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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

I hope all the children enjoyed playing in the snow! It has been a strange week with the joys of snow but also the frustration of having to postpone our World Book Day. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Kirkland who has been in school since the early hours of this morning to make sure our school is safe to open.

### School Closure

In cases of bad weather, please check the school website or twitter account to check whether the school is open. We also publish closure details on both WMDC and Ridings FM websites. In addition, emails/texts are sent to all parents registered to receive communication on ParentPay. If you have not yet registered, please contact the school office for your logon details. Going forwards, we will endeavour to contact you with a decision to close/reopen as early as possible.

### World Book Day

Following yesterday's closure, I have rescheduled our World Book Day celebrations for **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be able to enjoy the same activities as previously planned, with children dressing up as book characters and our book swap café taking place in the hall at the end of the school day.

### Class assemblies

The bad weather also meant that 2G missed their class assembly. This has been rearranged for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am, I hope all parents/carers from 2G can still join us. 5A's class assembly will be going ahead as scheduled on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am.

### Year 2 Thackray Trip

Last Friday, the Year 2 children visited the Thackray Museum as part of their science and topic work. The children enjoyed talking to me about the digestive system and about the famous nurse – Florence Nightingale. I am so glad the children had a great time!

### Parents Evening

A date for your diary – our next parent consultation evenings for Reception to Year 5 will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More information will follow shortly.

### Weather warning

The forecast into next week looks set to stay cold with the temperature due to remain around zero. Please ensure that your children come to school with the appropriate clothing to stay warm should they go outdoors.

### Key Dates

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2G Class Assembly  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – 5A Class Assembly  
Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Parents Evening  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Break up for Easter  
Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Inset Day  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school  
Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Nursery Closed  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs throughout week  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May – KS1 SATs throughout week  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May – Class group photos  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May – Wear Blue non-uniform day  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May – Last day at school  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school

## 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 school, please ensure you inform the office. Minor ailments can be managed in school with the support of the school nurse.

**Our weekly attendance is:**

Class	Attendance%	Class	Attendance%
RBM	93.44	4D	89.08
RW	86.11	4M	90.00
1C	91.38	5A	96.43
1OB	96.55	5W	90.23
2B	99.32	6L	96.49
2G	92.67	6OT	95.35
3S	92.77	Whole School total	92.61
3W	88.33	Cumulative total	94.98

**Well done to all of those children who were here every day!**



## Celebration



**Each and every 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 in the grid below!**

Class	Child of the week!
RBM	Jayden Beecher
RW	Skarlett Churm
1C	Ramsey Jewitt
1OB	Mia Richardson
2B	Lennon Crowther
2G	Aaron Tinnion
3S	Ruby Ashe
3W	Libby Daley
4D	Andrei Iosef
4M	Ruby Whitham
5A	Isla Caine
5W	Scarlett Considine
6L	Daniel Askham
6OT	Eliza Jegorova

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**