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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

It has been a great first week back after the half term break. So many things have been taking place and we are certainly enjoying the summer weather!

### Year 2 Filey Trip

On Tuesday, our Year 2 children had a fantastic day at the seaside. Linking to their current topic 'What makes the seaside special?' the children enjoyed playing on the beach. For some children, it was the first time that they had been to the seaside and it was great to see them experience something new!

### UKS2 Cricket Competition

Yesterday, some of our UKS2 children went to Carleton High School for a Cricket competition. They had a great time playing as a team in the lovely sunshine. Out of the six teams taking part, they came first! They have also been invited to take part in the five-towns championship next Friday. Well done to all of our players!



### Year 3 Viking Trip

As part of the current Year 3 topic 'What was the impact of the Viking invasion?' our children went on a trip to the Jorvik museum in York. Here they learnt so much about the Viking way of life and saw real artefacts from the Viking period. This trip will feed into further learning and I'm sure they will produce some fantastic work because of this experience.

### Sunny Weather

As I reminded everyone at the end of the last half term, please can all items of clothing have your child's name on. Already this week we have had jumpers and cardigans left on the field, dining hall and playground. It would help us tremendously if a name was on the item of clothing so it isn't put in the lost property.

### Summer Fayre – Chocolate/Sweet Challenge

Our chocolate/sweet challenge began this week, thank you to all who have donated so far. There is still plenty of time to bring in donations before the weigh in on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Don't forget, the class with the most weight in chocolate/sweets will win a movie afternoon with drinks and snacks.

### Prince of Wales Hospice Day

This year marks 30 years since the Prince of Wales Hospice came into existence. The Prince of Wales Hospice is a local charity that supports adults who have very serious illnesses. As a school, we are proud to support the Hospice, as we are only footsteps away from such a worthy charity. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we shall be holding a 'Wear Blue' non-uniform day for a £1 donation. All proceeds from this will go to the Hospice. Also in aid of the charity, we are hoping to hold a 'Bake Off' competition for which children are invited to bake a cake that will be judged by a member of staff from the Hospice. All items will then be available for the children to buy at break time for 50p. If your child is interested in baking a cake please can they inform their class teacher.

### Key Dates

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yr1 Phonics Screening Week  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jun – 3G Library Visit  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yr4 Leeds City Museum Trip  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jun – Kwik Cricket Championship  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – 4A Library Visit  
Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Jun – Picnic Lunch  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jun – Reception The Deep Trip  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yr6 Residential

### **Letters Issued this Week**

07/06/2019 - Reception Learning Letter

06/06/2019 - Yr6 Health & Wellbeing Letter

04/06/2019 - 3G Library Letter

04/06/2019 - Yr6 Northumberland Meeting

Please remember that letters are 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 school website

### **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	96.55	4A	96.53
RBM	93.33	4B	100.00
1S	92.22	5H	95.98
1W	100.00	5W	96.67
2M	88.51	6D	94.05
2T	92.22	6OT	95.40
3G	93.33	Whole School total	94.70
3W	91.67	Cumulative total	95.73

**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	Laya T	3W	
RBM	Elissa A	4A	Libby D
1S	Rosie C	4B	Tyler J
1W	George D	5H	Evie P/Jenson B
2M	Isla K	5W	Luke M
2T	Riley S	6D	Bethany T
3G		6OT	Faye H

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**