout the year and focussed on what we needed to do to achieve this.

Parents Information Evening

On Tuesday, we held a parents information evening. Mr Julian Appleyard OBE, CEO of the Trust, and Mr Tom Fay, Director of Teaching and Learning, joined me in sharing the journey so far for both Halfpenny Lane and Pontefract Academies Trust. We explained the exciting new initiatives coming into place regarding our reading and curriculum strategies. Thank you to all those who attended.

Year 4 Inspire Morning

This morning, Year 4 children were joined by their parents for an inspire morning relating to their latest curriculum topic 'What did the Egyptians do for us?' Throughout the session, there was an opportunity to make bread, death masks, snake headbands and Egyptian posters. It was a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with their adults. Thank you to all those who attended.

Key Dates and our new "Letters Issued this Week" information can be found on page 2.

Reception Educational Visit

RB class enjoyed their visit to the library this afternoon, where they read books and had a story time linked to their theme of 'Traditional Tales'. The children had a great time and I know the children in RBM class are looking forward to their visit next week.

Warmer Weather

As we are approaching the season of sunny days and warmer weather, can I remind all parents to ensure items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children often get hot and take off their jumpers or cardigans and we do not want them to be lost. Please can you remind your children of their responsibility to look after their own belongings.

Tour de Yorkshire

I have made the decision to **close school early on Friday 3rd May at 2pm**. With the Tour de Yorkshire taking place, there will be road closures in and around Pontefract and Castleford. I thank you for your understanding and support and I hope you are able to watch this special event with your children.

Elections - May 2019

On Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 23rd May Halfpenny Lane Nursery unit will be used as a designated polling station for the local and EU elections. On these days, the **Nursery unit will be closed. The rest of the school will remain open** as normal.

Medicines in School

Please ensure that any medicines are brought to the School Office where you will be asked to complete a Parent Agreement form, without this, medicines cannot be administered. All medicines must be in the original container, along with the prescription label.

Letters Issued this Week

24/04/19 - Tour De Yorkshire School Early Closure

24/04/19 - Nursery Closure

26/04/19 - Reception Learning Letter

Please remember that letters are now only emailed through ParentPay. Please register if you haven't already. If you require a paper version, please ask at the School Office. All letters can be found on the website.

Key Dates

Tues 30th April – RBM visit to Pontefract Library

Thur 2nd May – Nursery closed – local elections

Fri 3rd May – School closes at 2pm

Mon 6th May – School closed – Bank Holiday

Tues 7th May – Yr2 SATs week

Mon 13th May – Yr6 SATs week

Mon 20th May – Yr2 SATs week

Mon 20th May – Class Photos

Thur 23rd May – Nursery closed – EU elections

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 first aiders in school.

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	94.18	4A	96.69
RBM	93.59	4B	94.93
1S	94.90	5H	95.72
1W	95.79	5W	95.09
2M	93.91	6D	96.39
2T	96.13	6OT	95.27
3G	96.97	Whole School total	95.47
3W	96.44	Cumulative total	95.85

Well done to all of those children who were here every day!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School