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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2019

As we head towards the end of November – it feels like the weeks are flying by as we begin to think about our Christmas celebrations! In our Monday assembly, we looked at how we can build friendships and look after each other. The children made brilliant suggestions as to how we help each other and be great friends. It would be good to talk to your child about what it means to be a good friend!

Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday, some of our Year 3 and Year 4 girls took part in a Trust wide football tournament at A1 Football Factory. The children had a fantastic time and finished the tournament as overall winners! Well done to the girls who took part. I know that Mrs Applegarth and Mrs Poynton, who took the children, were over the moon with the performance and teamwork the girls showed!

Bring a Bottle Non-Uniform

As you are aware, today has been a non-uniform day with the suggested donation of a bottle towards our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who brought in a bottle, it will really help our stalls as we prepare for the Christmas Fayre, which is taking place on Thursday 5th December.

Year 5/6 Planetarium

As part of the Year 5/6 curriculum, our children enjoyed the morning learning more about space, our solar system and the star system within our hemisphere. A large star dome was set up in the hall, which meant we could learn about this aspect of the curriculum with more clarity. The children had a great time being astronomers.

Age UK Charity

As I walk around school talking to the children, they share with me the excitement of Christmas, about presents, family and good times. However, for many elderly people in the Pontefract area, Christmas can be a lonely time. Pontefract Academies Trust have teamed up with the Charity Age UK who support the elderly within our community. This could be helping them with shopping, dinner clubs or providing support so elderly people can continue to live at home independently. Therefore, on Tuesday 3rd December, we are holding a non-uniform day, for a donation of £1. All money raised will go towards the fantastic work of Age UK. I appreciate that there are many different things taking place at this time of year, but I hope you will join us and help to support this fantastic charity and the elderly people within our community.

Letters Issued this Week

18/11 – Reception Parent Writing Meeting
22/11 – Reception Learning Letter

Key Dates

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

Cold Weather

As the cold weather is now fully upon us, please can you ensure that your child/children attend school wearing a jumper or cardigan and 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 can all items of clothing be labelled clearly with your child's name.

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	90.55	4A	96.33
RBM	92.50	4W	98.67
1S	96.33	5H	95.00
1W	96.67	5W	94.44
2H	95.00	6D	93.33
2W	93.67	6W	95.33
3G	96.00	Whole School total	94.56
3P	93.79	Cumulative total	95.88

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	Alfie CH	3P	Jack G
RBM	Blake B	4A	Myles B
1S	Hollie H	4W	Jahden J
1W	Lilly H	5H	Kiranjit K
2H	Harry N	5W	Callum B
2W	Amelia S	6D	Izzy- Lou C
3G	Jake H	6W	Chloe W

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School