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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

We have completed our first full week of remote learning and I am delighted with the children's application and work ethic. You, as parents and carers, have also played a huge part in the early success of our online and in school learning offer. Thank you, as always, for supporting your school and the staff who are working so hard to provide your children with some semblance of normality during this lockdown period.

I genuinely understand the pressures you face at home to get your children online. Everybody at school is 'with you all the way' and will support you in whatever way we can to make life easier during these challenging times. The attendance this week in our online learning sessions has been outstanding, and one of the best in the Trust! Please continue to support your children in attending these planned lessons.

I have asked all staff to keep communicating with you, and your children at home, to make sure that they are staying safe and accessing the work we have provided. In the current climate, being 'on line' at home is how we are registering children's daily attendance in the first instance. However, we fully understand that there may be times when this is not possible. If there are days where it is not possible to have your child/children online, please let the teachers or school leaders know. Children can still submit work via Class DoJo to show us they have engaged with the learning activities. Teachers are also keeping a record of work submission.

You need to be reassured that school are here to help you wherever we can, and not just in dealing with issues relating to remote learning. We have additional learning and support packages for families which may help you cope with the emotional and wellbeing aspects of being at home. Just contact the school on 01977 703270 if you wish to talk to someone.

Free School Meals

The Trust has recognised that collecting hampers from school was not an ideal solution and have been reviewing alternative methods of providing food to children who are entitled to a income related free school meal. From next week you will be receiving a supermarket voucher, by email, to the value of £15 per week per child. You will be provided with the supermarket voucher every 2 weeks, for each child who is entitled to income related FSM. I sincerely hope this makes things easier for you in the forthcoming weeks.

The supermarkets where vouchers can be redeemed include:

- Aldi, Asda, Morrisons, M&S, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose

You will receive a voucher code from selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk by email. Should you experience any issues receiving the code please contact the school.

Online Learning: Week Commencing 18 January

The weekly timetable packs, with resources for learning activities, will be provided to you in the following manner:

- Class DoJo
- School Website

The links to the live learning lessons with class teachers will be provided to you via:

- Class DoJo
- Email

We will ensure once again that these are easy to access via 'single click links' or 'tinyurls' that can be typed into your browser search bar.

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing live learning through your IT device, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school. Some parents have indicated that using keyboards with games consoles has helped navigate learning packs more efficiently. If you would like to speak to the school about arranging for us to provide you with a keyboard, please get in touch by email or phone. Paper packs will be available for collection from the school office on Monday.

Weekly Challenges



Halfpenny Lane Reading Challenge

We are continuing to run our weekly 'Reading challenge' for all of our children throughout this National Lockdown period. Whilst you are at home, we would like you to continue to read at least 4 times a week and fill in your reading record.

Send us a picture of your completed reading record every Thursday each week on Class Dojo for an extra Dojo point and to be put into 'the reading raffle' for a chance of winning a prize upon our return.

At the end of each week, the names of the winning classes of our reading challenge and the randomly chosen children who have won our reading raffle, will be included in our weekly newsletter and posted on our school Twitter page.

Good luck everyone and continue to read as much as you have been doing!
Happy reading!



Halfpenny Lane TT Rockstars Weekly Battles

We are continuing to run our weekly TT Rockstars battles for all of our children in Year 2 to 6, throughout this National Lockdown period. Whilst you are at home, we would like you to continue to go on and access TT Rockstars as much as you can.

Each week we will be able to see how many correct answers each of you have got and which class has won their weekly battle.

An extra Dojo point will be awarded to those children going on and accessing this each week.

At the end of each week, the names of the winning classes and the top three children with the most correct answers across school, will be included in our weekly newsletter and posted on our school Twitter page. Prizes will be awarded upon our return.

Good luck everyone and rock on!



Celebration



In every single lesson, our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. From next week, we are revising our approach to our 'Star of the Week' children. They will follow the format outlined below:

One child will be chosen from each year group in school and one child will be chosen from each year group accessing the live lessons at home.

Each week, the teacher will select the reason for the child being awarded the certificate, as they usually would do.



[Come and follow Halfpenny Lane on Twitter!](#)



For those parents/carers who are not yet aware, you can now follow our school and the Trust on Twitter. Please take a look and see all of the fantastic things that we are doing in school, as well as our other schools across the Trust!

The Halfpenny Lane Twitter feed is: [@halfpennylane](#)

The Trust Twitter feed is: [@PontefractAT](#)

Enjoy your weekend, stay safe with your families.

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