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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

This week in our assembly, we discussed who inspires us. This could be a sports star, a singer or an author. People all around us inspire us to work hard, be courageous and be successful! We talked about how to be a role model and help others to achieve more!

### Buddy Assembly

On Wednesday, we held our first Buddy Assembly for 6D and RB. The children shared information about their new buddies to their grown-ups. I look forward to watching the older children support our reception children. Next Wednesday we welcome 6W and RBM for their Assembly.

### KS2 Squash Day

A group of our Upper KS2 pupils visited Pontefract Squash Club on Wednesday to spend the day developing their racquet skills and learning how to play squash. The children had a great time experiencing a new sport and represented our school to a high standard.

### Harvest Festival

The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival with an Assembly on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please send any donations of tinned or dry food to school on Monday morning. All donations will be given to Pontefract Food Bank in Pontefract. Thank you in advance for supporting this local charity.

### Parents Evening

Letters were sent home this week regarding Parents Evening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please return the slip 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, 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.

### 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.

### Yearly Calendar

Last year, we provided you with a yearly planner of events that will be taking place throughout school. From the feedback I received, I know that parents appreciated this and I am happy to inform you that we shall shortly be releasing this planner again. Please note that as we progress through the year, other events may be added to our curriculum experiences but we will keep parents updated with any changes.

### Letters Issued this Week

08/10/2019 Parents Evening Invite

### Key Dates

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 Dinners

May I remind you that School Dinners have to be paid for in advance through ParentPay. Unfortunately, children cannot change meal patterns within the week, if you wish to change from/to dinners then please give written notification to the School Office giving one week's notice.

## 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	87.78	4A	95.67
RBM	97.14	4W	97.67
1S	98.67	5H	97.14
1W	98.67	5W	94.93
2H	100.00	6D	96.67
2W	97.00	6W	96.00
3G	96.00	Whole School total	96.10
3P	95.52	Cumulative total	95.99

**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	Lucy-Rae C	3P	Skye D
RBM	Kitty W	4A	Anina B
1S	Shay AD	4W	Ella S
1W	Isla W	5H	Blake D
2H	Vinul HL	5W	Lydia M
2W	Logan-Rhys S	6D	Riley T
3G	Maiya V	6W	Noah H

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**