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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**It has been another busy week, with lots of fantastic work happening throughout school! The children are continuously working hard and enjoying the learning that is taking place in each class!**

### Road Safety/Road Works

This week the weather has been particularly cold causing roads to freeze over and black ice to form meaning cars are taking a further distance to stop. Furthermore, with road works taking place directly outside of school it has meant that the roads are even more dangerous around Halfpenny Lane. Please can I ask for all parents who travel to school in cars to park in appropriate places and be extra aware of children crossing the roads around school. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Year 3 Bun Sale

As part of their 'Do all super heroes wear capes?' curriculum topic, last week Year 3 held a bun sale for the whole school with all the money raised going to The Prince of Wales Hospice. I know Mrs Gawthorp, Miss Ward and all in Year 3 were so proud to raise £257! Thank you to all those who supported us with this.

### World War 2 Actor

Earlier this week, Andrew Dixon, who is a World War 2 actor, visited Year 6. He brought the children's imagination to life by being interviewed about what life was like during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and showing artefacts from the war. It was a productive morning that will support the children with their current topic – 'How did World War 2 begin?'. Thank you to Andrew for giving up his time to come and inspire our children in Year 6.

### School Attendance

Currently, as of 24.1.19, our attendance so far this year is 96.04% this is an improvement of 0.96% compared to the same period last year. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children come to school each day as we look to improve our attendance further. Please can I remind you that classroom doors open at 8:50am and close promptly at 9am. We ask that all of our children arrive in school before 9am.

### Email communication

Please ensure you are registered on ParentPay to receive communication from school. In an effort to reduce paper and our carbon footprint, more and more correspondence will only be sent electronically going forwards. This will include trip letters, themed lunches, class updates and more. Further details will follow in due course.

### Junior Park Run

Yesterday Peter Ward from Pontefract Park Run came to speak to the children about the organisation. The Park Run initiative is a free event for your child to enjoy and takes place at 9am every Sunday morning at the Grandstand in Pontefract Park. All schools in the local area have a running name and children can go down and take part in the Junior Park Run. Our team name is 'Halfpenny Hawks'. Please see the email sent yesterday for details on how to register.

### Key Dates

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - 2M Class Assembly  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2T Class Assembly  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for half term  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Return to School  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar – 1W Class Assembly  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar – 1S Class Assembly  
18<sup>th</sup> Mar & 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Yr5 Bikeability course throughout both weeks  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar – 5H Class Assembly  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar – 5W Class Assembly  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening

## 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	96.43	4A	96.77
RBM	93.00	4B	92.50
1S	91.67	5H	99.31
1W	98.62	5W	96.21
2M	93.67	6D	96.79
2T	97.24	6OT	94.83
3G	97.24	Whole School total	95.81
3W	97.33	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	Henry E	3W	Ruby T
RBM	Ryker H	4A	Liam G
1S	George N	4B	Finley S
1W	Thomas B	5H	Gabriel W
2M	Alex T	5W	Amy-Leigh S
2T	Jackson A	6D	Erin J
3G	Louie D	6OT	Sophie P

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**