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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**It has been a great week with lots of things to celebrate! The children continue to work hard and demonstrate resilience in each lesson!**

### Coronavirus – COVID-19

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we cannot escape the fact that this virus is developing around the UK. I have ensured that there is antibacterial hand wash and hand gel by all sink areas for all people in school to use. In addition, all staff are encouraging children to wash their hands properly. In our assembly, we showed the children a video produced by the NHS, which demonstrated how to wash hands effectively. I ask that this is also encouraged at home to ensure that children get used to keeping their hands clean.

### World Book Day 2020

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. This was a great opportunity for School to pause our normal lessons and focus on enjoying books. Mr Webb, a local author and musician, joined us and led an exciting assembly, as well as working with Year 3 and Year 4. Well done to all the children who looked incredible in their fantastic costumes! Thank you to everyone who came and took part in our after school character hunt and book swap. It was great to see so many people there looking for new books to read.

### Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

On Tuesday, a Year 5 and Year 6 team took part in a Trust wide Tag Rugby event at the A1 Football Factory. The children had a great time and scored some incredible tries. Well done to all the children who took part and to Miss Wilkinson and Miss Hill for taking the children.

### Times Table Rock Stars

Each week in our celebration assembly, we award the children who are our 'Top Rock Stars'. These children access Times Table Rocks Stars both at School and at home and progress through the different stages. Times Table Rock Stars is a great app that combines learning and fun so that the children can develop their multiplication knowledge as well as developing their rock star status. Please can I ask that you support us by encouraging your child to use this great learning tool.

### Litter around Halfpenny Lane

At the end of the day when children are collected from school, I see them being handed sweets or chocolate bars to eat on the journey home. I think it is a great idea to treat the children for a hard days work. However, I also see children and parents dropping litter and I often have to spend time each day picking up these wrappers from the floor. Please can I ask that you treat our school and community with respect and that you put all litter in a bin or, if there isn't a bin nearby, you keep the litter in your pocket until you reach a bin or get home. I would appreciate it you could encourage your children to do the same. Thank you for your support with this.

### Letters Issued this Week

06/03/2020 – Reception Library visit

### Key Dates

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 – 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	96.73	4A	95.67
RBM	97.50	4W	98.33
1S	96.00	5H	100.00
1W	96.00	5W	98.62
2H	99.33	6D	97.33
2W	97.33	6W	97.33
3G	99.00	Whole School total	96.92
3P	97.59	Cumulative total	95.83

**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	Jacob H	3P	Laythem KC
RBM	Ruby H	4A	George M
1S	Millie EH	4W	Maycee D
1W	Alana H	5H	Ethan M
2H	Harry M	5W	Luke B
2W	William H	6D	Alfie J
3G	Luka C	6W	Chloe W

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**