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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

With only one week of the term left, there is much to be proud of, with the children continuing to work hard as well as enjoying many festive activities!

### 2017 Poppy Appeal

Our local branch of The Royal British Legion wrote to us this week thanking us for raising £483.81 from our Poppy Appeal in November. I am very proud we raised such a fantastic amount, many thanks to everyone who supported this worthy charity.

### Year 4 Cinema Trip

As part of their Curriculum theme 'Has entertainment taken us on a mystery magical tour?', the Year 4 children created 'stop frame' animation films which were premiered at Cineworld last Friday. It was such an enjoyable morning watching their amazing films. I am sure all the parents enjoyed it!

### Twitter

If you don't already, please follow us on Twitter to find out more about what's going on in school and in your children's classes. Please send a follower request to @halfpennylane and ask in the school office for the 'Twitter Follower Request Form'.

### Lost Property

If your child lost any item of clothing during this half term, please contact school with details, as all lost property will be donated to the charity shop on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure your child's belongings are labelled so that they can be returned.

### Upcoming Christmas Events

We have a very busy final week planned, please see the 'Key Dates' section for specific events. We are looking for helpers to assist with Reception and KS1 walking to St Giles Church on Monday morning, please see class if you are able to help. Please don't forget Christmas Jumper Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> in exchange for a £1 donation to Save the Children, if you would like to find out more please visit [www.christmasjumperday.org](http://www.christmasjumperday.org)

### Christmas Parties

Dates for Christmas parties have been added to the 'Key Dates' section. If you are unsure of any Christmas Party arrangements for your child, please see class teachers for further information.

### Key Dates

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christingle Service at St Giles Church 9:45am. All parents welcome.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christingle Service at St Giles Church 2pm. All parents welcome.

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Christmas Party

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Christmas Nativity 9:30am

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & 4 Carols on the Playground 5pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Nativity 10:30am for AM session & 2:15pm for PM session

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & 6 Carols on the Playground 5pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

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

## 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	96.21	4D	92.76
RW	96.55	4M	93.67
1C	95.17	5A	91.79
1OB	92.76	5W	94.14
2B	100	6L	95.17
2G	97.86	6OT	92.07
3S	93.93	Whole School total	94.75
3W	94.67	Cumulative total	94.81

**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	Oliver Pavlitski
RW	Lloyd Whittaker
1C	Ryan Vause
1OB	Riley Scott
2B	Louie Davidson
2G	Tai Blair
3S	Jessica Cottell
3W	Jacob Beaumont
4D	Lawrenca Pratt
4M	Mandeep Kaur
5A	Sam Ross
5W	Caitlin Howard
6L	Jake Bennett
6OT	Emily Rowe

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**