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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

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

We have come to the end of a very busy half term! There has been lots of great learning taking place since September and the children are certainly ready for a break! I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Harvest Assembly

On Monday, we held our Harvest assembly. It was a wonderful occasion where so many children donated different foods for Pontefract food bank. They were very grateful for the generosity of the children and families of Halfpenny Lane! Thank you for your support!

### Parents evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the parents evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a great opportunity for you to hear about the progress of your child. There were only 10 missed appointments with some parents arranging separate times to meet with their teacher. During your school visit, you were asked to complete the questionnaire about the school – once analysed I look forward to sharing our results. Thank you for your continued support.

### Acceptable adult behaviour

Please can I remind all adults when collecting children from school about their choice of language and to conduct themselves appropriately. I am aware of issues between some families outside of school however, this is not something that should be brought into the school grounds. Please respect the school premises and understand we are all role models to our children. Please think about the words we use and the actions we take.

### Visitors in School

Following on with their learning about people who help us, our EYFS children were joined by Pontefract Fire Service, who showed the children the Fire Engine and the equipment they use to extinguish fires. Also our very own Mrs Liston enjoyed trying on all the uniform and heavy equipment to model to the children! They have also been joined by a local vet who talked to the children about their job and how they help many different animals!

### Year 3/4 Football

Mrs Sutton and Mrs Keith enjoyed taking a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children to a football coaching competition at A1 football factory. The children really enjoyed getting stuck into the matches and had a great time playing as a team! Well done to all those who represented our school!

### School Photographs

The deadline for school photograph orders to be received in school is 3.45pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders after this date will need to be made directly with Tempest Photography.

### Key Dates

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break up for half-term  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Return to School  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr4 Inspire Morning  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr3 Inspire Afternoon  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr6 SATs Booster Club starts  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr6 N'land Parents meeting 5.30pm

## Poppy Appeal

After half term, poppies and other stationery items will be on sale for suggested donations between 50p and £1.50. Please send your donations with your child to purchase them in class. All funds raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

## 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	95.19	4A	98.67
RBM	98.57	4W	99.00
1S	95.33	5H	97.86
1W	92.87	5W	91.79
2H	96.00	6D	98.67
2W	99.31	6W	98.67
3G	95.33	Whole School total	96.40
3P	95.86	Cumulative total	95.90

**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	
RB	Max K	3P	Lola M
RBM	Ruben M	4A	Ella D
1S	Phoebe A	4W	Daisy E
1W	Layla-Mae J	5H	Jayden M
2H	Charlie C	5W	Noah C
2W	Willow G	6D	Lawson B
3G	Eli S	6W	Isla W

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**

## Letters Issued this Week

21/10/2019 Year 4A Swimming  
25/10/2019 Reception Learning Letter  
25/10/2019 Year 4 Inspire Morning  
25/10/2019 Year 3 Inspire Afternoon  
25/10/2019 Year 6 Booster Club