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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2019

The children have enjoyed their first full week back at school, working hard and learning many new things. In our Monday morning assembly, we talked about perseverance and adopting the mantra of 'Never give up!' Since then, the children have shared with me how they are putting this into practise.

EYFS Starters

I would like to give a special and warm welcome to all of our new children and families starting in our Early Years Foundation Stage. Some children will be familiar to Halfpenny as their siblings may already attend and so far, it has been a positive start for all.

Year Group Newsletter

You should have received a Year Group Newsletter informing you what learning opportunities are planned for your child this half-term and ways in which you can support them at home. You will also be able to see what is happening in your child's class through our twitter page: @halfpennylane.

Home/School Reading

Reading is a life skill that unlocks learning for every subject. Research has shown that good reading abilities has a direct correlation with better outcomes. Because of this, we are continuing our school reading challenge this year. If your child reads at least four times each week, they will go into a weekly draw for a chance to win a book of their choice. We want children to develop a love of reading and to be able to enjoy a variety of different texts. I hope you can support us with this reading strategy.

After School Clubs

Just to inform you that After School Clubs will commence next week, Monday 16th September. The Clubs will be live on ParentPay to book from 3.30pm today, places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. After School Clubs start at 3:20pm and finish at 4:20pm, please see the letter, emailed to parents on Wednesday, regarding where to collect your child. All clubs finish by Friday 13th December.

School Start Time

Towards the end of the last school year, some children were arriving later and later. Please note the school start times:

Nursery Pupils: 8.45am - 11.45am or 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Reception Pupils – Year 6: 8.50am - 3.20pm.

Pupils in Year 1 – 6 are expected to line up in the playground at 8:50am when teaching staff will make their way outside to greet them and walk them into school.

Letters Issued this Week

11/09/2019 – After School Clubs KS1
11/09/2019 – After School Clubs KS2
09/09/2019 – Welcome Back Letter
05/09/2019 – Swimming Lessons 4W

Key Dates

Fri 27th Sep – MacMillan Coffee Morning
Fri 4th Oct – Yr6 Malham Trip
Tue 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
Wed 23rd Oct – Parents Evening
Fri 25th Oct – Break up for half-term
Mon 4th Nov – Return to School

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	97.27	4A	98.00
RBM	100.00	4W	92.67
1S	98.00	5H	92.50
1W	94.67	5W	95.93
2H	99.33	6D	96.33
2W	97.33	6W	93.33
3G	96.30		
3P	97.00		

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		3P	Freya N
RBM		4A	Louie D
1S	Zac SK	4W	Erin H
1W	Cory C	5H	Oliver F
2H	George N	5W	Troy C
2W	Erin B	6D	Luke M
3G	Kaydee D	6W	Finley B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School