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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

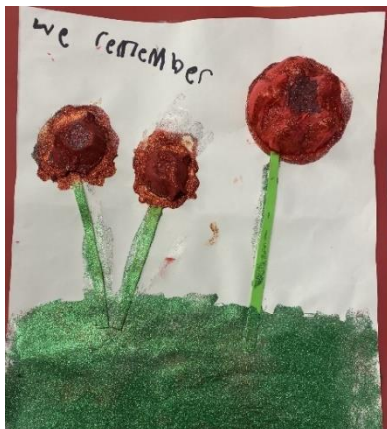
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Headteacher Update

The children have continued to work exceptionally hard this week. I enjoy standing at the classroom door watching their lessons in progress, the children are always so articulate and able to tell me what they're studying and the key points of their new learning.

### Non-Uniform - Children in Need

Today has been a non-uniform day to raise money towards Children in Need. The money raised changes lives as they fund many services and charities around the country that support the safety and wellbeing of children. Thank you for your donations towards this worthy cause, I will share the total with you once it has been counted!



### Remembrance 2020

Remembrance Day has been slightly different this year, however, still as reflective all the same. I was so proud of the whole school when we conducted the 2 minutes silence at 11am on Wednesday – you could hear a pin drop. The children have been learning about why we hold an act of remembrance each year to commemorate those who served our country. I'd appreciate it if you could create an opportunity to speak with your children this weekend about what they have learnt about Remembrance Day.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying week', this is where we highlight the importance of our school values of respect and kindness. To kickstart our week, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we ask that staff and children come into school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! I hope your children can support us and join in with this show of support.



### Social Distancing

Please can I remind all parents to ensure they continue to follow our one-way system around the school premises. The one-way system is in place to reduce congestion on the pathways around school. It is there to protect everyone and minimise contact as there is no opportunity to walk past each other. I realise this system adds a couple of minutes on to your drop off/collection times, but I appreciate everyone supporting the system and maintaining social distancing.

### Attendance and Absence

As we approach the winter months, it is normal for adults and pupils to catch a cold or feel slightly under the weather. I would ask that we follow the guidance provided by the government and NHS to ensure children who should be in school attend as normal. If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact school at your earliest convenience.



We ask that your child does not come to school if they display one or more of the following symptoms:

- A persistent dry cough
- A raised prolonged temperature
- Your child loses their sense of taste and smell.

**If you or one of your household are symptomatic and is currently waiting for the outcome of a test – your whole household must isolate until there is a negative outcome.**

### Home Support

As we continue through the new academic year we appreciate all the help you can provide your children at home. The learning journey of each child can only be successful with partnership between home and school. You can help by:

- Listening to your child read at least 4 times a week. Ask questions about what you have read together, can they retrieve information you have just read?
- Help them with timetables. Try making this a game and challenging them to see if they can win or just have fun.
- Ensure they complete their homework or spellings they may have to learn that week.
- Be interested in their learning, discuss what they are doing in school – is there any way you can research further at home what they do in school?

We appreciate all the support you can do at home!



## 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	Sarlote S	3P	Lloyd W
RBM	Harry G	4A	Lily D
1T	Riley T	4W	Jenson B
1W	Rayah J	5H	Max H
2S	Dillan M	5W	Anina B
2W	Joseph H	6D	Ryan M
3G	Reuben H	6W	Holly H

Attendance matters! Thank you to all the children who have come to school everyday so far this year!

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	97.67	4A	95.92
RBM	97.78	4W	99.33
1T	93.45	5H	98.67
1W	96.67	5W	97.50
2S	99.29	6D	90.41
2W	96.21	6W	100.00
3G	94.35	Whole School total	96.59
3P	97.20	Cumulative total	96.67

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Headteacher**