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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

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### Headteacher update

It has been a busy week with lots of great learning taking place I am happy to see that our children are enjoying the routine of being back in school.

### Autumn Weather

It definitely feels like autumn is upon us with mixed weather and colder days. It may be sensible for children to bring a coat. Please remember as per our risk assessment to keep children safe. Please can children bring a carrier bag for their coat to go into when they are not wearing them. Part of our social distancing is ensuring there isn't any cross contamination with soft fabrics. Thank you for your support with this.

### Home Reading Books

Your child will start to bring home from school their home reading book. We hope that you can support your child by listening at least 4 times a week. Reading is at the heart of a good learner so the better a child can read, the better they can access other life skills. You may remember that as lock down was commencing we provided all children with a work pack and school reading books. Please can children who have not already returned the books back into school please do so. Each class teacher has a list of books the pupils borrowed so we can track which pupils still need to return their books. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Attendance

Attendance this week has been concerning. As expected, this week our attendance has dropped considerably from the first week. In the Autumn term, it's quite common for children to pick up a bug along the way- colds for example. After a long period of isolation away from others, maybe this is even more likely if our immunity thresholds are lower. We have had a lot of pupils absent this week but not necessarily Covid-19 symptoms. To ensure we can support your children the best we can we need your child to be in school every day. Please help us by:

- If your child is feeling generally under the weather but not ill – please bring them to school. If they feel worse please feel assured we shall take appropriate action.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school by calling our absence line through 01977 703270. Messages passed on from other parents is not acceptable.
- If your child is absent due to any COVID related issue it is critical you inform school immediately as we need to be able to ensure the correct guidance is being followed. It maybe that you will receive daily calls from our admin or attendance teams to ascertain any further information.

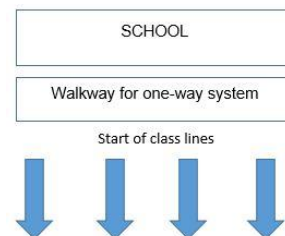
### Social Distancing at Start/End of Day

Please can I ask that once parents have dropped or collected their child to/from school that they quickly leave the school premises following the one-way system around school. I am finding that parents are still wanting to wait and watch their child or congregate with other parents. Whilst I completely understand that it is natural to stand and wave or wait until you can see your child seated, we remain in unprecedented times and it is important that we follow the guidance that the Government has provided of no congregating in public places.

Also, please can I remind parents we only allow one parent/carer to collect your children from school as this will support us in lowering numbers of adults on the school grounds at certain times.

### Morning Line-up Procedure

As from Monday, there will be a slight change to the morning line-up procedure for children. There will now be a gap between school and the start of each line. This will be used as the walkway for the one way system around school. Therefore the children will line up from the edge of the walkway back towards the school field.



### Home Support

As we begin the start of the new academic year we appreciate all the help you can provide your children at home. The learning journey of each child can only be successful with partnership between home and school. You can help by:

- Listening to your child read at least 4 times a week. Ask questions about what you have read together, can they retrieve information you have just read?
- Help them with timetables. Try making this a game and challenging them see if they can win or just have fun.
- Ensure they complete their homework or spellings they may have to learn that week.
- Be interested in their learning, discuss what they are doing in school – is there any way you can research further at home what they do in school?

We appreciate all the support you can do at home!



## Celebration



In every single lesson, our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. However, some catch the eye of their teachers and have been chosen for the pupil of the week award! Well done to the children chosen this week!

Class	Child of the week!	Class	Child of the week!
RB	Freya D	3P	Tommy B
RBM	Archie P	4A	Phoenix RW
1CT	Luna N	4W	Izabella C
1W	Jacob S	5H	Joe C
2S	Kamryn H	5W	Robert S
2W	Alfie T	6D	Oliver F
3G	Lily W	6W	Connor V

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Headteacher**