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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

This week we again welcomed our parents into school for our learning festival and stay and play. Alongside this, a number of our governors (SPRB) visited our school on Wednesday. It was wonderful to be able to welcome all of these visitors to our school so that they can experience the terrific learning that takes place. Our Key Stage 2 pupils led a very thoughtful Remembrance Day assembly and we were very proud of what they presented to the school!



### Farewell Mrs Kendrick

We are very sad to be saying 'Farewell' to Mrs Kendrick, Office Manager, as she leaves us today. We would like to thank Mrs Kendrick for her dedication and hard work during her time with us and wish her all the very best for the future!

### Bingo Evening

We are looking forward to our re-scheduled event which has now been planned for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served and children will be able to join in!

I would like to appeal for donations of prizes please, no matter how small, which will contribute to those provided by the school.

Please could you drop us an email at: [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk) and numbers of those attending, by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, so that we can ensure we provide enough refreshments – thank you!

### PTFA

I am aware of a number of parents who are keen to volunteer with many of our school events and activities and I am keen to explore the possibility of re-establishing a HPL PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association).

You will be aware that we have a number of events planned throughout the year and any assistance we can get is always very gratefully appreciated in order to make every event a success! You don't need to have specific skills or expertise, just a keen interest in becoming more involved with the school and some spare time.

If this is something you think you might be interested in, please email the school at: [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk), or give me a call, 01977 703270 if you have any questions or would like an informal chat about this opportunity.

### Prince of Wales Hospice 'Fill a bag' Campaign

For this academic year we are delighted to announce that we are supporting The Prince of Wales Hospice in Pontefract again. Throughout November we are asking each class to fill a bag to help raise much needed funds for the Hospice.

Please remember the Prince of Wales Hospice shops are always in need of donations of your unwanted items, and depend on your generosity and support. An average bag of good quality donations can be worth as much as £30 - enough to fund a home visit to a bereaved relative who doesn't have family support.

### **What do they accept?**

- Clothing – ladies, men’s and children’s
- Shoes, handbags and belts
- Household textiles – curtains, bedding, tablecloths, towels, scatter cushions, rugs
- Books, CDs, DVDs, computer/console games and vinyl records
- Crockery, cutlery, ornaments, pictures and other household items
- Electrical equipment
- Toys and jigsaws
- Furniture

Please bring any items that you can donate in to school either to your child’s class teacher or via the office.

Thank you for the wonderful generosity of those who have donated so far!

**The Prince of Wales van will be collecting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December so please can we ask that all donations are in school by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Thank you.**

### Children in Need

We will be joining other schools around the country in celebrating Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Whilst the day is designed to be lots of fun for the children, we hope that we can also raise some money for this well-deserving charity!

The theme is ‘together we can...’ and we would like to fully embrace this by:

- Together we can make the longest line of coins around Halfpenny Lane – please provide any spare coinage you have at home on Friday!
- Together we can attempt to break a world record – this is also one of our ‘50 Things’ and we aim to have loads of fun whilst each year group attempt different records
- Together we can show our support for Children in Need by wearing something yellow/spots/Pudsey apparel with our Fitness Friday P.E uniform on Friday. **Suggested donation of £1 for non-uniform please.**

It promises to be a fantastic day and we hope you are able to support us with this. Thank you.

### Reception Writing Meeting for Parents

We hope you are able to join us for our writing meeting at 3:00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting will provide you with information around our approach to the teaching of writing and how you might support your child at home, as well the opportunity for you to ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Key Stage 1 Nativity

We are now able to confirm a date for our Key Stage 1 Nativity, which has also been added to our ‘calendar of events’ below.


The dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. As this is also Christmas Dinner day, we would like to start promptly at 9:00am so would request that pupils are at 8:45am if possible, please. We will be opening the doors for them straight away so we have time to get them dressed.

There will be an evening performance at 6:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and afternoon performance at 1:45pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. To allow all our families the opportunity to see the performances, we will be limiting tickets to 2 per family. We will let you know as soon as these are available. Thank you.

## Halfpenny Values

Our value for this half term is 'compassion' and we hope you will be able to continue to support or values education at home:



 **READ TOGETHER...**  
**The good Samaritan**

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers.


"As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37

 **QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....**

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

The traveller was attacked as he walked along the **R O A D**  
 Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog **----**  
 The Samaritan **---** the innkeeper to look after the man **----**  
 The Samaritan acted with courage. He was **----**  
 We sometimes talk about the **---** of friendship (rhymes with pond) **----**  
 Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) **----**  
 The Samaritan in the story was **----**

## Anti-Bullying Week

We think about bullying every day and ensure that we consistently reinforce the message that we **do not tolerate bullying**. We will also be joining schools across the country for National Anti-bullying week during the week of 15<sup>th</sup> November, when we will take the opportunity to explore elements of bullying in greater depth.

We have scheduled an anti-bullying workshop for parents at 6:00pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, which will provide the opportunity for us to explore and discuss different elements of bullying as well as discuss the school's approach to dealing with bullying behaviour.

If you would like to attend, please drop us an email at: [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk) so that we can make sure we put out enough cups and chairs!

### 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 1P, 2S, 4W, 6D. Year 3 and 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	Eliza-Ray C	3W	Charlotte D
RBM	Noah P	4W	Joshua E
1P	Harlan J	4HW	Oliver D
1T	Esme F	5H	Alex P
2S	Dihein L	5W	James G
2A	Rosie L	6D	Lennon C
3G	Alfie T	6W	Jake H

### 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	90.1	4HW	90.0
RBM	91.6	4W	97.7
1T	94.8	5H	94.4
1P	95.0	5W	97.4
2S	97.6	6D	92.2
2A	93.7	6W	95.3
3G	99.3	Whole School total	94.6
3W	94.6	Cumulative total	96.0

### 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**

## 2021 2022 Termly Events/Activities

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

### 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