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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2019

In our Monday morning assembly, we talked about the importance of reading. Being able to read unlocks the key skills to learning across everything. Our main priority in school is to develop our pupils reading skills. I ask you to support us by listening to your children read at least four times a week. I am sure you would love to hear them read and enjoy talking about what they have read!

Visitors in School

On Tuesday, our Early Years Foundation Stage children were joined by PC Daley. He came to school and the children asked him questions about how he helps the community. The children enjoyed seeing PC Daley in his uniform with all his police equipment! Year 3 were joined by our very own parent scientist – Mrs Sorby, who came into school to carry out experiments and support our science learning about our bodies and the digestive system. Thank you to both visitors who have provided extra learning opportunities with us this week!

RBM/6W Buddy Assembly

On Wednesday, it was the turn of 6W and RBM children to introduce their buddies to their parents. It was great to hear how they have already gotten to know each other so well and I look forward to seeing them work together throughout the year!

Year 5/6 Football

A group of our Year 5 and Year 6 children visited Carleton High School earlier this week to take part in a football skills session. Here, pupils from Carleton High provided children with different activities to develop their football and team building skills. Our children had a great time and the pupils from Carleton High led the sessions fantastically! Thank you to Miss Keith and Mr Camm for taking them!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent their reply slips back for parents evening. I am hoping that every parent will be available to attend to hear about how their child/children have settled into school and how you can help further at home. There will be food available from our kitchen staff for you to sample as well as a lost property table. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please do so with your class child's class teacher.

Harvest Festival Assembly

On Monday, we are holding our Harvest Festival assembly for the children. This will be an opportunity to reflect on harvest time and how we are thankful at this time of year! I am hoping that every child will be able to bring a tinned/dry food product that will produce our centre focus piece during the assembly. All food donated will be donated to Pontefract Foodbank. I appreciate your support with this.

Letters Issued this Week

18/10/2019 – Key Dates

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Tue 22nd Oct – Parents Evening
Wed 23rd Oct – School Photos
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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	91.85	4A	99.00
RBM	97.14	4W	98.33
1S	88.87	5H	98.93
1W	92.00	5W	97.86
2H	97.67	6D	96.67
2W	91.33	6W	94.33
3G	90.67	Whole School total	94.66
3P	94.14	Cumulative total	95.79

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	Cai D	3P	Alex T
RBM	Lily-Mae D	4A	Freya H
1S	Eden SK	4W	Aaron T
1W	Paul B	5H	Jack M
2H	Melody P	5W	Evie H
2W	Betty R	6D	Anna V
3G	James G	6W	Sasha-Lee S

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School