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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2019

Next week sees the start of December and many exciting events are in the pipeline! I'm sure you will all feel the excitement build as we enter the festive season!

Age UK Charity

On Wednesday morning, a representative from Age UK charity joined us in our assembly. They talked to the children about how the charity supports the elderly in our community. To help fundraise for this good cause, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Tuesday 3rd December in return for a suggested donation of £1.00. All the money raised will be donated to the Age UK Charity.

Staffing

Miss Umpleby is leaving us today as she has successfully gained a new position at a school in Castleford. In addition, after many years, Ms Knight has decided to retire. We thank them both for their dedication and support they have given to the children of Halfpenny Lane. We wish them the very best of luck as they move on to new adventures.

Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5th December at 3:30pm. There will be various stalls and games for you to enjoy including our very popular chocolate tombola! We would still appreciate any donations that can be used on the stalls: unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolate. We would also be very grateful for buns and cakes, please bring them to school on the morning of the 5th. Just a quick reminder that after school clubs will not be running on this day. I look forward to seeing you there!

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. If your child is poorly, please follow school procedures by leaving a message on the absence line. It may be that Mrs Evans, our Pastoral Learning Mentor, calls to enquire on your child but please know that this is normal practice.

End of Term

Just to remind you that we close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th December and return back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Letters Issued this Week

27/11 – Year 1 Inspire Morning
27/11 – Year 6 Booster Update
28/11 – Reception Learning Letter

Key Dates

Mon 2nd Dec – Nursery closed
Mon 2nd Dec – Santa visiting during the week
Tue 3rd Dec – Non Uniform Day – Age UK
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	93.09	4A	97.33
RBM	96.79	4W	96.67
1S	94.33	5H	97.14
1W	94.00	5W	90.69
2H	96.67	6D	94.67
2W	95.67	6W	93.33
3G	96.67	Whole School total	94.86
3P	96.21	Cumulative total	95.79

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	Buddy C	3P	Aria P
RBM	Adam A	4A	Tyler H
1S	Ryker H	4W	Joe C
1W	Senara F	5H	Jayden B
2H	Skarlett C	5W	Thomas C
2W	Logan P	6D	Emily H
3G	Sophie O	6W	Indie S

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Head of School