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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2019

In our Monday morning assembly, we enjoyed reading the book 'Oola the owl who lost her voice'. We related to how Oola was determined to go and search the forest to find her voice and how we can be determined in our learning. So many children have demonstrated to me how they are determined learners and will not stop until they are successful in lessons!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who donated buns and cakes for this morning's coffee morning in support for the MacMillan charity. We have managed to raise £269.25. The children certainly enjoyed their special break time snack and I would like to thank the parents who came to support us.

Book Bus

The children have really enjoyed the visit from the Book Bus today as it gave them the opportunity to choose and buy books of their choice. As a school, we earn commission on the books sold and we use this money towards the cost of buying new books and resources for our school.

EYFS Phonics Meeting

Yesterday, our Early Years Foundation Stage team held a phonics meeting for parents with all the information they needed to support their children with the learning of phonics at home. If you missed this meeting and would like to know how you can support your child, please see Mrs Brennan or any member of the EYFS team.

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Earlier this week, a group of our Year 5 & Year 6 children visited the A1 Football Factory to compete in a Trust wide Football Tournament. The children who took part played really well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Overall, we managed to come 3rd. However, it was a close competition and our team played some great football!

American Themed Lunch Day

On Thursday 3rd October, we will be having an American Themed lunch day. Those who usually have sandwiches are invited to take part and enjoy some delicious pizza, hot dogs, chips, bbq beans to name a few.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

On Wednesday 16th October at 5:30pm, I invite all Year 6 parents to join us for a meeting regarding the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) the pupils will be sitting in May next year. The meeting will give parents an opportunity to find out what the tests are, how we shall prepare for them and how you can help your child at home.

Medicines

Please note we can only administer medicine in school which has been prescribed by a doctor. Parents are generally encouraged to schedule their child's medication so that they don't need a dose during the school day. For example, a child who is on antibiotics to be taken three times a day can usually take all three doses outside school hours. When

Letters Issued this Week

24/09/2019 – Year 6 and Reception Buddy Assemblies letter
25/09/2019 – Year 3 Pontefract Castle Trip
25/09/2019 – Reception Activity Library
26/09/19 – Cross Country

Key Dates

Thur 3rd Oct – American Theme Lunch day
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
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Fri 25th Oct – Break up for half-term

medicines are required in school hours, they should be brought into school in their original packaging, labelled with your child's name. They must include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. Parents will also be required to sign a consent form.

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	85.56	4A	97.33
RBM	94.48	4W	97.33
1S	95.00	5H	96.07
1W	96.33	5W	91.85
2H	97.00	6D	97.67
2W	91.33	6W	94.00
3G	96.67	Whole School total	94.55
3P	90.69	Cumulative total	95.84

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	Chayanne G	3P	Lily D
RBM	Hannah T	4A	Ellie-Grace G
1S	Lucus G	4W	Tai B
1W	Seth H	5H	Grace P
2H	Lillie CH	5W	Charlie G
2W	Warren S	6D	Isabelle H
3G	Krissy B	6W	James L

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School