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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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We have come to the end of another week where things continue to be very different from the norm. I hope that everyone is staying safe and keeping well. I look forward to welcoming everyone back into school and seeing everyone's smiley faces – I miss them all so much! Until then – continue to follow Government guidance and keep you and your family safe.

Free School Meals Vouchers

For the last couple of weeks the vouchers are being provided by Government sourced company – Edenred. We know that due to the volume of traffic on their website, it has been difficult to obtain your voucher. I apologise as I know this has been a frustration for many parents. Please bear with this and if you need any support to access the voucher or codes, do not hesitate in contacting the school admin team on: admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk. I know how important the vouchers are to our families and we want to make sure we can support you as required.

Halfpenny Lane Video

I hope that you will have seen our school video message to all of our pupils and parents. We all miss you and we all look forward to seeing you again soon. We hope you enjoy seeing our smiley faces! If you have missed our video, please check it out on our twitter page, which is: @halfpennylane

Work Packs

As communicated in a previous letter this week, the new work packs are available on our school website. There is a range of different subjects to work through and this pack should last between 2/3 weeks. If you have completed the work, you can access the other online resources we have been pinpointing you to access. I know for many of you it is like being back at school yourself with some of the work so here are a few tips to support you:

- **On an evening, plan with your child what work you are going to complete the next day so they know what to expect.**
- **Create your own timetable – let the work fit around your routine. Plan a small amount in the morning, a bit more for mid-morning then any last work for after lunch leaving the afternoon for wellbeing activities/free time.**
- **Stay positive, have fun and laugh together – the work isn't a test/no one will judge how well you've done – enjoy the time working together.**
- **Make sure you take breaks – enjoy the fresh air and drink plenty of water.**
- **If you are unsure on anything, email school or just google it. Do not worry about things being wrong – school will pick this up once we are back.**

If you are unable to print the packs off and would prefer a paper copy, please either **email our school** or **call De Lacy (primary hub) 01977 722620** and they can prepare a pack for you to collect.

Pastoral Telephone Calls

Our teachers are continuing to call their class children once every other week to catch up and make sure they are okay. It may be that they talk about what they have been learning, anything they may have struggled with, anything exciting that they have done at home (you have all been fantastic and done so much) and how they enjoy keeping in touch. I thank you for your support with this and I know the teachers enjoy the calls just as much as the children do!

Miss Steer – Mindfulness & Well Being

If you need any more support with wellbeing and mindfulness I'd like to direct you on twitter to Miss Steer's mindfulness page @skills_w_frills She is doing daily mindfulness sessions live on YouTube. Miss Steer has supported our Year 6 pupils for the last couple of years and her mindfulness sessions are fantastic. If you would benefit from this, I recommend you check this out.

Final note from Mr Parkinson

A popular phrase at the moment is 'After every storm, there is a rainbow'. I believe that this sentiment for now is so true. Right now, life for millions of people around the world is very different. There are people who are finding this period of time tougher than others. It has been so humbling to see so many pictures of things you are doing at home with the children. From morning PE sessions, baking delicious looking crumbles or continuing to make strides forward with phonics at home – I'm seeing brilliant examples of support, acts of kindness and joy – as a Halfpenny community let's keep sharing this. You are all doing an incredible job at supporting your children. I appreciate the care and attention, hard though it maybe, when you have other work that may need to be done. The storm isn't quite over yet, but you are all being rays of light that will create a wonderful rainbow!

Thank you.

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School

Spring Word Search



BIRD
BUD
EGG
FLOWER

LAMB
NET
RAIN
SPRING



1. Which two colours make green?
2. What is the name of the imaginary line that goes around the centre of the Earth?
3. What was the name of the man who first discovered America?
4. On a computer keyboard, which letter is to the left of 'W'?
5. What is the plural of sheep?

