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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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It has been another week where having children in school has made things feel slightly closer to the norm. I hope every family connected to Halfpenny Lane remain happy, safe and well. This week we have welcomed back forty Year 6 children – it has been a pleasure to speak with them and find out what they have done over the lockdown period. Next week, we start to welcome back some of our Nursery children!

### Class Dojo

You should have received an email communication yesterday regarding Class Dojo. This online classroom resource will support us as we move forward with our plans with more structured online learning. I would ask that you register your child/children to their year group, which will enable us to connect with them. More information will follow regarding our wider online learning plans next week. Please can I remind you that if you would like to contact your class teacher directly to use our normal channels by either calling school or by email through <a href="mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk">admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk</a>

# **Colder Weather**

Like it could have been predicted, with children returning to school — so has the cold rainy weather. It feels like we're in January rather than June. In my previous communication, we asked that children didn't bring additional clothing (coats) into school. However, with the colder, wetter weather I feel that it is appropriate that children do wear a coat. Can I ask that children bring a plastic bag for their coat to go into when they are not wearing them. Thank you for your continued support — hopefully the weather will warm up again soon!

### **June Learning Packs**

As promised, earlier this week we released more Maths and English work for you to complete at home. If you would like a paper copy, please call into school as we have printed copies for each year group ready for you to collect.

## **Year 6 Transition**

As you will know, transition this year cannot progress as it has done in previous years. In response to this, The Kings and Carleton secondary schools have uploaded some useful transition videos on their individual websites for children and parents to watch. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child moving onto secondary education, please feel free to contact me via the admin email address and I will be happy to answer your question or pass it onto the secondary schools to consider if I do not know the answer.

## Thank you

I really appreciate the support from all the parents when entering school grounds at the start and the end of each day. It has been lovely to speak to many of you and reassure any anxieties. I appreciate the kind words and emails I have received and I am glad you can see and trust the work we have done to ensure your children remain safe. To help us keep our systems effective please can we continue to follow the school plans and times so that parents/children are not crossing paths and can remain socially distant.

### **Contacting School**

At the moment, we want to minimise people coming into school. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk or telephone 01977 703270.

Wishing you all the very best, take care and stay safe.

Mr. Parkinson

**Head of School**