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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2020

We have come to the end of another busy week at Halfpenny Lane. Though we have on average 200 of our pupils attending school each week, we still miss all those who are yet to return. We enjoy catching up on our Daily Teams Live learning sessions and supporting our pupils as much as we can.

Year 6 High School Transition

Earlier this week, our Year 6 pupils attending Carleton or The King's High School, were invited to a Zoom transition meeting where they got to meet the senior leaders of the school and hear about their preparation for secondary education. After speaking to a couple of parents, they felt glad to have had this opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in getting in touch with us and we will ensure your query is resolved.

Staffing News

As we prepare for the next academic year, I would like to inform you of some staffing changes for September 2020. Miss Hayles, who has been with us this year, will be moving on to a new school closer to home in Goole. We are sad to see Miss Hayles go and we thank her for her hard work and dedication this year. We welcome back both Mrs Cockerham and Mrs Tyzack who have enjoyed their time away from school with new children. As we are, they are excited to be back in September with their new class. After many years of service, Mrs Beech will be retiring at the end of this year. She is already looking forward to spending more time with her family and in the garden. We wish her all the very best in her retirement!

Miss Hardstaff who has been a trainee teacher with us this year will continue her training at another school within our Trust. She has been a great trainee and we wish her all the best with her continued training.

Class Movement & Transition

At this time of year, we would normally be planning transition opportunities for children to meet their new teacher and spend time in their new class. However, with the current situation, we are not able to carry out 'normal' transition activities. Let me reassure you that teachers are already meeting each other and preparing for next year. They are sharing key information regarding their new pupils so that in September they will have a full understanding of the needs of all their new children. You will receive another letter next week explaining how we can support our children in preparation for next year. Please see below the table showing our class structure for the next academic year.

Current Class	Moving to	New Class/Teacher September 2020	
RB		1W (Miss Williams)	
RBM		1CT (Mrs Cockerham/Mrs Tyzack)	
1S		2S (Miss Senior)	
1W		2W (Miss Ward)	
2W		3G (Mrs Gawthorp)	
2H		3P (Mrs Poynton)	
3G		4W (Mr Wilbor)	
3P		4A (Mrs Applegarth)	
4A		5W (Miss Wilkinson)	
4W		5H (Miss Hill)	
5W		6W (Miss Whitehead)	Miss Hewes working alongside both Y6 classes
5H		6D (Mrs Daley)	

End of Year Reports

Although School has been closed for many pupils since the middle of March, we shall still be sending home end of year reports to all pupils. These will be distributed to parents/carers between Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th July. They will reflect the learning that took place up until the school closure and may include any further communication whilst we have been in this COVID-19 restriction.

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

**Mr Parkinson
Head of School**

This week at Halfpenny

Nursery - we have been learning about minibeasts. The children have been asking questions about where they live and what they eat. They enjoyed a picnic and went on a minibeast hunt. Here is a picture of our ladybirds enjoying some of the strawberries in their strawberry patch.

Year 1 - our children have been learning about the story 'George and the Dragon'. In Maths they have been adding and subtracting to 20 and solving problems involving a range of strategies.

Year 5 - our children have been drafting and writing their own diary entry from the perspective of Bilbo Baggins, a character created by the Author J.R.R. Tolkien. They have read his book and watched clips to understand the emotion of the character and how this could be put into words. In Maths, they have been learning about areas and perimeters.

