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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021

Given that it has been such washout week with the weather, this hasn't dampened the spirit of our children! I am so pleased with how well they have coped with being cooped up inside and how sensible they have been.

Tea Party Celebration Friday

Thank you to the children who joined me for our first tea party celebration this afternoon. This is a reward for the children who have been nominated by their class teacher for always making the right choices. This week we celebrate with;

Lily M and Everly D Reception

Sonny H and Bella M Year 1

Charlotte D and Isla B Year 2

Esme W and Roma H Year 3

Eli S and Phoenix R-W Year 4

Tai B and Millie D Year 5

Emme C and Ruby W Year 6

Parents Evening – School Cloud

Our parents' evenings are taking place next week - 26th and 27th May, 3:30-7:00pm. If you haven't done already please log on and book your appointment. The appointment booking system closes at 10am on Monday 24th so if you have any problems logging on or have any questions please contact the school office team and they will be able to help.

School Payments

From Friday 28th May we will no longer use ParentPay for school payments, instead payments will be made through the MCAS application. If you have not already downloaded this please do so; you can also keep up with school communication on there too. A guide on how to log on and further information will be sent to you before we break up for half term.

Music Competition

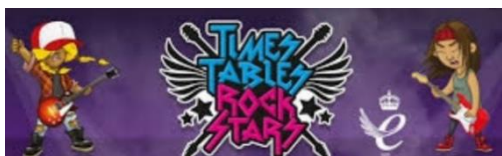
Music is an area of our curriculum which we will be developing over the next few months not only because our pupils are very excited and motivated by it, but also because we feel strongly about the importance of music as part of education, personal development and well-being. We are also extremely fortunate to have some very talented and musical staff! We will be holding an exciting music competition over the half-term holiday which we hope many of the children will become involved in. A letter came out on Monday this week explaining more.

Superhero Sprint

We are really excited that the Superhero Sprint is taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Our children will all be given a cape and a mask to become the caped crusaders!! We will share all of our superheroes with you on Twitter so keep an eye out for these @halfpennylane

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	Erin H – 5H	55,649
2nd	Sophie O – 4W	30,859
3rd	Harry T – 5H	27,865



Battle	Winning Class
1T V 1W	1W
2S V 2W	2S
3P V 3G	3G
4A V 4W	4W
5H V 5W	5H
6D V 6W	6D

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 1W, 2W, 3G, 4A, 5W, 6W.



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	Daisie MF	3P	Joshua E
RBM	Denny EH	4A	Evan H
1T	Eliza S	4W	Krissy B
1W	Charlie J	5H	All of 5H
2S	Oscar B	5W	Lennon C
2W	Paul B	6D	Grace L
3G	Jack YS	6W	Ozzy C

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	96.90	4A	98.81
RBM	95.47	4W	97.90
1T	95.21	5H	98.97
1W	97.96	5W	98.64
2S	95.10	6D	94.93
2W	97.24	6W	94.18
3G	94.25	Whole School total	96.83
3P	99.26	Cumulative total	96.37

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**

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