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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**It has been a busy but brilliant week at Halfpenny Lane and the children have been enjoying their learning!**

### Year 6 Malham visit

Today our Year 6 children have enjoyed their trip to Malham. They went on a walk around the cove and learnt about the world around them. The weather wasn't as good as it could have been, however they still had a good time and enjoyed their walk around such a natural beautiful location.

### Year 3 Pontefract Museum Visit

Our Year 3 children visited Pontefract Museum on Monday to take part in an exciting workshop called 'Skeleton Secrets'. The children turned into scientists as they learnt about medieval bones! Pupils learnt how to discover things about someone from their skeleton – especially about the kinds of things they used to eat. The children saw life-size replica skeletons, and they investigated who they were, how they lived and what they ate.

### Wet weather

As mentioned earlier, the weather has been a lot wetter recently with the temperature dropping down too! Please can I ask that children have a jumper or cardigan to wear in school, as well as a coat for playing outside. Can all items of clothing have your child's name written in so that it does not end up in lost property. Thank you for your support with this.

### Buddy Assembly

One way in which we support our youngest children is to 'Buddy' them up with our Year 6 role models. This has been a successful strategy for many years and I know that our Year 6 and Reception pupils and parents value this partnership and it helps our youngest children prepare for KS1. Our buddy assembly will be taking place at 9am on the 9<sup>th</sup> October for Class RB and 6D and on the 16<sup>th</sup> October for RBM and 6W. I do hope that parents of these children will be able to join us for these assemblies.

### Year 6 SATs meeting

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm, I invite all Year 6 parents to join us for a meeting regarding the SATs that the pupils will be sitting in May. During this meeting you will find out; what the tests are, how we shall prepare for them and how you can help at home. It will be a good opportunity for you to find out more and raise any questions you may have with the Year 6 Team.

### Parents Evening

Letters will be sent home next week regarding Parents Evening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please return this to school with your preferred time slot as soon as possible. Once appointments have been allocated, we will confirm your specific time. Please note that the family group photograph session is also being held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, see below for more information, so please bear this in mind when selecting your time slot. In addition, please remember that After School Clubs will not be running on either day.

### Letters Issued this Week

01/10/2019 Year 6 SATs Meeting

### Key Dates

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Buddy Assembly RB/6D  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Buddy Assembly RBM/6W  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 SATs meeting 5.30pm  
Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu Immunisations  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Parents Evening  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – School Photos  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Parents Evening  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break up for half-term  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Return to School

## School Photographs

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, all children in school and Nursery will have individual and sibling group photographs taken. If you would like a family group photograph to include children who are not in School or Nursery then you can come along to the Hall between 3.30 and 4pm. Please collect your children from their external classroom door as usual and then sign in through the main entrance.

## Flu Immunisations

The School Nursing Team will be visiting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to administer the flu immunisations for those children with consent. If you have not yet returned your consent form, please do so ASAP to the School Office.

## 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 first aiders in school.

**Please remember that children should be at their class doors by 8:50am.** If you arrive later, the gates are locked at 9:00am so you will need to sign your child in at the School Office.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	82.96	4A	95.67
RBM	97.16	4W	99.33
1S	97.67	5H	98.21
1W	98.67	5W	94.81
2H	98.00	6D	95.33
2W	98.67	6W	98.00
3G	99.33	Whole School total	96.33
3P	96.55	Cumulative total	95.97

**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	Cara H	3P	Harry G
RBM	Megan J	4A	Lily B
1S	Evie – Leigh V	4W	Max H
1W	Laya T	5H	Tyler-Ronn C
2H	Lloyd W	5W	Liam G
2W	Jesse M	6D	
3G	Charlie G	6W	

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**