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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Headteacher Update

It has been a great week with lots of busy learning taking place all through school. The children continue to impress as they work so hard and learn new things! I hope all the families of Halfpenny Lane have a restful and safe weekend as we continue to support each other through this second period of lock down.

### Non-Uniform - Children in Need

Thank you again for all the support and donations for last weeks non-uniform day for Children in Need. We managed to raise an incredible £495! This has all been donated to the Children in Need Charity which supports many, many children up and down the country.



### Christmas

I've said the word...CHRISTMAS! As I'm sure you will already realise and understand, Christmas will be very different for all of us this year and that is certainly the case in schools. Unfortunately, we cannot do many of the things we enjoy each year such as the Christmas Fayre or the Christingle Service at St Giles Church. However, alongside this newsletter will be a communication regarding the Christmas period at school and what we are doing to get into the festive spirit. There are a couple of things where we are asking for donations via ParentPay, this is to ensure that we can adhere to Covid restrictions. I hope you can support us and help the children this Christmas season as much as we can!

### Anti-Bullying Week

Throughout the week, we have spent time learning about how we treat each other with respect and kindness. The children have learnt about what bullying actually is, the different types of bullying, such as verbal, emotional or virtual bullying and the consequences this has on the victims of bullying. I hope over the weekend you will be able to speak to your child about what they have learnt over the week.

### Social Distancing

Around school, we have a one-way system. This is so there is minimal contact between parents walking their children to and from school. I have had some concerns from parents that there are a few who do not follow this school safety measure. I realise, walking the full distance around school adds an extra minute to people's journey, however, I must insist that we all follow the rules for our own safety. I will be stood by the path to check that this continues to happen next week.



### Rob Burrow - Motor Neurone Disease support

As a Trust, we have chosen the Motor Neurone Disease Association as one of the charities that the whole of Pontefract Academies Trust will support. You will know that Rob Burrow, a Rugby League legend who played for Leeds Rhinos, has shared with us his constant battle as he lives with this condition. To support the association and the support they provide to many people who suffer with this disease, we are holding a non-uniform day on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. All the money raised will go to the MND Association. To show support to Rob, it may be poignant to wear a rugby shirt or a football shirt as a show of support. We ask for any donation you see fit and this will be done via ParentPay. Thank you for your support



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 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	Maisie L	3P	Cameron J
RBM	Isla E	4A	Lily B
1T	Lilah MB	4W	Chloe M
1W	Noah W	5H	Maisie B
2S	Charlotte D	5W	Sophie H
2W	Laya T	6D	Alicja M
3G	Skyla S	6W	Summer W

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	97.20	4A	99.33
RBM	98.57	4W	94.85
1T	95.17	5H	100.00
1W	98.67	5W	99.66
2S	98.93	6D	95.32
2W	93.88	6W	97.59
3G	93.10	Whole School total	96.98
3P	97.10	Cumulative total	96.71

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Mr James Parkinson – Headteacher**

