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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The Christmas season is in full swing with lots of festive activities taking place. I hope you are all feeling the Christmas spirit and looking forward to the holidays!

### Halfpenny Lane Choir

On Monday, the School choir visited the Prince of Wales Hospice where they sang Christmas carols to the carers and patients. Everyone was impressed by their singing - well done to the choir!

### Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to report that the Christmas Fayre raised a staggering £1471.33! In addition to the funds raised from the Bedtime Stories evening and the Bonfire Disco, we are now able to purchase the outdoor equipment we were hoping to buy. With the surplus funds raised, we have booked a pantomime for the whole school for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Once again, thank you to all staff and parents who helped make this event a success!

### EYFS/KS1 Nativities

This week both Early Years and Key Stage 1 children performed their nativity productions 'It's a Baby' and 'It's a Party'. I am sure you were as impressed as I was by the children's incredible singing and confidence on the stage. I would like to thank all of the adults who have worked hard in supporting the children to learn lines, song lyrics and dances, as well as preparing the props and scenery. I look forward to seeing the Key Stage 2 parents next week for Carols around the Tree.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Today is Save the Children's National Christmas Jumper Day. By wearing Christmas jumpers over uniforms in exchange for a small donation we have raised £200.97. If you would like to find out more about the charity, please visit the website - <https://christmasjumperday.org/>

### After School Clubs

Just a reminder, all after school clubs are cancelled next week. Further information will follow shortly regarding after school clubs for the next half term.

### 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

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 – Nursery Christmas Party  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - 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 – Reception & KS1 Christmas Party  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr 5/6 Christmas Carol Sing-a-long 5:15pm  
Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas Party  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Break up for Christmas  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Return to school  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Young Voices  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Whole School Pantomime

## 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	87.24	4A	97.50
RBM	95.67	4B	98.93
1S	95.33	5H	98.97
1W	96.55	5W	92.76
2M	98.67	6D	94.29
2T	98.62	6OT	94.14
3G	95.36	Whole School total	95.89
3W	98.33	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	Whole of RB	3W	Jake H
RBM	Whole of RBM	4A	Libby D
1S	Preston R	4B	Oliver W
1W	Amelia W	5H	Georgi T
2M	Evan H	5W	Holly R
2T	Bella S	6D	Chloe T
3G	William R	6OT	Troy A

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**