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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2019

The children have enjoyed another week learning new topics. After talking to the children around school, I have learnt about Florence Nightingale from Year 2, the importance of the NHS from Year 4 and the moon cycle from Year 6. I hope that you are able to speak with your children about the exciting topics they are covering.

Attendance

Our focus in assembly this week was about good attendance and the impact missing school has on their learning. The children understood how good attendance has a direct link to better outcomes. Please support your child by ensuring they are at school by 8:50am.

Carleton High School Open Evening

On Thursday 26th September at 5:30pm until 8pm, Carleton High school are holding an open evening for prospective parents and pupils in Year 6. This will be an opportunity to view the school and see examples of learning that take place on a daily basis. Carleton High School has recently been judged as 'Good' in the latest Ofsted inspection and has one of the most improved outcomes in the country. I would really recommend you look around the school if you are still deciding the next stage of education for your child.

Parent Behaviour on School Grounds

At Halfpenny Lane, we have a high level of expectation regarding good behaviour from the children. To reinforce this, we celebrate examples of positive behaviour and ensure that there is a consistent approach to unacceptable conduct. Can I ask that all parents/carers support these principals by demonstrating positive behaviour whilst on our school grounds, whether speaking to members of staff, children or other parents, both at the start and end of the school day.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September, we are holding a coffee morning from 9am – 9:45am to support the MacMillan charity. Parents are invited to join us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a delicious slice of cake or a bun. During break time, the children will have the opportunity to purchase a slice of cake or a bun for a suggested 50p donation.

We will be grateful for all donations, whether baked or bought, to help us make this event a success. Children should bring their cake/buns into class as normal in the morning. All money raised will go to the MacMillan Charity, who offer support to many people up and down the country and particularly in our local area. Thank you for your support!

Parents Evening

Parent Consultations are taking place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October. You will have the opportunity to find out about how your child has settled in to the new academic year and ways you can support your child with their work at home. A letter will be sent out shortly with more details of time slots and how to book, I hope you can all attend. Please note that After School clubs will not take place on these days.

Letters Issued this Week

19/09/2019 – Young Voices Letter
19/09/2019 – The Book Bus
19/09/2019 – Reception RWI Letter

Key Dates

Fri 27th Sep – MacMillan Coffee Morning
Fri 27th Sep – The Book Bus is onsite
Fri 4th Oct – Yr6 Malham Trip
Wed 9th Oct – Buddy Assembly RB/6D
Wed 16th Oct – Buddy Assembly RBM/6W
Tue 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
Wed 23rd Oct – School Photos
Wed 23rd Oct – Parents Evening
Fri 25th Oct – Break up for half-term
Mon 4th Nov – Return to School

Lost Property

There has been a significant increase in the number of lost property items without name labels. Please check if your child has anything missing as lost property will be displayed during the parent consultation evenings. Can I remind you to put nametags into your child's clothing so that any items found can be returned to you.

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	94.83	4A	97.33
RBM	88.97	4W	97.66
1S	96.00	5H	96.07
1W	94.67	5W	96.30
2H	96.33	6D	98.67
2W	97.33	6W	97.33
3G	98.67	Whole School total	96.47
3P	98.28	Cumulative total	96.37

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	Whole Class	3P	Ryan V
RBM	Whole Class	4A	Oscar D
1S	Jake S	4W	Amelia J
1W	Jack D	5H	Grace L
2H	Fleur W	5W	Billy B
2W	Oliver D	6D	Holly R
3G	Jenson B	6W	Ryan G

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School