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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2017

We have had another good week in school; children are working hard, persevering and doing their best!

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

On Wednesday, in conjunction with their topic 'Animals in captivity – Right or Wrong?' Year 5 went on a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster. The children saw many different animals and fortunately, the weather was dry and bright. The children were incredible in how they represented our school with exceptional behaviour all day. We look forward to seeing how this trip will feed into their class work. Thank you to all the staff who planned and prepared for this trip.



Social Media

As a school, we always try our very hardest to ensure our children at Halfpenny Lane get the best possible opportunities during their time at primary school. However, sometimes we may have different views or opinions on how this can be achieved. If you have any concerns or questions regarding our school, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher at the end of the day, or arrange an appointment via the School Office.

Children in Need

Children in Need is an annual fundraising event that supports children from less fortunate backgrounds. To support this worthy cause, we shall be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November, for a suggested donation of £1. All the money raised will go to the Children in Need charity. Please send your donation in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and class.

Chartwells Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 23rd November, we are inviting all parents to join us in the hall between 2:15 and 3:15 for coffee and tasters from the new menu, which will be available from January. Representatives from Chartwells, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding school dinners. Please note the change in date as originally this was scheduled for the 14th and 15th November.

Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight

We shall be holding a Carols by Candlelight sing-along on the school playground for our Key Stage 2 children and parents. This will be for Years 3/4 on Wednesday 13th December at 5pm and for Year 5/6 on Thursday 14th December at 5pm. If you have children in other year groups, please feel free to bring them along too! It will be a great opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers and celebrate this festive time of year in school.

Prince of Wales Santa Dash

On Friday 15th December, we shall be raising money for the Prince of Wales Hospice by completing the Santa Dash. The children will be taking part in a run around the school boundary in search of hidden clues. We are not stating any suggested donation for this, but all money raised will be donated to the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Staffing news

After many years of working in our kitchen, Mrs Sharp has decided to hang up her apron and enjoy a well-earned retirement. She has served the children of Halfpenny for over 25 years and we will miss seeing her at lunchtimes. In addition, Miss McKelvie is moving on to pastures new, having decided on a complete career change. Thanks to both staff for their hard work, we wish them both the very best.

Key Dates

Please see the separate letter sent home today for key dates scheduled for the remainder of the school year. All new dates and any amendments will be detailed in future newsletters.

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	90.34%	4D	89.67%
RW	95.52%	4M	93.79%
1C	96.55%	5A	94.29%
1OB	91.03%	5W	96.21%
2B	92.50%	6L	95.86%
2G	97.14%	6OT	93.21%
3S	92.50%	Whole School total	93.67%
3W	93.00%	Cumulative total	94.89%

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	Matilda Beswick
RW	George Dawson
1C	Skye Dyson
1OB	Krissy Buckley
2B	Holly Garth
2G	Lily Morgan
3S	Macie Backhouse
3W	Alesha Cook
4D	Holly Reynolds
4M	Lewis Cartledge
5A	Kacie-Mae Mann
5W	Lexi Clarkson
6L	Casey Cropper
6OT	James Casey

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School