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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

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### Headteacher Update

It feels so strange to compose this final newsletter of the year. As we have progressed through the last few weeks, it certainly hasn't felt like we've come to the end of the academic year. With the current situation, we've managed to keep Halfpenny Lane open for a range of different children and more recently out EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 children however, we have missed a lot of our children and it was great to see some as they came to collect their reports on Monday.

I am so excited for September. I cannot wait to see all the children back in their uniforms looking smart and having full classrooms again. Although there will still be some differences from 'normality' it will be great to continue to move forward and feel like a full school identity again.

### September Plans

I hope that you have read the communication from earlier this week regarding our plans for September. These plans have been put in place to ensure that all children can return safely in September. If you are unsure about anything, please do get in touch with us, as we are more than happy to talk/email through any questions you may have. Here are some answers to most frequently asked questions we have received:

1. Siblings with different start times – Families with siblings on different start times can enter school at the same time; there is no need to wait. We have introduced staggered times to reduce the number of people on school premises at any time.
2. Water bottles – Children should bring a filled water bottle to school. These will be sent home each day to be washed and refilled. If the child drinks all their water, they will have the option to refill in school.
3. Breakfast club/after school clubs – initially this provision will not be available. However, we know this is valuable to many working parents, so it is something we will try to reintroduce as soon as possible.
4. School dinners will be as 'normal' with the children having the option to choose between a sandwich (various filling options) and a hot meal option such as a jacket potato. The menu will increase once pupils and systems have been established.

If you have any questions – please do contact us via phone – 01977 703270 or email – [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk)

### Class Transition Teams

On Tuesday, pupils and parents had the opportunity to virtually meet their new teacher. Across all the classes, we had around 150 children join in and ask questions about next year. I know from speaking to many staff members and pupils, they were glad to have the opportunity to meet each other and allay any worries about next year.

### September 2020

Just in case you were not aware – children in Years 1 to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Nursery and Reception parents, please refer to the transition information, which has been communicated to you separately.

### Year 6

I would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best as they move on from Halfpenny Lane to their new high school. Whether the children have been back in school or remained at home, I would like to thank them for their time here and the exceptional work ethic, attitude and behaviour they demonstrated each day. The children will be greatly missed. I hope we can plan a celebration soon, once government guidance dictates, to give them a 'proper' send-off.

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

Mr Parkinson  
Head of School



*A look back on our year at Halfpenny*





