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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2019

We have enjoyed our first week back after the half-term break. In our weekly assembly, we talked about 'changes'. We discussed how many things around us change at this time of year but how it is still important to remain focussed on our goals – this doesn't change! I hope you can spend some time discussing with your child about the changes that happen at this time of year!

KS2 'Into Film' Event

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children were invited to the cinema on Thursday as part of the annual 'Into Film' event, which is taking place throughout the country. The children enjoyed watching 'The Secret Life of Pets 2' and I know the Year 3 and Year 4 staff who went enjoyed it as much as the children!

Bedtime Stories Evening

I hope you can join us on Tuesday 12th November for our Bedtime stories evening. The event will take place at 5:30pm in the hall where I will share my favourite bedtime story with everyone, and then children will move into their own classrooms to enjoy other stories and activities. Places can be booked on ParentPay for £1, your child's ticket includes a bedtime drink and biscuit. Parents and Carers are very welcome to join in the event with their children. Children are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas so they can get into the bedtime story feel!

Children in Need 2019

The annual charity event – Children in Need – will be taking place on Friday 15th November. To support this cause we are holding a non-uniform day, in return for a donation of £1. If you do not wish to support this charity then children should come into school in normal uniform.

In addition, we are also selling official Children in Need plush keyrings for £2.50. These will only be available to buy in school on Thursday and Friday during morning break time, on a first come first served basis until stocks run out. All money raised will be donated to the Children in Need charity.

Breakfast Club Bookings

Breakfast Club must be booked in advance by the Wednesday of the week before your child is attending. When booking on ParentPay, please complete the "notes" section stating the days or dates your child will be attending. This deadline allows us to ensure the club is staffed appropriately. Where parents do not book and the club is full, we may not be able to admit your child.

Appointment Letters

Where possible, please can you provide school with copies of all medical appointments your child attends during school hours. This will ensure the correct mark is entered against the absence.

Letters Issued this Week

06/11/2019 - Nursery closure on 12th Dec 2019

Key Dates

Sun 11th Nov – Remembrance Service at Pontefract Cenotaph

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need

Wed 20th Nov – Yr6 N'land Parents meeting 5.30pm

Wed 4th Dec – Carol singing – Market Place 2.15pm

Thurs 5th Dec – Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm

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	91.85	4A	97.00
RBM	88.57	4W	95.96
1S	93.33	5H	93.93
1W	97.24	5W	97.50
2H	94.00	6D	92.00
2W	96.67	6W	96.33
3G	97.33	Whole School total	94.92
3P	93.79	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	
RB	Rayah J	3P	Thomas G
RBM	Olivia N	4A	Olivia G
1S	Oscar B	4W	Maisie B
1W	Sebastian C	5H	Ethan M
2H	Amelia W	5W	Jessica G
2W	Matilda B	6D	Senneth F
3G	Bella SW	6W	Caitlyn W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School