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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 12 March 2021

What a fantastic week it has been for our staff and children. The school feels whole and vibrant again with everyone back. There has been smiles in every classroom. To see the children, work and play with their classmates again has truly been heart-warming.

The resilience demonstrated by our young people is noteworthy. My thanks must be extended to you for playing your role in getting them back into full time education. They are slowly returning to the routines of a school day; although many look tired now that we have reached Friday afternoon! As we move further into normality we will continue to work with your children to ensure that they are making the academic and personal progress that they are capable of. For this week, it has just been great to have them back in.

I will communicate with you next week regarding the rearranged dates and times for parents evening. Parents evening was on the last week of this term, however, given the children have just returned to school, and we have been in regular communication with you over lockdown 3, parents evening will now take place towards the end of May. Detailed arrangements will be forwarded to you in due course. In the meantime, please take any opportunity you need to communicate with teachers or senior leaders regarding your child's progress on their return to full time education.

Social distancing etiquette

I have had several communications from parents highlighting that there are a small minority of adults not following the social distancing protocols requested from the school; both inside the school grounds and outside the front gate. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, it is everyone's responsibility to look after those in our community. We have a conscious accountability to be vigilant in the distance we keep from others and to ensure everyone feels safe. As a member of our community please can you constructively challenge those that you feel are breaking the rules.

Red Nose Day – Wear Red Non-uniform Day: Friday 19th March 2021

As I'm sure you will all be aware it is Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March. This year we are going to be taking part, have some fun and celebrate by holding a 'wear red' non-uniform day in school on Friday 19th March. With a suggested donation of an amount of your choice, all money collected will then be donated directly to Comic Relief.

Through the week, children will also be participating in a TT Rockstars 'Rock Down Relief' competition, battling against each other to answer the most correct answers as they can throughout the school week.

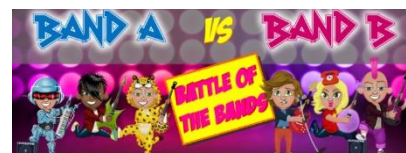


British Science Week: Friday 5th March – Sunday 14th March

As part of our British Science Week celebrations, our children have enjoyed a fantastic day of Science activities; exploring Innovative creations as well as inspiring Scientists and carrying out a wide-range of engaging Science experiments! Remember all of your poster competition entries must be given to your class teacher by **Monday 22nd March** where the winners will be announced in our celebration assembly on **Friday 26th March**.

Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard and participate in our weekly challenges / battles. Please see the results below:



Children with the most correct answers over the past 7 days:

1st	Laya T – 2W	4, 403
2nd	Luke B – 6W	2, 577
3rd	Lucas E – 5H	2 217

Battle	Winning Class
2S V 2W	2W
3P V 3G	3P
4A V 4W	4W
5H V 5W	5H
6D V 6W	6W

We are incredibly impressed with the scores this week on TT Rockstars. Keeping working hard everyone, as I know you all love Times Table Rockstars, but I wonder who is going to be the biggest Rockstar of them all? Battles on Times Table Rockstars have begun! The battle will run from Friday evening until Thursday evening.

Reading challenge:

Well done to all of our children for working incredibly hard on their reading this week. Our reading challenge has been extremely close between the classes this week so continue to try your best and read at least 4 times each week to help your class win. The winning classes this week are: 3P, 4A, 5H, 6W. Year 1 and Year 2 were tied.



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	Ayla B	3P	Lillie CH
RBM	Llayton B	4A	Laythem KC
1T	Isabella C	4W	Jazmin T
1W	Ethan P	5H	All of the Class
2S	Zac SK	5W	Isla D
2W	Seth H	6D	Oliver W
3G	Cameron A	6W	Evie H

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. Our aim is to have a whole class attendance of above 96%. If your child is ill and unable to attend, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	100.00	4A	99.31
RBM	96.43	4W	100.00
1T	98.99	5H	100.00
1W	98.00	5W	98.33
2S	98.62	6D	98.00
2W	97.67	6W	98.67
3G	96.67	Whole School total	96.03
3P	97.06	Cumulative total	97.34



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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**

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