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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

As we come to the end of our first term of this academic year, there have been so many exciting things happening throughout school! I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are all excited to see what will come in 2020!

### Halfpenny Lane Choir

Last weekend our school choir performed at the Five Towns Christmas Fayre at Pontefract New College. Their singing was exceptional and all the children represented Halfpenny Lane well! Congratulations to all the children on their fantastic performance!

### St Giles Christingle Service

On Monday, our school visited St Giles Church for our Christingle services. Both services were fantastic and all the children did so well in sharing the Christmas message! Thank you again to all who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this festive event.

### Wakefield Schools – Data Release

Earlier this week, the Pontefract and Castleford Express released an article on the 'top performing schools' in the Wakefield area. Out of over 100 schools, I am pleased to say Halfpenny Lane ranked 9<sup>th</sup> place! Though this is only one small snap shot of school performance, I am very proud of the hard work and determination our staff and children apply in order for us to achieve our best! Thank you for all the positive comments I have received from parents who have already seen this article. Please follow the link if you would like to read the report in full: [www.pontefractandcastlefordexpress.co.uk/education](http://www.pontefractandcastlefordexpress.co.uk/education)

### Letters Issued this Week

18/12 – Parking letter  
19/12 – Sports Newsletter  
20/12 – Spring Lunch Menu

### KS2 Christmas Singing

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children who attended our KS2 carol singing event! It was a fun evening where we enjoyed singing Christmas songs together in our festive lit hall. I am looking forward to seeing all the grown-ups remember the actions to the songs we learnt at next year's event!

### End of Term

Just to remind you that School finishes today and the school will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing all the children smartly dressed in correct uniform in 2020!



### Key Dates

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Return to School  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Young Voices  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Pantomime in school  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Themed Lunch 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, 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	89.09	4A	98.39
RBM	95.71	4W	99.67
1S	94.67	5H	96.30
1W	90.00	5W	96.21
2H	94.67	6D	93.67
2W	94.33	6W	94.87
3G	90.67	Whole School total	94.05
3P	92.76	Cumulative total	95.68

**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	Harper C	3P	Joan H
RBM	Amber L	4A	Holly G
1S	Kamryn H	4W	Cody R
1W	Tommy W	5H	Maisy N
2H	Esme W	5W	Jenson J
2W	Roma H	6D	Ruby AD
3G	Wilbur S	6W	Lillie J

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**