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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd November 2018

I think it is safe to say that winter is finally here; however, the cold, dark days have not stopped the children working hard in school! Rehearsals for the Christmas performances are underway. I hope you are looking forward to the various Christmas events as much as we are.

Rock Star Maths Day

Monday was the launch day for Rock Star Maths when children and staff came into school dressed as rock stars! The costumes were fantastic and the atmosphere electric! The children really enjoyed the day and it was great to see so many parents in class at the end of the day learning how to use the app. The app will help the children improve their times tables and I hope you can support us by encouraging your child to use it as much as possible!

Bring A Bottle

Thank you to those who took part in our non-uniform day today. The bottles donated will all be used at the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6th December. Thank you for your support!

2019 School Calendars

Thank you to all those who have already ordered our HPL school 2019 calendar made by the children.

There are a limited 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 and distributed on arrival next month.

Attendance and Lates

We have had a number of children arriving late to school recently. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each morning - the doors open at 8.50am. This ensures your child gets their attendance mark; dinner ordered and prevents any lost learning time.

Extended School Services

Each Wednesday evening (4pm – 6pm) we offer a range of services such as counselling, therapeutic massages, local councillor meetings or Taekwondo (for children) If you would like to know more about our Extended school services please make an appointment to see Mrs Evans.

Parking around Halfpenny

When collecting children at the end of the school day please consider their safety by parking in an appropriate place, even if this means parking further away and walking.

Key Dates

Mon 26th Nov – Chocolate challenge week
Mon 3rd Dec – Santa meet & greet week
Tues 4th Dec – Flu Immunisations (Rec – Yr5)
Wed 5th Dec – Yr 5 Christmas Carols, Pontefract Market
Thur 6th Dec – Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Wed 12th Dec – Nursery & EYFS Nativity – 10:00am & 2:00pm
Thur 13th Dec – KS1 Nativity – 2:00pm & 5:30pm
Mon 17th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at St Giles – 9:30am
Mon 17th Dec – KS2 Christingle at St Giles – 1:30pm
Tues 18th Dec – Yr 3/4 Christmas Carol Sing-a-long 5:15pm
Wed 19th 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	93.43	4A	98.92
RBM	93.00	4B	97.86
1S	92.33	5H	97.93
1W	99.66	5W	95.52
2M	96.68	6D	95.71
2T	95.52	6OT	98.28
3G	96.79	Whole School total	96.38
3W	98.00	Cumulative total	96.06

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	Amy S	3W	Amelia J
RBM	James W	4A	Troy C
1S	Kieran H	4B	Grace L
1W	Eva R	5H	Joe T
2M	Reece B	5W	Alfie J
2T	Tyler M	6D	Mia H
3G	Ruby S	6OT	Sam R

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School