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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 21st December 2018

We have come to the end of a busy but fantastic term! Over the last few weeks, the children have been learning about the Nativity story and enjoying festive activities. As we move into the Christmas holiday, I hope you all have a lovely, safe and memorable Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 7th January 2019!

St Giles Christmas Celebration

At the start of the week, the whole school visited St Giles Church where we held our own Christmas celebration service. It was great to come together with parents and grandparents to sing Christmas songs and share the meaning of Christmas. We thank Father Rod and the team at St Giles for being so welcoming and allowing us to use their church.

Christmas Dinner Day

On Tuesday, we had our Christmas dinner. The food was delicious, I appreciate all the hard work put in by both the kitchen staff and lunchtime supervisors to ensure the children enjoyed their meal.

Christmas Parties

Throughout the week, all the children enjoyed their Christmas parties! They played games, held dance competitions and ate lots of party food! EYFS and KS1 even enjoyed a visit from Santa! The children had so much fun – thank you for bringing party supplies in to make the parties such a success!

KS2 Carols around the Christmas Tree

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening, KS2 hosted a Spectacular festive Sing-a-long! Greeted with a warm drink and a mince pie we all enjoyed singing some popular Christmas carols and songs. Both evenings were well attended and it was great to hear so many people singing! Thank you again for your support – I know both parents and children enjoyed these events!

Key Dates

Mon 7th Jan – Return to school
Tues 8th Jan – Young Voices
Mon 14th Jan – After School Clubs restart
Wed 16th Jan – Whole School Pantomime

All the staff at Halfpenny Lane wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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	93.79	4A	98.93
RBM	92.00	4B	93.21
1S	95.67	5H	93.79
1W	96.90	5W	95.17
2M	98.00	6D	97.50
2T	97.57	6OT	92.04
3G	97.14	Whole School total	95.64
3W	97.33	Cumulative total	95.94

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	Lyra F	3W	Lauren H
RBM	Riley D	4A	Junaid H
1S	Roma H	4B	Grace P
1W	Tommy B	5H	Evie P
2M	Isla K	5W	Lexi D
2T	Chloe M	6D	Caitlin H
3G	George M	6OT	Kacie-Mae M

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School