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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

I hope you have had a wonderful half term break. The children have quickly settled back into school routines and are already really focused on their learning. This week, our Monday assembly was all about Remembrance Day. The children will continue to learn about the importance of this day, through different Remembrance Day curriculum activities. On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, some representatives from school will be laying a wreath at the war memorial in Pontefract town centre. If any of our families would like to join us, please meet us there at approx. 10:30am.

### Bedtime Stories/Bonfire Disco

Our recent Bedtime Stories and Bonfire Disco events were a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these activities. I would just like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff and parent helpers who invested a lot of time and effort into preparing for these events to make it special for our children. Altogether, we raised an amazing £544.45.

### Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. This year's focus is about respecting others and accepting that we are all different. To raise awareness please send your child to school on Monday wearing colourful odd socks!!

### Photos

The deadline for school photograph orders is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Order forms must be returned to school no later than 3:45pm on this date. Any orders after this date will need to be ordered directly with Tempest Photography. For those children who were absent on school photograph day, Tempest Photography will be returning to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November to give these children another opportunity to have their photos taken.

### Year 6 Northumberland Parents Meeting

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm our Year 6 staff will be holding a Northumberland Parents meeting. The aim of the evening is to give you all of the necessary information concerning the itinerary, medical provision, payments and a chance for you to ask any questions you may have about the residential trip.

### School Calendar

Following feedback from parents, a sample of the 2019 school calendar featuring the children's self-portraits has been emailed to all parents registered on ParentPay today. The deadline for ordering the calendar has been extended to 4pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### Children In Need

Once again, we will be supporting Children In Need. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in exchange for a suggested minimum donation of £1. In addition, we will also be selling official Children in Need plush keyrings for a minimum donation of £2. These will be on sale to children in class from Monday until they are sold out. Please send money in a named envelope with your child. As these have been donated to the school all proceeds from the sale of the keyrings and non-uniform donations will go to Children in Need.

### Key Dates

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Service at Pontefract Cenotaph  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Sock day  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr6 meeting 5.30  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children In Need  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Tempest Photography (Absentees)  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Nursery closed  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu Immunisations (Rec – Yr5)  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5.00

### Staff Update

Prior to the half term holiday, we announced that Mr Dunn would be joining Halfpenny Lane as an additional member of our Leadership Team. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr Dunn will no longer be joining Halfpenny Lane and will instead be working at a different school within the Pontefract Academies Trust.

### 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	96.55	4A	97.86
RBM	90.56	4B	96.43
1S	98.33	5H	95.40
1W	94.83	5W	97.70
2M	95.56	6D	98.21
2T	97.26	6OT	98.28
3G	97.62	Whole School total	96.55
3W	97.78	Cumulative total	96.00

**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	Joseph J	3W	Zak W
RBM	Eloise B	4A	Callum B
1S	Erin B	4B	Tyler-Ronn C
1W	Vinul L	5H	Tom R
2M	Jack G	5W	Amy-Leigh S
2T	Krissy B	6D	Bethany T
3G	Elliot J	6OT	Charlotte W

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**