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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Welcome back to school for the start of a new term. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you a happy and healthy 2019!

### Fundraising Update

Thanks to everyone who bought a school calendar. The Parent Support Group did a great job in organising and supporting this fundraising opportunity. I am pleased to say we have raised £332.50 for school funds. The money raised will be used to fund the development of playground leaders, who will support staff in initiating new playground games and ensuring all children always have someone to play with. The profit from the sale of nativity tickets has been used to purchase new costumes (and storage of them) for next year's performances.

### Young Voices

On Tuesday, our Young Voices choir performed at Sheffield Arena with thousands of other children to form one of the biggest choirs in the country! Celebrity singers including Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet also sang at the arena. The children performed brilliantly. I hope the parents who attended recognised our choir from the banner we made and enjoyed it as much as they did! Well done to all the children and thank you to the adults who helped to organise this event.

### Road Safety Team

Yesterday we welcomed two Road Safety Officers into school from WMDC. They spoke to children in assembly about the importance of road safety around school. Four Year 5 children were selected to be our Junior Road Safety Officers and also assisted with a parking survey at the end of the school day. A leaflet and "Parking Promise" letter were sent home with pupils yesterday, please review the parking promise, sign and return to school. The Road Safety Officers will continue working with School to improve the parking issues around the area at drop off and pick up.

### Themed "cheesy" lunch

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Chartwells will be hosting a cheese themed lunch menu open to all children in celebration of National Cheese Lovers Day! A letter detailing the menu was sent home yesterday. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to take part in this themed dinner please return the slip (and payment if applicable) to school by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### The School Nurse – Flu vaccinations

The school nurses will be coming in again on Friday 18th January to administer the flu immunisations to children that missed the last session. This will only apply to children whose parents completed the permission form.

### SAT's and Phonics Testing Dates

The official dates for the National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) have now been released and are as follows:-

- Year 1 Phonics screening check- w/c Monday 10th June 2019
- KS1 SATs (Year 2) - w/c Monday 20th and 27th May 2019
- KS2 SATs (Year 6) - w/c Monday 13th May 2019

If your child is in any of these year groups, please support us by ensuring they are in school on these dates. You can help your child further by reading with them daily, learning spellings at home and supporting them with any additional work set by their teacher.

### Key Dates

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – After School Clubs restart  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Whole School Pantomime  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – Yr4 Inspire morning  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for half term

## 2019/20 Term dates

The Trust have now published term dates for the next academic year (2019/2020). Please see the school website for further details.

## 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	97.32	4A	96.86
RBM	91.67	4B	95.98
1S	96.25	5H	91.81
1W	97.41	5W	95.00
2M	98.75	6D	98.21
2T	99.01	6OT	94.83
3G	100.00	Whole School total	96.53
3W	98.75	Cumulative total	95.96

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	Charlie H	3W	Aaron T
RBM	Corby A	4A	Ruby W
1S	Oliver P	4B	Ryan M
1W	Skarlett C	5H	James L
2M	Phoenix R	5W	Theo N
2T	Riley S	6D	Esther H
3G	Angel A	6OT	Max B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School