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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019

It has been a great week with Christmas events starting to take place. As we enter this time of year, it is a time to celebrate and share good will to all as well as reflecting on the year we've had. I hope to see many of you at the forthcoming Christmas events before we close for the Christmas break.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many happy faces having won a bottle of something nice or a big bar of chocolate! I would like to thank Mrs Appleton and Mrs Langbridge who have worked hard to ensure that all the stalls were prepared. We raised a total of £1693.00 for school! We couldn't have done this without all your donations and support.

Age UK Charity

On Tuesday we held a non-uniform day in aid of the charity, Age UK. I'm pleased to let you know that we raised £384.25 which is a fantastic amount! All the money raised will go towards the local Wakefield community charity Age UK.

12th December General Election

The Government are holding a general election on Thursday 12th December. As a result, the Nursery Unit will be closed for the day, as this area will be used as a Polling Station. The rest of the school will remain open as normal. Please know that all safeguarding precautions are in place; members of the public will not be able to enter school, as the unit is segregated from the rest of school.

Attendance

During the winter season, we can experience a mixture of either very cold or mild weather. This can cause bugs, coughs and colds, which spread very easily within a school environment. Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently, and if they are suffering with cold, it would be advisable for them to have a pack of tissues with them. Mr Kirkland and our cleaning staff work very hard to make sure our school remains clean however, I would appreciate your support if you can continue to remind your children to wash their hands each time they visit the toilet and before they eat at lunchtime.

Year 5 Carol Singers

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children went to sing carols to the public in Pontefract town centre. Miss Wilkinson and Miss Hill both said how well the children sang. Thank you to all the parents who came down to support them.

Christmas Events

Over the next two weeks, there are many Christmas events taking place. I do hope that Parents/Carers are able to attend the relevant events. If you are unsure of the events taking place, please visit our school website and in the 'letters' page you will find our Christmas letter, which details everything taking place. Please note for those visiting the afternoon nativities, parents will be expected to collect their children from classroom doors as normal.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, we are taking part in the national charity event 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children should wear their uniform as normal but a Christmas jumper rather than their normal school jumper or cardigan. We ask for a silver coin donation (10p, 20p, 50p), please feel free to donate the amount you see fit. All money raised will be donated to the Save the Children charity.

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 school nurse.

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	90.00	4A	97.33
RBM	89.29	4W	92.33
1S	97.33	5H	90.00
1W	96.00	5W	97.24
2H	96.32	6D	96.00
2W	94.00	6W	94.00
3G	95.67	Whole School total	94.61
3P	97.24	Cumulative total	95.70

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	Phoebe B	3P	Lincoln C
RBM	Dylan S	4A	Elliot J
1S	Elizabeth R	4W	Harry T
1W	Luna L	5H	Finley S
2H	Abigail WD	5W	Robert T
2W	Logan P	6D	Blaze B
3G	Hollie T	6W	Lucy M

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School