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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

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Headteacher Update

We have nearly reached the end of November and the festive season will soon be upon us. We approach this period of time with a mixed feeling of excitement and reflection! I am happy that we can still do many things to celebrate this time of year safely within school. I hope you can all plan special family times equally as safe!

Christmas Jumper Day - 11th December

I'm already looking forward to seeing lots of flashing, sparkling, funny Christmas jumpers this year! On Friday 11th December, in aid of the 'Save the Children' charity, we will be joining in with Christmas Jumper Day. We ask that you make a donation of your choice via ParentPay and all the money raised will support children around the world! After speaking to some parents, I'd like to clarify that it is normal uniform with the exception of wearing a Christmas jumper. I wonder what fantastic jumpers the staff will be wearing too!



MNDA Non-Uniform Day - 10th December

Christmas is a time where we can reflect on our lives and how fortunate we are – even in this ongoing pandemic. For some people, Christmas is a difficult time as they continue to suffer with incurable diseases. I've spoken to many parents about Motor Neurone Disease and the links to Rob Burrow. So many parents are glad that we can support this charity and help make a difference. On Thursday 10th December, it is a non-uniform day with all donations going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, please donate via ParentPay.



Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder that you have until the end of Monday 30th November to book your child a Christmas dinner. Christmas dinner day will be on Wednesday 16th December and though social distancing measures will still be in place – children will receive a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings within their classroom! I'm sure, like every year, I'll be on hand to ensure all the children get their delicious meals on time! If you would like to book your child a Christmas dinner please complete and return the form your child has brought home previously. If this has been misplaced, please contact our school office on 01977 703270.

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 concerns from some parents that not everyone is following this school safety measure. I realise, walking the full distance around school adds an extra minute to people's journey, however, I **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.



Water Bottles

Please can I remind parents to send their child to school with a filled water bottle. This will be returned at the end of each day to be washed and refilled for the next day. We cannot use cups in school to provide water so it is an important item to remember.

School Dinners

We have noticed that some children are swapping between school dinners and packed lunches during the week. Unfortunately this is not permitted, children must remain on the same pattern, with the exception that packed lunch children can join us for a school dinner on a Friday. If you wish to change your child's dinner pattern, please speak to the school office who will confirm when this can start. In addition, school dinners must be paid for in advance, preferably weekly. If your circumstances have recently changed and you wish to apply for free school meals, please speak to the school office who can provide you with a form, or send you the link to apply online.

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.



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	Jeanie D	3P	Mollie M
RBM	Everly D	4A	Rae-Leigh W
1T	Lily-Mae D	4W	Jackson A
1W	All of class	5H	Ruby T
2S	Ryker H	5W	Cody S
2W	Henry E	6D	George R
3G	Logan-Rhys S	6W	Luke B

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	99.30	4A	97.32
RBM	99.30	4W	99.29
1T	92.78	5H	99.33
1W	97.95	5W	99.30
2S	95.56	6D	93.33
2W	97.56	6W	96.32
3G	94.97	Whole School total	96.81
3P	98.24	Cumulative total	96.72

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr James Parkinson – Headteacher