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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Yet again, it has been another busy week! Lots of fantastic learning taking place and all of the children have been working very hard and doing their best!

### Anti-Bullying week

As you will know, this week has been Anti Bullying week. At school, we have been focusing on how we respect each other and show kindness. The children have been learning about how we treat one another and how we are all similar yet different in a variety of aspects. I hope you have been able to speak with your child about what they have learnt this week.

### Children in Need

Today is the annual fundraiser for Children in Need. It has been great to see so many children and staff in non-uniform and donating to such a worthy cause. We have been able to raise £365.95, which is a phenomenal amount! Thank you for your support with this.

### Playground Climbing Frame

As the weather gets colder and wetter, the climbing frame in the playground does become slippery. We do not want any unnecessary accidents so we please ask that, if your child does go for an extra play on the climbing frame after school has finished, you supervise them and remind them to take care.

### Christmas Fayre

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the School is holding its annual Christmas Fayre. It will start at 3:30pm and will take place in the school hall and Key Stage 2 area. We will be sending out more details very soon. I hope you are able to join us at this fantastic event.

### School Governor

The role of a school governor is an important one within the life of a school. A school governor supports and challenges the school in the best interest of all the children at Halfpenny Lane. If you would like to express an interest in becoming a parent governor at Halfpenny Lane, or have any further questions about the role of a parent governor, then please do come into school to speak to myself.

### Key Dates

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Chartwells Coffee Afternoon  
2:15pm  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chocolate Challenge (Christmas Fayre)  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Bring a Bottle (Christmas Fayre) & non-uniform day  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Year 4 Cinema visit  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Choir Singing in Pontefract Market Place (St. Giles) 2:15pm – 2:55pm  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre 3:30pm  
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  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS Christmas Nativity 9:30am  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & 4 Carols on the Playground 5pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Nativity 10:30am for AM session & 2:15pm for PM session  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & 6 Carols on the Playground 5pm  
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	90.00%	4D	93.00%
RW	97.93%	4M	94.83%
1C	96.21%	5A	94.29%
1OB	92.41%	5W	97.93%
2B	97.14%	6L	93.10%
2G	97.14%	6OT	99.29%
3S	98.93%	Whole School total	95.51%
3W	95.33%	Cumulative total	94.95%

**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	Molly Laws
RW	Eva Routledge
1C	Logan Ellis
1OB	Jake Harrington
2B	Ellie-Grace Gamble
2G	Joe Casey
3S	Ethan Moore
3W	Liam Gallivan
4D	Emily Harris
4M	Sasha- Lee Sibary
5A	Emily Williams
5W	Ethan Crossley
6L	Lucy Farrar
6OT	Elleanne Alcock-Cross

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**