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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

We've had a focus on 'safety' this week, from our anti-bullying week, CPR demonstration (by one of the pupils) to one of the classes and pupils talking about how to keep themselves safe in our PSHE lessons – the children have been incredibly sensible and we know they will use their new learning well! We've had an exciting end to the week with our Children in Need activities and it was fantastic to see such an array of yellow and spots today!

### Date Correction

There is an error on the 'calendar of events' – thank you to those parents who have brought it to my attention. The end of term awards evening and carols will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (6pm) and not Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> as published on the calendar. Closer to the time, we will be sending out invitations to parents of those children receiving an award. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you are able to join us!

### Bingo

Due to low uptake for our Bingo evening next week we have made the difficult decision to cancel the event. We hope you are all saving yourselves for our Christmas Fayre on 2<sup>nd</sup> December which promises to be a fantastic start to the festive season!

### Christmas Fayre

I am sure there is a wealth of talent in the Halfpenny community and we would like to extend the invitation to participate in our Christmas Fayre to anyone who would like to hold a stall, for a donation of £15 per stall, for our fundraising effort. Please email [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk) for further information.

### PTFA

We've had a wonderful response to those parents wanting more information or to be part of our new PTFA. I would like to invite you to a meeting at school, at 3:30 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (please bring your children along if you need to, we'll put out some activities to keep them busy) where we can discuss things in more detail and put a plan together for next term!

### Parent Parking

Please can I remind parents not to park in the staff car park. There have been several occasions this week when staff have had nowhere to park upon arriving at school. It also poses a safety risk with staff not expecting cars to be pulling out of the car park as they are pulling in. Many thanks for your support with this.

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

A huge 'thank you' to those parents who have already donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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.**

### Singing at Junction 32

We have been invited to take a group of our pupils to sing at Junction 32 at 1:45 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We have decided to take our Young Voices Choir as this will be a wonderful opportunity for them to practice performing some of their songs whilst entertaining members of the public!

If you’re a parent of a Young Voices pupil, please don’t forget to return your permission slip.

We hope to see you there!

### Y3 Learning Festival

We hope you are able to join us at 9:15 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November when our Y3 pupils will be showcasing some of their learning from this term.

### School Photographs

Web order forms were handed to classrooms for children to take home to their parents on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, for online orders to be made with Tempest Photography. Free delivery to school is available for orders made within 15 days of when these web order forms were handed out. Therefore the deadline date will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders made after this deadline will need to be sent by home delivery and there will be a charge for this service. If you have any difficulty ordering online you can order by telephone with Tempest Photography.

### 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:



**THINK TOGETHER**  
**Words of Wisdom**

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."  
*Aesop*

**HALL OF FAME**

**A famous bear with a spotty scarf**



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

**FAMILY FOCUS**

**Random Acts of Kindness**

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)

SEND Forum

Following a very successful and productive meeting on Monday this week, we have now established a Halfpenny Lane SEND forum. I have summarised the main points of discussion below and our intended follow-up actions:

<u>Point raised</u>	<u>Intended follow-up</u>
Lack of consistency of staff – parents haven't known who to approach with questions or concerns	Succession plans in place so that this does not become an issue in the future – Mrs McNeill included in this
Number of teachers some children have had	Minimising disruption to children is a priority when covering staff absence – using staff that are familiar to pupils and ensuring there is continuity of support staff whenever possible
Communicate to parents if there are staff changes – whenever possible. If certain interventions unable to take place, communicate this to parents	We will ensure this happens in the future with longer or planned staff absences
Equipment is sometimes not passed up	Already discussed with staff to ensure this happens in the future
Plans are sometimes vague and need to include more information with regards to interventions needed and special equipment that needs to be used	Plans will be reviewed and updated accordingly during planned review meetings with parents
Perceived staff reluctance to implement strategies/use specified equipment and all staff having full information re diagnosis	Additional staff training 29.11.21
Follow-up has sometimes been slow, e.g follow up work with agencies, plans being updated. More connectivity between suggestions made by	Senior Leaders and SENDCo to hold weekly SEND meeting

multi-agencies and the information that appears on plans	
More pupils to have access to sensory room 'Hive' and is there a 'quiet place' outside	Timetable to be created once the Hive is completely 'set up'  Mrs McNeill and Mrs Gawthorp to explore how a quiet area can be established outside
Staff should make sure plan is followed, even if the pupil refuses	To be incorporated into training

We hope that you can see, that by being transparent about the areas of concern raised that it is clear that we aim to improve our provision where needed! Our next SEND Forum will now take place on a monthly basis, with the next one planned for 2:30 on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any additional feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch, otherwise we will hopefully see you on 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 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, 3W, 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	Olivia-Rae J	3W	Ryker H
RBM	Mason S	4W	Fleur W
1P	Macie F	4HW	Preston R
1T	Leland W	5H	Alex T
2S	Jacob S	5W	Kaydee D
2A	Sonny H	6D	Elliott C
3G	Amy S	6W	Lexie-Lou 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 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

- 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
- 14<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

