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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

I am pleased to see that the children have fallen quickly back into the routine of school! We have many exciting things to look forward to this Spring term.

### Whole School Behaviour Reward

Yesterday, to celebrate our whole school behaviour from Autumn term, we were joined by M&M theatrical productions who performed a pantomime production of A Christmas Carol. All the children had a great time and even got to see our very own Mrs Appleton and Miss Hill join in with the dancing! We are proud of the behaviour our children consistently demonstrate through school and we look forward to our next whole school celebration!

### Year 5/6 Sports Event

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children visited The Kings High School to take part in an athletics competition. The children had a great time and showed true sportsmanship! Well done to all of our children who took part.

### Young Voices 2020

On Tuesday evening, our school joined in with thousands of other children from the north of England to form the Young Voices Choir 2020! Joined by special guests, the children had practiced funky moves and super songs to perform in front of thousands of people in the audience! Though it was a late night, the children had a fantastic evening and made memories that will certainly last a long time! Thank you to Mrs Mitchell who organised the event and the other staff who took the children.

### Late Gate

Some of you may have noticed that on a morning, myself or other members of the leadership team alongside Mr Camm or Mrs Evans are speaking to the parents of children who are coming to school late. At the moment, we have too many children arriving at school after 9am, which means children are missing out on vital learning. Please can all adults ensure their children arrive at school to start at 8:50am.

### School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who support our school by ensuring their children come to school dressed in the correct uniform. I speak to many of the children and they do tell me that they enjoy looking smart and being a role model to others. Please can I remind all parents that footwear should be black shoes. Black trainers are not an agreed part of the uniform policy.

### Sam's Safari

Next week, as part of their curriculum theme The Gruffalo, KS1 will be joined by Sam's Safari, who will be bringing in a range of woodland creatures for children to learn about. Like the KS1 staff, I'm sure the children will be excited to meet some of the creepy crawlies!

### Key Dates

21/01/2020 – Sam's Safari visit  
03/02/2020 – Bike-ability Yr5 whole week  
10/02/2020 – Bike-ability Yr5 through to Wed  
14/02/2020 – School closes for half term  
24/02/2020 – Return to School  
05/03/2020 – World Book Day

### Letters Issued this Week

13/01/2020 - Northumberland Letter – Yr 6  
15/01/2020 – Sam's Safari Letter – Yrs 1 & 2

## 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, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

**Please remember that children should be at their classroom doors by 8.50am prompt. After this time, children will need to be signed in at the School Office.**

Our weekly attendance is:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	96.00	4A	97.74
RBM	97.86	4W	96.33
1S	97.33	5H	97.68
1W	98.67	5W	94.83
2H	97.33	6D	96.33
2W	97.33	6W	95.33
3G	93.33	Whole School total	96.72
3P	97.93	Cumulative total	95.83

**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	Jesse W	3P	Lily B
RBM	Eliza S	4A	Lennon C
1S	Eloise B	4W	Jake H
1W	Ava C	5H	Ethan M
2H	Cameron J	5W	Lexi M
2W	Cameron A	6D	Maia W
3G	Kaiden H	6W	Logan N

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**