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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2020

I hope everyone is looking forward to the weekend! After the last few days of the weather being unsettled, it looks to be brightening up so I hope you can enjoy some time playing in the garden!

Free School Meals Vouchers

Vouchers continue to be offered through online company Edenred. We understand that the website is busy and it can take a while to access the site to obtain your voucher. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you continue to have any issues regarding your voucher please contact us on admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk. We are more than happy to help!

The Big Sing 2020

In conjunction with Wakefield Music Services, we have joined with many other schools across the Wakefield district to take part in The Big Sing! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to come together (digitally) to form one voice to create fantastic music. The Big Sing corresponds with international Nurses Day and we wanted to join in with this in support of all of our fantastic nurses and NHS staff who at the moment are working tirelessly to support our poorly people. If you would like to take part in this, please contact school, through our admin email address as soon as possible.

Halfpenny Lane Video

Last week, we released our staff video for the parents and children to enjoy. We wanted to share with you how much we are all missing you and we look forward to seeing you soon. Over the weekend there were over 1200 views – this is incredible! Some of the classes have made their own fantastic videos in response. These videos are so great and all the staff have enjoyed watching them – they have certainly made us feel special! You can view the videos on our twitter page: @halfpennylane

Work packs

As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter, if you are struggling to complete the work packs online and would prefer a paper copy please contact Halfpenny Lane through our website contact us tab. A small number of packs for each year group are printed and ready to be collected if you require them. Here a few tips I shared below to support you with your child's work:

- **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.**

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 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.

Thank you.

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School

