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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Our focus in Monday's assembly was Advent. We talked about the excitement and anticipation of the build up to Christmas and how that compares to that described in the Christmas story. We are quickly moving through the Christmas season with lots of fantastic things happening throughout school.**

### Year 5 Carol Singers

Though it was raining on Wednesday, Year 5 went to Pontefract town centre to sing Christmas Carols. It was wet and cold but that certainly did not dampen the Christmas cheer! Well done to all the children and thank you to the parents who came to support them!

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Fayre yesterday and for your generous donations without which it would not be such a successful event. We are busy counting the money raised and will confirm the amount in next week's newsletter.

### EYFS and KS1 Nativities

Extra tickets are now on sale for all performances with the exception of the KS1 2pm nativity, which has already sold out! Tickets are limited and are available on a first come first served basis via ParentPay or the school office. Tickets will not be issued in advance; attendees will be checked against ticket sales on arrival. Please enter school via the main office up to 30 minutes before the performance starts giving you time to take your seat and enjoy a complementary hot drink and mince pie.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December is National Christmas Jumper day. In exchange for a silver coin donation (or more if you would like) children can wear a Christmas/winter jumper instead of their school uniform jumper. All money raised is in aid of Save the Children.

### KS2 Carols around the Tree

Due to the recent cold, wet and windy weather, we have decided to sing around the Christmas tree in the Hall rather than the playground! Please still feel free to bring lights or torches if you would like to. Hot drinks and mince pies will be on sale on the evening. Carols for Years 3 and 4 take place at 5:15pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and for Years 5 and 6 at the same time on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### 2019 School Calendars

We still have several calendars that have been purchased but not yet collected, please call into the school office if you haven't yet picked yours up. There are a small number of calendars still available for purchase on ParentPay or from the office at £5 per calendar. These will be sold on a strictly first come first served basis.

### Key Dates

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery & EYFS Nativity – 10:00am & 2:00pm  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm & 5:30pm  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at St Giles – 9:30am  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christingle at St Giles – 1:30pm  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Dinner Day  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr 3/4 Christmas Carol Sing-a-long 5:15pm  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr 5/6 Christmas Carol Sing-a-long 5:15pm

## 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 %
RB	97.24	4A	99.64
RBM	96.33	4B	97.14
1S	93.29	5H	94.81
1W	96.21	5W	94.48
2M	92.33	6D	96.07
2T	94.14	6OT	91.72
3G	98.57	Whole School total	95.54
3W	95.99	Cumulative total	95.98

**Well done to all of those children who were here every day!**



## Celebration



In every single 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 this week!

Class	Child of the week!	Class	Child of the week!
RB	Oscar C	3W	Kain T
RBM	Phoebe A	4A	Charlie G
1S	Willow G	4B	Ethan M
1W	George D	5H	Jenson B
2M	Aria P	5W	Blaze B
2T	Maiya V	6D	Alfie H
3G	Robert S	6OT	Oliver B

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**