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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020

In our Monday morning assembly this week, we focussed on appreciating others. We thought about all the different people that help us; such as the NHS, the Police, our friends and families...the list goes on. We reflected on how we can appreciate others that help us in school and how it helps us to achieve more. Maybe speak to your child about who you appreciate around the home and why?

Coronavirus – COVID19

Our School and Academy Trust are still ensuring that all precautions regarding COVID-19 are followed. I cannot stress enough the importance of hand hygiene and I implore all parents to share the same viewpoint. We have created a special tab 'Corona Virus update' on our school website, where we will update you with current news and information. Please be assured that we are following all Government guidance.

Uniform

In January, the school paid over £150 for spare ties for children to use when they had forgotten their own. We now only have 3 spare ties left. If you know that you have a school tie at home, can you please return it to the class teacher. As a school, we want to ensure all children look smart and don't feel different without a tie, and I would appreciate your support with this matter - thank you in advance.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Today, Mr Camm and Mrs Gamble took a group of our Year 5 pupils to a Tag Rugby tournament. They played well as a team, though as I write this, we are unsure on the overall outcome. However, Mr Camm has said how well behaved the children have been and how they played so well together!

KS1 Multi Sports

Miss Williams and Miss Senior took a group of pupils to Carleton High School on Wednesday to take part in a multi skills competition. The children really enjoyed the session and showed their sporting skills! Well done to all the children who took part!

Lion Learners

On Tuesday, our Nursery and Reception children were joined by Lion Learners, who brought in lots of different animals into school for the children to learn about. They were able to hold and feel a variety of small animals. This fantastic learning opportunity linked into their current topic.

Parking around Halfpenny

Some of the local residents have complained to the school about the parking around Halfpenny Lane and the streets nearby. I am aware that parking areas are sparse around school, however can I please stress that we need to support each other by parking in appropriate and safe places so that local residents and families walking to school are safe. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Letters Issued this Week

09/03/2020 – Yr6 N'land Balance Update Letter
12/03/2020 – Year 4 MTC Meeting

Key Dates

24/03/2020 – Yr4 MTC Meeting
25/03/2020 – Yr 3 trip to York
26/03/2020 – Yr 4 trip to York
01/04/2020 – Parents Evening
02/04/2020 – Yr 5&6 Billionaire Boy Trip
02/04/2020 – Parents Evening
03/04/2020 – Break up for Easter
20/04/2020 – 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, 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	92.00	4A	99.00
RBM	81.79	4W	94.33
1S	96.00	5H	93.06
1W	98.00	5W	96.55
2H	95.33	6D	97.65
2W	88.67	6W	98.00
3G	94.67	Whole School total	94.40
3P	98.62	Cumulative total	95.77

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	Amelia W	3P	Sammy W
RBM	Noah S	4A	Ruby S
1S	Corby AD	4W	Kain T
1W	Amy S	5H	Ryan M
2H	Samuel HJ	5W	Jacob B
2W	Tevan SB	6D	Oliver H
3G	Jake R	6W	Gabriel W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School