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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Headteacher Update

It has been a very interesting week with our first 'social bubble' having to close. Can I thank all the parents and carers who have been so supportive to School. The number of parents who have shown their appreciation and good will has been overwhelming.

Social Distancing

Please can I remind all parents and carers that, whilst on school grounds, you follow the expectations of social distancing. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher regarding a school matter, please inform the adult on the door and you will be contacted via a phone call. Thank you for your support.

Parent Consultation Evenings

If you haven't yet done so, please remember to send in your slips for an appointment. Times will be sent home shortly if not already received.

Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday, 23rd October, we are holding a non-uniform day. With a suggested donation of £1, all money collected will be donated to the Prince of Wales Hospice. The hospice is a fantastic place which supports many families and people who are unwell. Currently, a lot of their fund raising activities are on hold so I'm hoping this will be of some support to them. I would ask all children to wear blue in aid of the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Year 6 Start and End Time

I would like to remind Year 6 Parents/Carers that Year 6 have returned to the normal school hours of 8:50 to 3:20. This will support the children's 'catch-up' and recovery of any lost learning over the period of lockdown. As Year 6 use a completely separate entrance/exit to the rest of school this is a safe and practical option. If you have younger siblings in School they can also be collected at 3:20 to minimise disruption to Year 6. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange.

Class Dojo

We have had some enquiries about Class Dojo, we are not currently using it, but when we are ready to start again we will update you with new usernames.

Staffing Changes

After being at Halfpenny Lane for several years, Mrs Cockerham will be leaving next Friday. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures. As a result, Mrs Tyzack will increase her time in school and the class will be renamed 1T.

Guitar Lessons – Year 4

We had a tremendous response to the new Guitar lessons being offered to Year 4. Unfortunately we didn't have enough space to accommodate everyone, if your child didn't manage to get a place this time around, we have kept a list of names in case any vacancies arise in future.



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	Kobe C	3P	Isobel D
RBM	Priya W	4A	Jack G
1T	Rory W	4W	Tyler M
1W	Chayanne G	5H	Erin H
2S	Rainieh-Leigh M	5W	Oscar D
2W	Cory C	6D	Macie B
3G	Roma H	6W	Ruby W

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ensure you inform us by calling 01977 703270 and selecting the absence line. Minor ailments can be managed in school with the support of the first aiders in school.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	96.43	4A	95.19
RBM	93.41	4W	97.27
1T	94.20	5H	96.10
1W	94.48	5W	98.88
2S	95.14	6D	96.97
2W	93.60	6W	97.59
3G	97.05	Whole School total	96.00
3P	95.14	Cumulative total	96.80

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School