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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Six weeks have flown by and we have reached the end of our Spring 1 half term. The children have worked hard since the start of the New Year and I hope everyone enjoys their week off and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Non-uniform day

To raise awareness for the Muscular Dystrophy UK charity we have held a non-uniform day with orange being the colour to wear. We have managed to raise £287.53, which is a fantastic amount! All the money raised will go directly to the charity. Muscular Dystrophy is a muscle wasting condition that means people with this condition need constant support. A member of Halfpenny Lane lives with this condition and we want to raise awareness to support this child in school further. Thank you to all the children and parents who supported us with this today!



### Uniform

Recently, I have noticed many children wearing trainers rather than school shoes. Please can I asked that children come to school in the new half term wearing the full correct uniform. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### World Book Day 2020

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day 2020! This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books and how reading can develop our creativity and inspire us to write more. As normal, children will be invited to join the staff in dressing up as an appropriate book character. A separate letter explaining all the exciting things taking place has been sent out this week.

### E-safety Day

On Tuesday, we spent time focussing on staying safe online. The children learnt about what information is appropriate to share online and what to do if they were ever worried about something they have seen or heard online. The children understand that if they have any concerns – they should tell an adult immediately. Perhaps you could spend a moment speaking with your children to ensure they remember the rules for keeping safe online and check what they have access to.

### Food allergies

In school, we have children who have severe allergies to nuts. If some of our children come into contact with different types of nuts, they could have a reaction that could require the use of an epipen and possible further medical attention. Please can I ask that children who have packed lunches refrain from having nut products. In addition, please can I extend this to break time snacks. I appreciate your support in this matter.

### Key Dates

14/02/2020 – School closes for half term  
24/02/2020 – Return to School  
05/03/2020 – World Book Day  
10/03/2020 – Lion Learners in school  
25/03/2020 – Yr 3 trip to York  
26/03/2020 – Yr 4 trip to York

### Letters Issued this Week

10/02/2020 – Lion Learners letter  
13/02/2020 – WBD & Writing Competition letter

## St John Ambulance award

I'd like to say a huge well done to Luke and Ryan in Year 5 who have been awarded 'The Super Badger award'. This is the highest possible award for the children undertaking the St John Ambulance first aid training. To achieve this level, the children have had to work hard, show resilience and practice various first aid scenarios. Well done children!

## 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	94.91	4A	100.00
RBM	90.36	4W	94.33
1S	91.00	5H	93.57
1W	95.00	5W	94.14
2H	99.00	6D	93.67
2W	94.67	6W	92.00
3G	93.33	Whole School total	93.84
3P	93.79	Cumulative total	95.76

**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	Ethan P	3P	Phoenix RW
RBM	Alesha H	4A	Eva H
1S	Sophia D	4W	Amelia J
1W	Isla Rose P	5H	Emme C
2H	Thomas B	5W	Charlie G
2W	Tommy S	6D	Lewis H
3G	Mia R	6W	Caitlin W

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Head of School**