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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 7TH February 2020

We have come to the end of another busy week! The children continue to work hard and enjoy many exciting learning opportunities taking place in their class!

KS1 Skills Event

On Wednesday, a group of our Year 2 children went to Pontefract Squash Club to take part in a multi skills sports event. Joined by other schools in the Trust, our children worked in teams and developed a range of ball and racquet skills. The children had a fun time playing different games applying the skills they had been developing.

Year 5 Bikeability

This week, our Year 5 children have been undertaking the Bikeability course. This training will provide children with the skills and knowledge they need to cycle, ensuring they can foresee possible dangers and be safe in these situations. They have been cycling around the local area of Halfpenny Lane to put the skills they have been developing into practice.

Local Support

I'd like to say a big 'well done' to Elissa, Cameron and Isabella who feature in the latest edition of the Pontefract and Castleford Express for their hard work in litter picking around the school area. Speaking to the children, they were fed up of seeing wrappers and bottles on the floor around the Halfpenny Lane area and decided to do something about it! As you can see in the picture, they have managed to fill several large bags of rubbish! Please can I remind all parents to encourage their children to put their litter in the bin. Well done to all of these children for doing such a selfless thing!



Non Uniform Day

We shall be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th February for a suggested donation of 50p. All money raised will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy UK Charity. Muscular Dystrophy is a group of inherited diseases that damage and weaken muscles over time. A member of Halfpenny Lane School lives with this condition and we want to raise awareness to show our support.

E-safety Day

Next Tuesday, the children will be spending time learning about staying safe online. In a world full of social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and Tik Tok, many children will need that constant reminder on how to keep themselves safe online. If you do not know about the social media platforms your child uses I'd recommend you visit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> which will provide you with information and possible risks of all the social media apps that are available.



Key Dates

11/02/2020 – E-Safety Day
14/02/2020 – Yr 5&6 visit to Kings School
14/02/2020 – School closes for half term
24/02/2020 – Return to School
05/03/2020 – World Book Day
25/03/2020 – Yr 3 trip to York Chocolate Story
26/03/2020 – Yr 4 trip to York Chocolate Story

Letters Issued this Week

03/02/2020 – RWI letter to KS1 parents
03/02/2020 – Yr 6 SAT's meeting letter
05/02/2020 – Yr 5 & 6 Peter Pan letter
06/02/2020 – Yr 3 & 4 York Chocolate Story letter
07/02/2020 – Yr 3 & 4 Tag Rugby letter

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, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

Please remember that children should be at their classroom doors by 8.50am prompt. After this time, children will need to be signed in at the School Office.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	95.64	4A	96.13
RBM	93.93	4W	98.00
1S	96.67	5H	97.50
1W	94.00	5W	99.66
2H	98.00	6D	96.00
2W	94.67	6W	95.33
3G	95.67	Whole School total	95.81
3P	93.79	Cumulative total	95.86

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	Jacob S	3P	Liam S
RBM	Isabella C	4A	Logan W
1S	Olivia B	4W	Lauren H
1W	Xaivier W	5H	Mason/Jay-Leigh Stone
2H	Eva R	5W	Ozzy C
2W	Jayce M	6D	Sonny G
3G	Finnly S	6W	Joe T

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School