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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

It's lovely to see how the children have quickly settled back into a hardworking routine! In Monday's assembly, we covered the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day. We also discussed the start of Lent; how it is a time of reflection and discipline. Some children suggested things they may give up, such as chocolate, or taking something up like extra reading. Perhaps you could speak to your child and see what they may do over this Lent period!

### Uniform

Children are still coming to school wearing trainers or without a tie. Please can you all ensure children wear the correct uniform to school each day. If you need to check what is permitted, you can find all the details on the School website. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Coronavirus

You will all be aware of the Coronavirus situation that is currently in the news. Please can I assure everyone that, as a Trust we are following government guidelines and checking regularly for any up to date information. Please can you help us by reminding your children to wash their hands every time they visit the toilet and if they are about to eat.

### Parking/Driving around Halfpenny Lane

Please can I remind all parents/carers who bring or collect children from Halfpenny Lane, to park and drive around the area appropriately. During the last half term, many incidences were brought to my attention, which I am sure could have been avoided if we drive or park more considerately. Thank you for your support with this.

### World Book Day 2020 – Book Swap and 'The Great Character Hunt'

Next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day 2020! This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books, and understand how reading can develop our creativity and inspire us to write more. Children are invited to join the staff in dressing up as a character from their favourite children's book.

We are also going to celebrate our love of reading by hosting another 'Book Swap' at 3.30pm. Lots of our children have books at home that they have read many times or outgrown and this will give you a chance to get some new books ...for free! Before World Book Day, bring into school any books that you want to swap and you will be given a ticket for the number of books you brought (e.g. if you bring in three books, you can swap them for three other books).

In addition, we are hosting 'The Great Character Hunt' - hidden around school will be characters from our favourite children's books and facts about the authors for you to find. Write down the names of the characters that you find and return to the hall for a reward!

You will be able to enter through the main entrance at 3.30pm for both these activities. Hot drinks will also be available in the hall.

### Classroom Kitchen

Starting this half term, our Year 1 children will be working with the Classroom Kitchen team who, each week, will teach the children to make something new and learn about the nutritional value. We are looking forward to some of our youngest children having the opportunity to learn new skills and try new foods.

### Key Dates

05/03/2020 – World Book Day  
10/03/2020 – Lion Learners in school  
25/03/2020 – Yr 3 trip to York  
26/03/2020 – Yr 4 trip to York  
01/04/2020 – Parents Evening  
02/04/2020 – Parents Evening  
03/04/2020 – Break up for Easter  
20/04/2020 – Return to School

### Letters Issued this Week

26/02/2020 – Yr 5/6 Billionaire Boy Trip Letter  
27/02/2020 – Share-A-Million-Stories 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	96.36	4A	98.00
RBM	92.50	4W	96.33
1S	97.00	5H	95.00
1W	94.00	5W	98.62
2H	98.67	6D	99.33
2W	97.33	6W	96.00
3G	93.67	Whole School total	96.28
3P	97.24	Cumulative total	95.78

**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	Charlie J	3P	Evan H
RBM	Sophie B	4A	Angel A
1S	Dillan M	4W	Branden K
1W	Poppy S	5H	Ruby A
2H	Maria W	5W	Charlie K
2W	Lily W	6D	Holly W
3G	Riley S	6W	Emma O

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**