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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Our pupils have well and truly embraced Autumn this week, especially our Early Years children who been on an Autumn walk and created some fantastic Autumn pictures. The sun came out just in time for our cross country and we look forward to seeing how our pupils do in this event next week! We've loved being able to update you about how your child has settled in, during this week's parent's evenings and are looking forward to seeing you at our events next week!

House Captains

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the process of voting for their House Captains and Vice Captains. Well done and congratulations to the following pupils:

House Captains: Charley Garahan – St. James's Palace (blue)
Freya Howarth - Buckingham Palace (green)
Elliot Carter - Kensington Palace (yellow)
Logan Watkiss - Windsor Castle (red)

vice Captains: Sophie Osuchukwu
Lily Town and Jack Gawthorp
Ramsey Jewitt
Skye Dyson

ESafety Workshop

We'd like to help you with keeping your children safe online and invite you to join us for this event, at 6pm on Tuesday 12th October. This will provide you with useful information and hopefully answer your questions around internet and 'new technology' safety. We request that you confirm via email to: admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk whether or not you will be attending, 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!

Y5 Learning Festival

Our Y5 pupils are in the process of planning their upcoming 'Learning Festival' at 9:15 on 14th 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!

A reminder that the Y6 Learning Festival is scheduled to take place at 9:15 on Wednesday 20th October.

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 22nd 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!

Additional Event in December

We are really excited to be adding an event to our December diary. On Wednesday 1st December we will be joining the other schools for the Children's Society Carol Singing event. Halfpenny Lane will be at Salter Row (Market Hall), 2:15-2:55 and we hope you'll be able to help get the festive season off to a great start!

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 1st 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. This will be available between 3.30pm and 4pm. Please access the hall via the main school office.

Flu Immunisations

The annual Flu Immunisations will be administered by the school nursing team on Tuesday 12th October in school. This is for children where a completed parental consent form has been handed into school. If you have not returned your parental consent form yet then please do so as soon as possible.

Class Dojo

We appreciate that Class Dojo is a fantastic communication tool for class teachers and parents alike. However, it should not be used for other social networking purposes and screen shots should not be taken and shared as this is sensitive and confidential information. Also, if you need to clarify any events in school then please contact the office for more information.

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 st	Sophie O	5W
2 nd	Skye D	5H
3 rd	Izabella C	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, 4HW, 5H, 6D



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	Tyler H	3W	Elizabeth R
RBM	Sophia W	4W	Lillie CH
1P	Paityn R	4HW	Logan-Rhys S
1T	Daisy D	5H	Harry G
2S	Elsie R	5W	Jenson B
2A	Rory W	6D	Daniel H
3G	Maxx R	6W	Tai 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 for the second week in a row!

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	98.4	4HW	100
RBM	99.3	4W	96.03
1T	99.7	5H	98.8
1P	99.1	5W	99.7
2S	100	6D	100
2A	99.3	6W	93.6
3G	94.0	Whole School total	98.3
3W	99.3	Cumulative total	98.3

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

October

- 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- School Photographs
- 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

- 1st – 2:15-2:55, singing Carols at Salter Row (Children's Society)
- 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

