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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

It's hard to believe we've come to the end of week 3 and very nearly the end of September! Our pupils have been well and truly immersed in the fantastic opportunities provided this week – these have included workshops with UK Parliament, harvesting fruit from our school Pomfret garden and an array of arts activities! We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our parents back into school at our coffee mornings and look forward to what next week has in store!

Morrisons Tokens

We really appreciate you continuing to support our school garden by participating in the Morrison's token scheme!

Let's make Halfpenny Lane a growing school together! [It's Good to Grow - Morrisons Blog](#)



Y5/6 Fitness Family Fitness Friday

We are looking forward to our very first Family Fitness Friday on 1st October. Please note the change of time to 9:15. We have no doubt that you will thoroughly enjoy the morning by trying out some of the fantastic P.E activities that our pupils participate in, alongside your child!

In order to be able to accommodate all of our families, we have restricted numbers to no more than two family members per child.

Don't forget your P.E kit and trainers and we look forward to seeing you there!

No Crossing Patrol

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on duty on Monday morning (27th September) and we ask that you take extra care around the morning traffic and crossing the road. Thank you.

P.E Uniform

We have been delighted with the conscious effort being made to ensure that our pupils are all in their correct P.E kit every Friday. We would like to request that this continues as the weather turns cooler. A number of our P.E activities will continue to take place outdoors (other than in exceptionally poor weather) so we ask that pupils wear a plain black tracksuit during the winter months. Thank you for your support with this.

Reception Phonics Meeting

We are looking forward to meeting with our Reception parents at 9:15 on Thursday 30th September and being able to provide you with information that will help you support your child with their early reading and phonics.

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings are coming up on 5th and 6th October. Please look out for the invitation to set up your appointment on School Cloud, next week!

Halfpenny Values - Courage

Please see the attached information to help with supporting your child with learning about this term's value, whilst at home:



FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE


Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.

Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

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Has shown **courage** by

.....

This bravery should be recognised because

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Young Voices

A reminder that you are now able to purchase tickets and T-shirts via MCAS. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you require any support with this.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on 29th September and would like to make a school donation to the local community and food bank. We would very much appreciate if our families could begin to make donations of non-perishable items to school, in preparation for this, please. Thank you.

Phonics Meeting for Parents

We know how much our parents/carers want to support their children with their early reading development and to make sure you are equipped with all the necessary information and skills, we would like to invite you to attend the phonics meeting on 30th September. I have no doubt you will find the meeting extremely useful and hope you are able to join us.

Calendar of Events

Please see attached full calendar of events for your information, as one or two items have been added. Thank you.

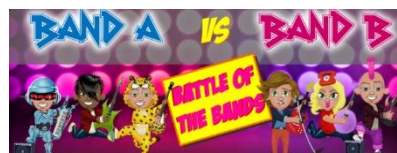
Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard and participate in our weekly challenges / battles. Please see the results below:



Children with the most correct answers over the past 7 days:

1st	Skye D	5H
2nd	Maisie	6W
3rd	Sophie O	5W



1P V 1T	1T
2S V 2A	2A
3W V 3G	3W
4HW V 4W	4HW
5H V 5W	5H
6D V 6W	6W

Reading challenge

Well done to all of our children for working incredibly hard on their reading this week. Our reading challenge has been extremely close between the classes this week so continue to try your best and read at least 4 times each week to help your class win. The winning classes this week are 2S, 3G, 4HW, 5H, 6D. Year 1 were tied.



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	Willow A	3W	Shay AD
RBM	Elizabeth M	4W	Eva R
1P	Sienna G	4HW	Cameron A
1T	Sylvie W	5H	Ryan V
2S	Harper C	5W	Kaydee D
2A	Kitty W	6D	Oscar D
3G	Joe J	6W	Joe B

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 97%. If your child is ill and unable to attend, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

We are over the moon with the improvement in our school attendance, with almost every class either meeting or exceeding our school target!

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	98.3	4HW	98.6
RBM	98.7	4W	92.1
1T	99.4	5H	97.8
1P	98.3	5W	97.2
2S	98.5	6D	97.7
2A	97.9	6W	95.8
3G	99.1	Whole School total	97.5
3W	97.6	Cumulative total	97.6

Don't forget to follow Halfpenny Lane on

Twitter!



For those parents/carers who are not yet aware, you can now follow our school and the Trust on Twitter. Please take a look and see all of the fantastic things that we are doing in school, as well as our other schools across the Trust!

The Halfpenny Lane Twitter feed is: **@halfpennylane**

The Trust Twitter feed is: **@PontefractAT**

Mrs H. McNeill
Headteacher

2021 2022 Termly Events/Activities

Parents/Carers are invited to attend/participate in highlighted events

September

- 14th – 1:30, Staff band performance (Wakefield Music Service), 6:00 Y5 London Trip Meeting for parents
- 21st – 9:00 and 12:30 Nursery Parents Coffee Morning, 3:30-4:30 KS2 Girls Active Squad Meeting
- 23rd – 9:15, Reception Parents Coffee Morning, 11:30 Y6 UK Parliament Workshop
- 27th – 11:30 Y5 UK Parliament Workshop
- 28th -3:30-5:00, Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament at A1 Football Factory
- 29th - Harvest Festival, followed by donations of non-perishable items to the community
- 30th – 9:15, Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting

October

- 1st –9:50, Y5/6 Family Fitness Friday
- w/B 4th -Cross Country Week
- 5th – 3:30 Y3/4 Cake Sale (please could we request donations of buns/cakes etc from our Y3/4 pupils); Parents' Evening
- 6th – Parents' Evening
- 11th – 6:00 Y6 Northumberland Meeting
- 12th –9:15 Y6 (6D) and Reception (RB) 'Buddy Assembly', 6:00 Esafety Parent Workshop
- 13th - 9:15 Y6 (6W) and Reception (RBM) 'Buddy Assembly'
- 14th – 9:15, Y5 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 15th – KS2 School Games Cross Country at De Lacy High School
- 19th -3:30-5:00 Y5/6 Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 20th – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 21st - Halloween disco – 4:30-5:30 Y1-Y3 6:00-7:00 Y4-Y6
- 22nd – 9:50, Y3/4 Family Fitness Friday, Finish for half term holiday

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November

- 1st – Pupils back to school

- 1st – 5th - Parliament Week, Y3/4 Interhouse Football
- 2nd – 6:00 – Y6 Parents SATs Meeting
- 4th – 6:00pm Winter Bingo
- 5th – School Debate (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- W/B 8th- Y5/6 School Games Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 9th – 9:15, Y4 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 15th-19th - Anti-bullying week
- 16th – 6:00 pm, Parents’ anti-bullying workshop, 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 17th – 3:00pm, Reception Parents’ Writing Meeting
- 18th - 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 11th – 10:45 - Remembrance Assembly
- 23rd – 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 25th – 9:15, Y3 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning, 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 22nd – 26th - Enterprise week (creating for Christmas Fayre)
- 30th – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

December

- 2nd – 2:00-4:30, ‘HPL Light switch on and Christmas Fayre, 4:45 Carols around the Christmas Tree, 30th – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
- 7th – 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 9th - 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 10th – Carols in the Community
- 12th – 6:00pm, End of Term Awards Evening and Carol Service
- 15th – Polar Express Day (everyone in pyjamas)
- KS1 nativity
- 6th December – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 8th – 10:00am and 2:00pm EYFS Nativity
- W/B 13th – Santa Dash Cross Country
- 16th – Pupils Finish for Christmas
- 17th – Staff INSET

January

- 4th – Pupils back to school
- 7th - Young Voices Concert, FLYDSA Arena
- 10th – 2:30, Young Voices Parent Concert, Pupils’ Art Gallery
- 19th – 9:15, Y2 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning, 3:00pm Reception Parents’ Maths Meeting
- 24th – 9:15-10:30 Grandparents Morning
- 26th – 6:00pm, Parent Workshop (topic to be confirmed)
- 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day (KS2)

February

- 1st – 2:00, Class Singing Competition
- 3rd – 9:15, Year 1 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 9th – 9:15-10:30 ‘Men Behaving Dadly’
- 14th - Valentines’ Disco – 4:30-5:30 Y1-Y3 6:00-7:00 Y4-Y6
- 17th – Spring School Debate
- 18th – Finish for half term
- 28th – Pupils back to school

March

- 1st – 6:00, Easter Bingo
- 3rd – World Book Day (dress up as favourite book character)
- 28th Feb - 7th – Fairtrade Fortnight

- 8th - Masterchef Day (Linked to Fairtrade)
- 9th – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee morning
- 15th – Nursery and Reception Cake Sale, Parents’ Evening
- 16th – Parents’ Evening
- 30th – 9:15, Y5 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning

April

- 2nd – 1st May – Ramadan
- 5th – 6:00pm, Awards Evening/Festival of Music
- 6th - 9:15-10:30 ‘Where the Wild Mums Are’
- 8th – Finish for Easter
- 25th – Pupils back to school
- 27th-29th – Y5 Residential visit to London

May

- 2nd – School closed
- 3rd-20th – KS1 assessments
- 9th-13th – Y6 SATs week
- 12th – HPL Got Talent
- 13th – Sports Day and Parents’ Picnic and Y4/5 Cake Sale
- 16th - 9:15, Y4 Learning Festival and coffee morning
- 17th - HPL Got Talent Finals
- 27th – finish for half term

June

- 6th – Pupils return to school
- 6th-24th – Y4 statutory multiplication check, KS1 statutory phonics screening
- 8th – 9:15 Y3 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 10th – Sports Day and Parents’ Picnic Reserve Day
- Y6 residential visit
- 14th – 6:00, Parent Workshop (topic to be confirmed)
- 16th – 9:15, Y2 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 20th – 3:30, Y3 and Y6 Cake Sale
- 24th-25th - Summer camp
- 30th – 9:15am RBM Outdoor Workshop, 2:00pm RB Outdoor Workshop

July

- 8th – 3:30, Summer Fayre
- 12th - Summer production dress rehearsal
- 13th – 1:30pm, Summer production matinee performance, 9:15-Reception EYFS Graduation Assembly
- 14th – 6:00pm, Summer production evening performance
- 19th – 23rd – Eid-al-Adha
- 20th – 9:30 End of Year Awards
- 21st – 2:00, Y6 Leavers Service, Pupils finish for summer

