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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Our pupils have enjoyed being physical this week and have showed excellent sportsmanship during their Sports Days. We've still got a couple more year groups to go, so will work out the winning house when these have taken place next week! Our Y6's have been particularly busy putting the finishing touches to their production rehearsals, taking part in some 'leaving treats', as well as their usual curriculum lessons! We are looking forward to seeing them perform next week!

### Farewell Mrs Roberts

We will be very sad to bid 'farewell' to Mrs Roberts next week when she leaves Halfpenny Lane School. Mrs Roberts has a very long history with the school as one of the longest serving members of staff and will be missed by the entire school community when she begins her retirement! This is well-deserved and we hope she enjoys a long and happy retirement, doing all those things she loves. We know she will keep in touch and pop in to see us from time-to-time!

### New Teachers

The pupils have been told about their new teachers this week and everyone is really looking forward to our Transition Day on Monday when they will get to spend time in their new classes. A reminder that those Y6's who will be attending Kings or Carleton High need to go straight to those schools on Monday morning. New classes are as follows:

Current class	Moving to	2021/2022 Class
Rec: Mrs Brennan	➡	1 Miss Halliday
Rec: Mrs Burton/Mitchell	➡	1 Mrs Tyzack
1: Miss Williams	➡	2 Miss Senior
1: Mrs Tyzack	➡	2 Miss Brough/Mrs Applegarth
2: Miss Ward	➡	3 Mrs Gawthorp
2: Miss Senior	➡	3 Miss Williams
3: Mrs Gawthorp	➡	4 Miss Hewes/Miss Ward
3: Miss Halliday/Mrs Poynton	➡	4 Miss Wilkinson
4: Miss Brough/Mrs Applegarth	➡	5 Miss Hill
4: Mr Wilbor	➡	5 Mr Wilbor
5: Miss Wilkinson	➡	6 Mrs Daley
5: Miss Hill	➡	6 Miss Whitehead
6: Miss Whitehead	➡	
6: Mrs Daley	➡	

### Sports Day

We are looking forward to our final two Sports Days - Y3 and Y4 – which will take place on Tuesday.

We are extremely disappointed that you are unable to join us for the event, but we will ensure the children have a great day that they will be able to tell you all about and look forward to making up for it with a full day event, as well as several Key Stage events, next year!

***Please note that we will also be having our usual Fitness Friday on Friday 23rd, so children will need to be in their correct PE uniform on this day in addition to their allocated Sports Day. Thank you.***

### IceFoot92

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday 'taking the plunge' for a very worthy cause and a 'well done' and huge 'thank you' to our staff who were great sports for participating and making the day such a fun event. I would also like to say a massive 'thank you' for supporting this cause and making your donations and to our wonderful pupils for cheering on the staff. As a Trust, we have already raised over £1000, which is a tremendous effort and will be very much appreciated by MNDA! It's not too late to donate, if you haven't already done so, and this can be done via MCAS – thank you!



### **Reports to Parents**

Staff are putting the final touches to pupils' reports and once we have proof-read them and added attendance, we look forward to sharing these with you on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Final Week**

Following the letter sent out yesterday, I would like to remind parents that our COVID safety measures will all still be in place next week, even with the relaxation of all national restrictions from Monday. That said, we would like to give the pupils a great final week to see them off into the summer holiday and revitalised and enthusiastic about their return to 'normality' in September. Especially our Y6's who have missed out on so many of the activities and traditional events that were planned for them. Our plans are therefore as follows:

#### **Monday**

Transition Day – Y6's go to The Kings School and Carleton High, all pupils spend day in new class

#### **Tuesday**

Normal Day

### Wednesday

- Normal Day
- Y6 Production – Y5 to watch in hall.

### Thursday

- Fun Day Thursday with the following activities for pupils to participate in: bouncy castle; water fun (pupils can bring water guns etc and will need a change of clothes); ice foot challenge pupil version; music/dance zone; watching a film; watching y6 production recorded yesterday
- 99% attenders reward
- Featherstone Rovers in to do some sessions with some of our KS2 children.

### Friday

- 9:30 Final Assembly – virtual
- 11:15 live stream Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- PM – Fitness Friday

### Weekly Challenges

We'd like to encourage our pupils to give their challenges all they've got over the next few weeks – let's see how much we can increase our reading and rockstars scores!

Please see this week's results below:



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

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sophie O – 4W	19, 101
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Skye D – 4A	13, 224
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Chloe M – 4W	9, 924

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

### Reading challenge

Well done to all those children who worked incredibly hard on their reading this week. Some of our classes had disappointing whole class scores this week so we'd like to urge everyone to try their best and read at least 4 times next week to help increase the class totals and help your class win. A special reward has been promised for a 'full house' (each class scoring 100%). The winning classes this week are 1W, 2S, 3P, 4W, 5W, 6D.



## 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	Lucian E	3P	Alex WD
RBM	Isaak A	4A	Freya C
1T	Hudson B	4W	Sophie O
1W	Isaac J	5H	Jaxon W
2S	Jake S	5W	Myles B
2W	Laya T	6D	Ryan M
3G	Erin B	6W	Olivia N

### 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	86.07	4A	92.80
RBM	95.80	4W	86.67
1T	94.83	5H	94.97
1W	96.24	5W	96.70
2S	96.97	6D	93.81
2W	90.85	6W	91.60
3G	92.11	Whole School total	93.75
3P	97.12	Cumulative total	96.27

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