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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Our week started this week with a thoroughly enjoyable first appearance of Penny Wolf, our school mascot! The pupils were all very excited to meet Penny and even receive a hug and 'high five'. We then went on to celebrate lots of 'proud' moments this week, from the pupils showcasing elements of our school for the Trust photographer, to our Y6 Buddies and their fantastic assembly with their Reception buddy, and our fantastic achievement at the Trust Cross Country event! Well done to everyone for a great week!

### Dangerous Dog

We have been informed that there has recently been an attack by a dangerous dog on Halfpenny Lane and would advise extra vigilance if any dogs are seen in and around this area. Thank you.

### Memorial Garden

Our memorial pebble garden to John Brooks was mentioned in last year's Newsletters and you may have spotted it near our front entrance. As much as we would like our pupils to admire and enjoy the garden, I would like to ask that children do not pick up the pebbles. I am sure you will appreciate that this poses the danger of them being dropped and smashed. Thank you.

### Cake Sale

Thank you Year 3/4 parents for your generosity and wonderful donations of cakes and goodies this week. We have managed to raise £90 for our Y3/4 pupils which I am sure they will put to good use!

### Y6 Learning Festival

Our Y6 pupils are in the process of planning their upcoming 'Learning Festival' at 9:15 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to share their learning with you as well as have an informal chat over a cuppa! We hope you are able to join us!

### Year 3/4 Family Fitness Friday

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next Family Fitness Friday event which will take place at 9:15 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. We have no doubt you will enjoy taking part as much as our Y5/6 families did and look forward to seeing you there!

### Halloween Disco

A reminder that our two Halloween Disco's will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Y1-Y3 4:30-5:30; Y4-Y6 6:00-7:00. Further information will follow early next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up for their respective discos!

Reception and Nursery will hold their disco during the school day and children are welcome to wear fancy dress.

## After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs for the start of next half- term will be available to book on MCAS from 3pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. In the interest of fairness we have reset the enrolment to allow all pupils the opportunity to attend, places will be given on a first come first serve basis.

## Nursery Stay & Play

Our Nursery Stay & Play day is taking place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. For our morning children this will start at 10.30am until the end of the morning session. For our afternoon children this will start at 2pm until the end of the afternoon session. We look forward to seeing you.

## Halfpenny Values

We hope you will be able to continue supporting our new Halfpenny Values at home. Even though we have been focusing on 'courage' we also reward pupils for showing our other values as well, which we know are so important.



## School Photos

Tempest Photography will be school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November to take Individual and sibling(brothers and sisters) group photos, during the school day. Both types of photos will be taken, where applicable, so that you can choose at the time of ordering. There will also be an opportunity to have family group photos taken after school with younger siblings who have not yet started school or nursery as well as older siblings This will be available between 3.30pm and 4pm. Please access the hall via the main school office.

## Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard on their time-stable knowledge and improving their scores. Please see the results below:



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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Izabella C	5W
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophie O	5W
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chloe M	5W

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

## 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 1T, 2S, 3G, 4W, 6D. Year 5 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	Brady P	3W	Ellie-Rae S
RBM	Freddie S	4W	Lloyd W
1P	Lily M	4HW	Amelia S
1T	Elinor B	5H	Joan H
2S	Abigail L	5W	Kaiden H
2A	Megan J	6D	Josephine H
3G	Tommy W	6W	Lucas E

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### 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 have seen a slight dip in our attendance this week as the winter flu virus and diarrhoea and sickness seems to have struck. We hope everyone feels better next week!

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	98.0	4HW	99.7
RBM	94.8	4W	92.9
1T	99.7	5H	98.4
1P	94.9	5W	100
2S	99.7	6D	98.5
2A	99.0	6W	96.3
3G	91.5	Whole School total	97.57
3W	100	Cumulative total	98.1

**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**

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## 2021 2022 Termly Events/Activities

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

### October

- 19<sup>th</sup> -3:30-5:00 Y5/6 Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Halloween disco – 4:30-5:30 Y1-Y3      6:00-7:00 Y4-Y6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:50, Y3/4 Family Fitness Friday, Finish for half term holiday

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Pupils back to school
- 1<sup>st</sup>- School Photographs
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - Parliament Week, Y3/4 Interhouse Football
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 – Y6 Parents SATs Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm Winter Bingo
- 5<sup>th</sup> – School Debate (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- W/B 8<sup>th</sup>- Y5/6 School Games Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:15, Y4 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> - Anti-bullying week
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm, Parents' anti-bullying workshop, 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm, Reception Parents' Writing Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 10:45 - Remembrance Assembly

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:15, Y3 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning, 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise week (creating for Christmas Fayre)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

## December

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:15-2:55, singing Carols at Salter Row (Children's Society)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2:00-4:30, 'HPL Light switch on and Christmas Fayre, 4:45 Carols around the Christmas Tree, 30<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Carols in the Community
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm, End of Term Awards Evening and Carol Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Polar Express Day (everyone in pyjamas)
- KS1 nativity
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am and 2:00pm EYFS Nativity
- W/B 13<sup>th</sup> – Santa Dash Cross Country
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Pupils Finish for Christmas
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Staff INSET

## January

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

## February

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

## March

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00, Easter Bingo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – World Book Day (dress up as favourite book character)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7<sup>th</sup> – Fairtrade Fortnight
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Masterchef Day (Linked to Fairtrade)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee morning
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Cake Sale, Parents' Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:15, Y5 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning

## April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> May – Ramadan
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm, Awards Evening/Festival of Music

- 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:15-10:30 'Where the Wild Mums Are'
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Finish for Easter
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Pupils back to school
- 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Residential visit to London

## May

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

## June

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

## July

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

