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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 11th June 2021

It has been lovely to have our children back in school this week after their half-term holiday. They have all settled back in incredibly well and it has been lovely to see their hardworking attitudes to all aspects of their learning. We have had our very first 'Fitness Friday', which our children have thoroughly enjoyed! We cannot wait for our next one, on Friday.

COVID – Delta Variant

As I'm sure you are aware, COVID 19 is very much still with us across the country as well as in our local area. According to Public Health England, the number of positive Delta variant cases is highest in Pontefract South compared to the rest of the Wakefield region (as of Tuesday afternoon). We urge all members of our school community to remain vigilant and follow our control measures in place: ensuring we are socially distancing, following the one-way system in operation around school when dropping off and collecting children and not gathering in large groups. We have two entrance gates; one leading off Halfpenny Lane and the second leading from the parent car park and we have one exit gate, which leads onto the footpath by the school field. We really appreciate and thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe.

Tea Party Celebration Friday

Thank you to the children who joined me for our tea party celebration this week. This is a reward for the children who have been nominated by their class teacher for always making the right choices and it has been lovely to host our second celebration of these children. This week we celebrate with:

Sienna G and Chloe G Reception
Eliza S and Zeke K Year 1
Oliver D and Seb C Year 2
Evie-Rose M and Logan P Year 3
Maiya V and Harrison M Year 4
Holly G and Harry T Year 5
Grace P and Connor V Year 6

Music Competition

Our Music competition has been very popular with our children and there has been lots of talk regarding this in school, however we have decided to extend this to ensure we have given our children the opportunity to submit their fantastic entries. If you haven't already done so, please submit your child's work to the school admin email address or through Class Dojo. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the amazing entries and awarding the winning prizes!

Fitness Friday – Y1-Y6

Today, saw our very first 'Fitness Friday', which was a day full of PE, PSHE and wellbeing activities. The children have been fully engaged in all of their learning today and have absolutely relished in the whole day. Due to the success of this, we are going to be continuing with this each Friday for the remainder of the school year. So please ensure your child comes in their full School PE Kit every Friday. This is the only day each week that children need to wear their School PE kit. Also, school will share all of our learning from each day on our School Twitter page so keep an eye out for this at @halfpennylane

Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard on their timestable knowledge and improving their scores. Please see the results below:



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

1st	Sophie O – 4W	11, 046
2nd	Skye D – 4A	9, 502
3rd	Samuel W – 4A	7, 790



Battle	Winning Class
1T V 1W	1W
2S V 2W	2S
3P V 3G	3G
4A V 4W	4A
5H V 5W	5W
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, 5H, 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	Harry SS	3P	George N
RBM	Leland W	4A	Liam S
1T	Sophie B	4W	Charlie G
1W	Jacob H	5H	Lily M
2S	Evie-Leigh V	5W	Josephine H
2W	Leo K	6D	Ciaran W
3G	Skyla S	6W	Liam G

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	98.00	4A	97.93
RBM	96.55	4W	95.86
1T	96.33	5H	96.33
1W	95.58	5W	97.25
2S	95.52	6D	95.19
2W	98.93	6W	95.33
3G	94.33	Whole School total	95.26
3P	100.00	Cumulative total	96.29

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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