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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher Update

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back the children this week! I have to admit that I felt quite emotional seeing them parade smartly through the school gates on Wednesday morning with happy faces! The children have continued to look so smart and after speaking to many – they are so glad to be back! Though it is still not the ‘normal’ we remember, I’m glad that we are in a position to have everyone back in school and maintain safety for all. I look forward to the academic year ahead.

Social Distancing

As I have previously communicated, to open school safely has meant Pontefract Academies Trust producing individual risk assessments for each school. Within these important documents we have put into place as many measures possible to ensure staff, pupils and parents are as safe as possible. Please can you support us by:

- Following the one way system around school. Entering via the gates by Halfpenny Lane and the parent car park and exiting via the gate next to the school field.
- When you have dropped off your child, please swiftly leave the school premises allowing other parents to hand over their children.
- Please do not congregate on the playground or stand by the windows – once your child has gone into school please follow the one way system around school to the exit.
- When queuing to drop off/collect your children please stand on the silver lines marked socially distant apart.

I thank you for all your support in ensuring everyone remains safe whilst on school grounds.

Attendance

The attendance this week has been around 98% which is fantastic! I am hoping that we can maintain such great attendance to ensure that children have the best possible chance in catching up from the long period of school closure. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day or inform the school for any reason of absence.

School Collection

As a matter of safeguarding, please can we ensure that if there are any changes or additional adults who are collecting your children from school that you communicate this to us. If we are aware of adults collecting children other than recognised family members, we will need to contact you immediately to ensure this is correct.

Flu Immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be onsite on November 12th to carry out Flu immunisations for children in Reception through to year 6. Forms will be sent home on Monday, please can you complete and return to class by Friday 18th September.

Dinner Menus

As of this Monday, I am pleased to inform you that we will be offering a normal hot food menu. This will consist of hot dinner options, a pasta option, along with jacket potato and sandwich options. The menu has been emailed out to Parents today, please note that we are starting on week 2 on Monday. Dinners for children in Year 1 – Year 6 will continue to be taken in their classrooms.

Bromcom/Parent Pay

Please be advised that school communication will now be sent through Bromcom. We will still use ParentPay for payments for the moment and will inform you when this will change. However, due to a technical issue we have not been able to update ParentPay with new class details, hopefully this will be resolved this coming week and dinner charges will then be corrected.