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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back! I have loved hearing how the children enjoyed Christmas. It has been great to see everyone ready to jump straight back into their learning as we gear ourselves up for another busy term!

Last Day of Term - Santa Dash & Christmas Jumper Day 2017

It was lovely to see so many children take part in the Santa Dash, we raised £148.28! All the proceeds of this will go to the Prince of Wales Hospice. We also celebrated 'Christmas Jumper Day'; it was fantastic to see so many children come in bright Christmassy jumpers! We were able to raise just under £200, which will be donated to the Save the Children charity, who support children all around the world. We look forward to doing this again next year! Thank you to all of those who supported both of these fantastic events.

Staffing news

Mrs Evans is our new Pastoral Learning Mentor and will be working with many children and families of Halfpenny Lane. She will be around the school on a morning and after school to introduce herself to parents. Mrs Robinson and Miss Hewes have also joined us and are part of the UKS2 team. I hope you will join me in making them all feel welcome.

Mrs Cockerham

As you are aware, Mrs Cockerham began her maternity leave in November. I am happy to let you know that just before Christmas, she gave birth to a baby girl – Ada Mary Cockerham, weighing 7.9lbs. They are both doing really well and Mrs Cockerham is enjoying this new aspect of her life. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Cockerham and Ada a happy and exciting new year!

Parking

Parking is again an issue around Halfpenny Lane at the start and end of the day and we have received complaints from local residents. Please can we remind you to park in an appropriate place and not double park on the main road. It has also been brought to my attention that some parents are also parking in the staff car park and on the school service road. Please can I ask that you refrain from parking in these areas as it puts the safety of our children at risk.

Winnie the Pooh Day

We are celebrating Winnie the Pooh day on 18th January with a special dinner. Parents of children on packed lunches should have received a letter, please return slips by Monday 8th January if your child would like to enjoy a school dinner on this day. If you have not received a letter and would like one, please contact the school office.

School Uniform

I would just like to give a polite reminder that our School Uniform Policy should be adhered to at all times. Please also make sure that all of your child's clothing is labelled with their name as this helps to return items of lost property quickly. Details of the School uniform Policy can be provided by the school office if required.

Key Dates

Thur 18th Jan – Winnie the Pooh day

Fri 9th Feb – Break up for half term

Mon 19th Feb – 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	97.19	4D	89.66
RW	100.00	4M	95.56
1C	94.25	5A	97.02
1OB	95.38	5W	93.10
2B	97.70	6L	89.08
2G	90.48	6OT	81.61
3S	95.83	Whole School total	94.00
3W	98.89	Cumulative total	94.75

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	George Lazenby
RW	Charlie Cox
1C	Rae-Leigh Waldron
1OB	Maiya Venables
2B	Blake Pouton/Ruby Smith
2G	Morgan Hopkins
3S	Harvey Stocks
3W	Thomas Collinson
4D	Maia Westerman
4M	Caitlin Wass
5A	Krystal Li
5W	Amy Furniss
6L	Damian Lipinski
6OT	Toby Evans

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School