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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Thursday 19th October 2017

Half term

Today is our last day with the children before half term break as tomorrow is an INSET day. We hope that all of our children have a good, restful break and we look forward to seeing them back on Monday 30th October.

Working with WDH

This week, 6L have been working with WDH to plant bulbs and shrubs around the Halfpenny Lane estate. This was a fantastic morning where the children got to work with the people of WDH to improve our local area. Members of the community were invited to see what we had achieved and the class performed a song they had been practising. Well done Year 6!



Halfpenny Lane Garden

5A got the opportunity to spend time in our school gardens this week. There were still many jobs to do to ensure our garden is ready for the winter and I know 5A are working hard to help make our school garden look incredible.

Poppy Appeal

We have received some items to sell in school to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. There are various items available from snap-band rulers to wristbands, in assorted colours. The suggested donation ranges from 50p to £1 per item. If your child would like to purchase anything, please send the money in with them to class on Tuesday 31st October when the items will be on sale.

PC Paul Dobson

This week, PC Paul Dobson dropped into school to walk around our premises and meet with the children in each class. It was great to see him interacting with both children and teachers. We thank PC Paul for supporting our school.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 1st November, all children in school and nursery will have both an individual and a family group photograph taken with their siblings. This is during the school day, where applicable. If you would like a family photograph to include children who are not in school or nursery, then please complete the reply slip on the separate letter entitled Family Photographs. Reply slips to be returned to school by Tuesday 31st October.

Key Dates

Fri 20th Oct – INSET day Mon 30th Oct – Return to school Tues 31st Oct – Poppies on sale Weds 1st Nov – School Photographs Thurs 2nd Nov – Bonfire Themed Dinner Weds 8th Nov – Yr5 trip to YWP Tues 14th Nov – KS1 Coffee Morning Weds 15th Nov – KS2 Coffee Afternoon Weds 6th Dec – Christmas Fair Tues 12th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day Fri 15th Dec – Flu Immunisations Fri 15th Dec – Last day at school Weds 3rd 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	93.10 %	4D	97.00%
RW	89.66%	4M	93.79%
1C	94.48%	5A	94.29%
10B	94.14%	5W	96.55%
2B	96.79%	6L	97.93%
2G	95.22%	6OT	95.00%
35	95.71%	Whole School total	95.08%
3W	97.33%	Cumulative total	95.40%

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 Dobson	
RW	William Gamble	
1C	Isla Kirby	
10B	Harry Williams	
2B	Robert Siemieniuk	
2G	Daisy Endley	
35	Jayden Malan	
3W	Charlie Goldthorpe	
4D	Alexia Stephenson	
4M	Evie Parkin	
5A	Mikey Allen	
5W	Freya Backhouse	
6L Ben Lloyd		
60T	Faith Morgan	

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School