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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020

Headteacher Update

It has been a busy week and all the children have been working hard to produce some fantastic work. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe weekend.

Attendance

As expected, with colder weather now the norm, many children are absent from school with seasonal cold and sniffles. Please can I ask that all absences are reported to our absence line by calling 01977 703270 and choosing the attendance message line. If you are concerned it may be a more serious illness such as Covid-19, please inform school immediately and continue to update us as your condition changes.

Clothing

Throughout the week we have come across many jumpers or cardigans belonging to pupils who left them on the playground. Most items found have not contained name labels making it hard to find who it belongs to. Please can I ask you to avoid the frustration of losing uniform by adding your child's name to your child's clothing. That way, when found, it can be easily given back to the right owner.

Breakfast Provision

For the last couple of weeks we have now been providing breakfast provision before school. I've been pleased with how the service has been running and maintaining social distancing. Places are filling up fast as we can only offer a certain amount of children per year group. If you would like to know more about breakfast provision or to book a place for your child please contact the school office.

Timestables Rockstars

It has been great to see so many children accessing Rockstar maths at home. Timestables Rockstars is a great app for children to develop their timestables knowledge in a fun but challenging way. The children work through the different levels of multiplication to work their way from a musician to a global rock star. The children should have come home with their login details. If you require any support using TTRS please let your child's class teacher know.

Year 6 Boosters

Starting on Thursday 15th October all Year 6 are invited to attend weekly SAT's Booster sessions after school. A separate letter has been sent home with Year 6 children today. Please return the reply slip at the bottom of the letter before next Thursday.

High School Open Evenings

An email has been sent to all year 6 parents regarding the virtual open evenings at The Kings School and Carleton High School. If you would like to take part in these events you must "like" the relevant Facebook page or you will be unable to join the live session. Please see the email for more information.

Parent Consultation Evenings

At the moment, I'm afraid we cannot invite parents into school to attend their termly parent consultation evening. However, we would like to offer the opportunity to have a consultation via telephone. Please see the letter that has been sent home today to understand how parent consultations will take place whilst remaining safe.

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	Sienna G	3P	Thomas B
RBM	Sylvie W	4A	Sam W
1S	Isabelle B	4W	Kaiden H
1W	Dihein AL	5H	Amelia J
2S	James W	5W	Ella D
2W	Frankie- Lou B	6D	Blake D
3G	Alfie T	6W	Chloe B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Headteacher