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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2020

We have come to the end of the penultimate week of the school year, but we still have lots going on in school and through the live learning sessions. This week, with a combined cumulative total, we have well over 250 children logging on to our sessions and I know the children are glad to catch up with their class teachers and friends within their class.

Collecting End of Year Reports/Work Books

A communication will be sent out alongside this weekly newsletter explaining when parents are able to come to school and collect their child's end of year report and when the children in school will be bringing them home. Please read this letter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email school.

Class Movement & Transition

At the start of this week, you should have received the staff profiles of the new teachers your child will have in the next academic year. I hope these are useful to put names to faces and learn a little bit about your new teacher. I've spoken to a few parents over the week and they have enjoyed talking through these profiles with their children, and they have turned any anxiety they may have had, into excitement. On Tuesday 14th July you are invited to attend the scheduled team meetings for you and your child to log on and say hello to your new teacher – I really hope you will be able to log on and join us. To access the team meeting please see the communication that was previously emailed – the links are within the table.

September 2020

Just in case you are not aware – children in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 9th September. For our EYFS parents, please refer to the transition information, which will be communicated to you separately.

September 2020 – Social Distancing

As I have mentioned within my introductory paragraph, September 2020 will still not see us return to 'normality'. As a Trust, we are collaborating to ensure that our plans for individual schools remain rigorous and in line with Government guidance. Like previously, for our school reopening at the beginning of June, we will be communicating all of the information you will need to know in order for you to be assured that the safety of pupils, parents and staff whilst on school premises, is paramount.

School Payments and Communication

Over the summer we will be changing our school payment and communication system from ParentPay to BromCom. Please look out for further communication over the coming weeks regarding this matter. We will be sending out information on how to register on BromCom and some test emails to make sure the system is up and running correctly!

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

Mr Parkinson
Head of School

This week at Halpenny

Year 1 - we have been using the theme of dinosaurs to create an information text. Learning about past tense and a variety of other descriptive vocabulary the children created a text about the habitat and diet of a Tyrannosaurus rex.

Year 3/4 bubble - we have been creating structures made from natural materials, inspired by our reading canon book 'The Explorer', written by Katherine Rundell. We used grass, sticks and other materials found within the different areas of the playground.

Year 5 bubble - we have been taking the well-known story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and creating alternative endings to the story. Some endings were humorous, some scary and some completely and unexpectedly different to the known ending. The children have been really engaged creating their own alternate endings!

