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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 9th July 2021

Our hardworking pupils have produced some amazing work this week: writing letters as evacuees, exploring and creating maps and investigating angles, to mention a few examples of the learning that has taken place! We've also continued to give out a number of silver stars and it's definitely becoming more and more difficult to choose just one pupil for our 'star of the week' awards. We are so proud of our pupils and school every day!

COVID Safety

With everyone looking forward to the 19th July and 'freedom day', it's easy to forget that COVID is still virulent and spreading rapidly within our community! We desperately want to make the most of the final two weeks with all of our pupils, so ask that you share our vigilance in monitoring all possible COVID symptoms (which now also includes a runny nose in children) and keep your child at home if they are showing any symptoms at all, if they have been in close contact with someone showing symptoms or testing positive, or if they are awaiting the results of a PCR test. They will receive an 'x' code, which does not go against their attendance figure, it will prevent further transmission in the community and it will help ensure that we don't have to close any more bubbles before the end of the year. Thank you for your continuing support with this!

We will be 'back to normal' from September, providing there is no change to the national situation or government guidance and further information as to what this looks like will follow in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, there will be no change to our current arrangements and COVID safety measures.

Sports Day

We are looking forward to our 'bubble sports day' on 12th, 14th, 15th, and 16th July – please can we request that pupils wear their correct PE uniform on their allocated day:

| Monday 12 th July | Wednesday 14 th July | Thursday 15 th July | Friday 16 th July |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4W and 4A | 6W and 6D | 1T and 1W | 3G and 3P |
| | 5H and 5W | 2S and 2W | |

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 16th, 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 are very excited to announce that our school staff will be fundraising and participating in the IceFoot92 challenge to raise money for the MNDA. Keep an eye on Twitter for nominations for additional participants! This promises to be a really 'cool' event for a very worthy cause. We would also appreciate any help with our fundraising effort which can be made 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 21st July.

Transition Day

Our transition day for all pupils, when they will spend the day with their new teacher, is Monday 19th July. The children will find out their new teacher on Friday 16th July. We know they will make the most of the opportunity to make a good first impression and start to familiarise themselves with their new teacher and classroom routines.

Our Special Fitness Friday

In celebration of England's football victory on Wednesday and to support their efforts this Sunday, our pupils enjoyed wearing red and white for our Fitness Friday today. As usual, they fully embraced their well-being activities and fully demonstrated their enthusiasm for P.E.



It is 55 years since England reached a major tournament final, so we want families to enjoy the occasion together, take pride in our team and talk about what it means for our generation of aspiring footballers.

Let us hope that 'football comes home on Sunday'. We hope that England win and we can celebrate as a school and community.

Weekly Challenges

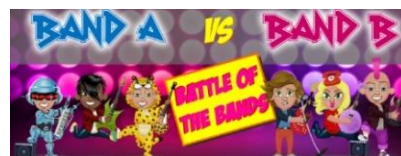
We'd like to encourage our pupils to give their challenges all they've got over the next few weeks – let's see how much we can increase our reading and rockstars scores!

Please see this week's results below:



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

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1st | Sophie O – 4W | 18, 157 |
| 2nd | Skye D – 4A | 10, 364 |
| 3rd | Erin H – 5H | 7, 646 |



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

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 1T, 2S, 3P, 4A, 5W. Year 6 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 | Zachary M | 3P | Amelia W |
| RBM | Caelem M | 4A | Mia A |
| 1T | Isabelle B | 4W | Mason S |
| 1W | Callum J | 5H | Maycee D |
| 2S | Sophia D | 5W | Freya H |
| 2W | Alfie T | 6D | George R |
| 3G | Warren S | 6W | Jenson J |

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 | 94.93 | 4A | 95.79 |
| RBM | 98.44 | 4W | 100.00 |
| 1T | 97.96 | 5H | 98.61 |
| 1W | 98.93 | 5W | 97.63 |
| 2S | 97.10 | 6D | 98.28 |
| 2W | 90.91 | 6W | N/A |
| 3G | 97.00 | Whole School total | 96.67 |
| 3P | 100.00 | Cumulative total | 96.35 |

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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