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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Welcome back, I have enjoyed catching up with the children and hearing about the exciting things they have been up to. It has been great to see our children get back into their learning and showing determination to achieve more. I look forward to another busy half term leading up to Christmas.

### Halfpenny Lane Garden

This week, 5W have been working in our school garden. They have been planting bulbs, collecting leaves and making sure our garden is prepared for the winter. Thank you to all the adults who enable our children to take part in this fantastic opportunity.

### Bonfire Dinner Day

Yesterday we had our Bonfire dinner. It was lovely to see so many children taking part in this. As this weekend will be full of bonfire parties, we have been reminding our children in class and in assemblies about the firework code and staying safe when at a bonfire and firework party. If you are having or going to a bonfire party, I hope you have lots of fun and stay safe!

### School Photographs

On Wednesday, Tempest Photography were in school, the children were looking very smart and I hope you are happy with the sample print they brought home. The deadline for returning your orders to school is 3.45pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders after this date will need to be ordered directly with Tempest Photography.

### School Calendar 2018/2019

Pontefract Academies Trust have agreed the term dates for the next academic year. Please see the separate letter with the agreed dates, though please note additional inset days are still to be confirmed.

### Staffing news

After a long period of absence, Mrs Reynolds, the Parental Involvement Officer at Halfpenny Lane, has decided to move on. We wish her all the very best for the future.

### Christmas dates

With Christmas around the corner, we would like to give you as much notice as possible for our Christmas dates. Please see the "Key Dates" section for the events happening at Halfpenny Lane this Christmas.



### Key Dates

- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr5 trip to YWP
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – KS1 Coffee Morning
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – KS2 Coffee Afternoon
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm & 6pm – KS1 Nativity
- Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 3:30pm – Christmas Fayre
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:45am – EYFS/KS1 Christingle service at St Giles Church (Parents welcome)
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – KS2 Christingle service at St Giles Church (Parents welcome)
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am – EYFS Christmas Nativity
- Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Nativity – 9:45am for AM session & 2:15pm for PM session
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu Immunisations
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa Dash with Prince of Wales Hospice
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day at school
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Return to school

Further dates to be added

## 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	93.48%	4D	94.58%
RW	93.10%	4M	93.97%
1C	91.81%	5A	91.96%
1OB	89.22%	5W	99.57%
2B	93.72%	6L	91.81%
2G	91.07%	6OT	89.29%
3S	95.09%	Whole School total	92.92%
3W	92.08%	Cumulative total	94.94%

**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	Skyla Sanderson
RW	Evie-Rose Ellison
1C	Julian Kurzawa
1OB	James Green
2B	Eva Hodgson
2G	Cody Richardson
3S	Emme Coultous
3W	Georgia Grindle
4D	Lawson Boucher
4M	Thomas Rylatt
5A	Charlotte Jennison
5W	Kaitlyn Browning
6L	Milly Collins
6OT	Destiny Beach

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to four of our Year 6 pupils – Elisha Bird, Sophie Tordoff-Butler, Emily Rowe and Laeton Green – who have done a wonderful job this week selling Poppies throughout School.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**