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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2019

In Monday's assembly, we talked about the Remembrance Service on Sunday and why we remember Armistice Day. It was a reflective assembly where we learnt about the effects of World War 1 and how so many people sacrificed themselves so that we can enjoy free and fun lives today. We held a minutes silence at 11am and I felt so proud to see all of our children be so respectful.

Children in Need 2019

Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need. So far from non-uniform and keyring sales we have raised £642.20 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

Bedtime Stories Evening

On Tuesday evening, the teachers and children had fun in their pyjamas at our Bedtime Stories event. We began in the hall where I read everyone a story then moved into classrooms, reading more stories with teachers whilst enjoying milk and biscuits. Thank you to all those who were able to attend, I know the adults enjoyed the stories as much as the children did!

KS2 Girls Football Tournament

Earlier this week, some of the Key Stage 2 girls took part in a Trust wide Football Tournament at the A1 Football Factory. Our team had a great time playing football and worked together to end the competition in 3rd place! Well done to all who took part and to Miss Hewes and Mrs Sutton for organising our team.

Christmas Events

With this newsletter, you shall be receiving a separate letter detailing our Christmas events. Starting from next week, we are asking for chocolate donations and on Friday 22nd November, we shall be holding a non-uniform day in return for a bottle. All donations to school will be used for our Christmas stalls. You will find more details in the attached letter. Thank you in advance for your continued support with the planned events, as all of these are organised for the benefit of our children.

Cold Weather

Recently, we have persevered with a lot of cold and wet weather – winter is definately here! Please can I ask that all children attend school wearing a jumper or cardigan with a warm coat. I have noticed some children still wearing summer uniform and I would advise that this is not appropriate for this time of year. Please could all items of clothing be labelled clearly with your child's name to prevent them getting lost.

Letters Issued this Week

13/11 – Nursery closure on 2nd Dec 2019
15/11 – Reception Learning Letter
15/11 – Christmas Letter

Key Dates

Wed 20th Nov – Yr6 N'land Parents meeting 5.30pm
Fri 22nd Nov – Wonder Dome – Yrs 5 & 6
Fri 22nd Nov – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle
Wed 27th Nov - Rec Parent Info Meeting – Writing 2:30pm
Mon 2nd Dec – Santa visiting during the week
Wed 4th Dec – Yr 5 Carol singing – Market Place 2.15pm
Thurs 5th Dec – Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm
Tue 10th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 11th Dec – EYFS Nativity 10am and 2pm
Thurs 12th Dec – Nursery closed
Thurs 12th Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm and 5:30pm
Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

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 | 89.09 | 4A | 99.00 |
| RBM | 93.57 | 4W | 92.64 |
| 1S | 96.67 | 5H | 99.29 |
| 1W | 97.33 | 5W | 97.86 |
| 2H | 94.00 | 6D | 99.00 |
| 2W | 96.00 | 6W | 97.33 |
| 3G | 98.67 | Whole School total | 96.21 |
| 3P | 98.62 | Cumulative total | 96.02 |

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 | Jessica H | 3P | Georgia S |
| RBM | Riley T | 4A | Sophie H |
| 1S | Rainieh-Leigh M | 4W | Harry T |
| 1W | Henry E | 5H | Macie B |
| 2H | George D | 5W | Summer W |
| 2W | George L | 6D | Lexi D |
| 3G | Bodhi M | 6W | Levi G |

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School