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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The children have been working hard in preparation for our Christmas performances and everyone is looking forward to our upcoming Christmas activities.

### Attendance and Late Arrivals

The number of children arriving late is increasing. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time each morning - the doors open at 8.50am. This ensures your child gets their attendance mark.

### Chartwells Coffee Afternoon

Thanks to all those Parents who attended yesterday, your feedback and comments are appreciated. A quick reminder to all packed lunch Parents; please return Christmas Dinner reply slips by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### Halfpenny Gardens

This week our garden volunteers have been working with Year 5 to create fairy houses made of materials from the school garden. These look fantastic and the children have put a lot of effort into making them. They will be available to buy at our Christmas Fayre with all proceeds going towards more resources for the school garden.

### Christmas Fayre/Chocolate Challenge/Bring a Bottle Day

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm, we are holding our Christmas Fayre in the school hall and KS2 area. We hope you are able to join us for this fantastic event. As per the letter sent home this week, we are collecting chocolate items from Monday and bottles on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in return for non-uniform. Any other donations for the tombola will be gratefully received.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We encourage all pupils to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, in return for a donation to Save the Children. We are aware that this is the same day as the Santa Dash - however, both are worthy causes that we are keen to support.

### Key Dates

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chocolate Challenge  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Bring a Bottle & 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  
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 Carols on the Playground 5pm  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
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	95.86%	4D	92.37%
RW	95.86%	4M	98.28%
1C	91.98%	5A	95.70%
1OB	93.79%	5W	91.72%
2B	99.29%	6L	94.83%
2G	97.86%	6OT	90.00%
3S	95.00%	Whole School total	94.99%
3W	97.00%	Cumulative total	95.02%

**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	Jayce Manning
RW	Abigail Williams
1C	Lincoln Carter
1OB	Harry Williams
2B	Holly Garth
2G	Ruby Turner
3S	Maisy Ndlovu
3W	Robert Thompson
4D	Ryan Hanson
4M	Rudi Pryce
5A	Faye Higgins
5W	Mia Hodgson
6L	Leena Al-Mendhry
6OT	Helen Pattison

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**