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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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We have had yet another busy week in school, with sporting events and SATs practice work. The children have been working hard and learning many new exciting things!

Year 6 Assessment

This week, our Year 6 children have been taking our latest practice SAT papers in the build up to the real thing in May. We have been so proud of them all week as they worked with resilience and maturity. It has been pleasing to see the children demonstrating more understanding across the curriculum than before. The children will soon receive their scores to share with their parents and see what areas we need to further work on.

Dodgeball Tournament

On Tuesday, a group of KS2 children visited The Kings School and took part in a Trust-wide Dodgeball Tournament. The children won many of their matches and played well as a team. It's still not confirmed who won the event, however the children showed great skill and determination!

Pride Group

Mr Camm took a group of children to our local fire station this week to understand the role of firefighters in our community. The children got to see the equipment they use and how they do so much more in the community other than extinguishing fires!

Boccia Event

Today, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a Boccia event at Castleford Lock Lane. The children had a great time learning about a new sport and competing whilst applying new skills! I am proud to say they came a fantastic 3rd place out of the 14 teams taking part.

Scarlet Fever

We would like to inform parents that we have recently had a couple of cases of scarlet fever confirmed within the school. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it is contagious and should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of spreading to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash, which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think your child may have scarlet fever please see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible. They can return to nursery/school 24 hours after starting their antibiotic treatment.

Parking

There have been several accidents recently in the car park and roads around school. Please may I remind everyone that they should not park on the yellow zig-zag markings, these are in place for children's safety as they arrive and leave school. Can I also ask that you be aware of your surroundings whilst driving in the parent car park/local roads due to the number of children in the area at drop off and pick up.

Letters Issued this Week

30/01/2020 - Reception Maths Meeting
31/01/2020 – Reception Learning Letter

Key Dates

03/02/2020 – Bike-ability Yr5 whole week
05/02/2020 – Reception Maths meeting
10/02/2020 – Bike-ability Yr5 through to Wed
14/02/2020 – School closes for half term
24/02/2020 – Return to School
05/03/2020 – World Book Day

Late Gate

Some of you may have noticed that on a morning myself or other members of the leadership team alongside Mr Camm or Mrs Evans are speaking to the parents of children who are coming to school late. At the moment, we have too many children arriving at school after 9am, which means children are missing out on vital learning. Please can all adults ensure their children arrive at school to start at 8:50am.

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	93.82	4A	100.00
RBM	88.21	4W	94.67
1S	96.00	5H	96.07
1W	97.33	5W	99.31
2H	98.00	6D	95.33
2W	99.00	6W	96.33
3G	97.33	Whole School total	95.85
3P	95.52	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	Noah W	3P	Freya C
RBM	Rosie L	4A	Ruby D
1S	Oliver D	4W	Bella H
1W	Maci E	5H	Jessica C
2H	Mollie M	5W	Ruby W
2W	Millie M	6D	Lilly H
3G	Harry W	6W	Phoebe B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School