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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2019

Christmas is always a special time of year with so many wonderful things happening throughout school. As we come to the end of the penultimate week of term, there are still many events taking place in school!

Halfpenny Lane Choir

It has been a busy week for the Halfpenny Lane choir! On Tuesday, they visited the Prince of Wales Hospice and sung to their visitors and patients. Then on Wednesday, the choir joined the local community in the Barracks estate and sung many Christmas carols and songs they had been practising. On both occasions, the audiences commented on how beautifully they sung – they have been a real credit to themselves and the school community!

EYFS Nativity

On Wednesday, our fantastic children in EYFS put on an incredible Nativity play. The children and staff have all been working hard to learn lines, remember actions and sing the songs. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came and enjoyed the children's first nativity at Halfpenny Lane!

KS2 Dodgeball Tournament

A group of KS2 children took part in a Dodgeball tournament at The Kings School on Wednesday. The children finished in a respectable 4th position and Mr Camm has commented on the team work and fair play our children showed! Well done to the children!

KS1 Nativity

Yesterday, our KS1 children performed their Christmas play 'Tinsel and Tea towels'. The children were fantastic and it was a wonderful Christmas production. Well done to all the children and thank you to all the staff for working hard to make it a success!

Christmas Jumper Day

Today, we have held the national charity event 'Christmas Jumper Day'. To support this charity we asked for a silver coin donation (10p, 20,50p) and we have managed to raise £229.30. All money raised will go towards the Save the children charity, which helps children all around the world. Thank you for your support!

St Giles Christingle Service

On Monday, it will be our Christingle services, which are held at St Giles Church in the centre of Pontefract. The REC/KS1 service will commence at 9:30am and will last approximately 45 minutes and the KS2 service will start at 1:30pm. I hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in our local church.

End of term

Just to remind you that School finishes on Friday 20th December at 3:20pm and the school will reopen on Tuesday 7th January. We look forward to seeing all the children smartly dressed in correct uniform in 2020!

Letters Issued this Week

12/12 – Young Voices letter
09/12 – Christingle Service

Key Dates

Mon 16th Dec – Christingle Services
– REC/KS1 9.30am
– KS2 1.30pm
Tues 17th Dec – Yr 3&4 Christmas Party
Wed 18th Dec – Rec, Yr 1&2 Christmas Party
Wed 18th Dec – KS2 Carol Singing 5.30pm
Thur 19th Dec – Yr 5&6 Christmas Party
Fri 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas
Tues 7th Jan – Return to School

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	94.18	4A	98.39
RBM	97.86	4W	99.67
1S	97.33	5H	99.29
1W	96.00	5W	98.28
2H	99.00	6D	95.32
2W	96.33	6W	96.33
3G	97.67	Whole School total	97.16
3P	97.24	Cumulative total	95.81

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	Elsie R	3P	Harrison M
RBM	Sonny H	4A	Josephine H
1S	Scarlett T	4W	Harley B
1W	Jack D	5H	George R
2H	Joshua E	5W	Summer W
2W	Reuben H	6D	Imogen R
3G	Tyler M	6W	Finley B

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School