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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 26th November 2021

Christmas has arrived at HPL today, and as much as we will ensure the children continue to focus on their learning, there was a definite twinge of excitement in the air this week, with rehearsals for EYFS/KS1 nativities, singing at Junction 32 and decorating our trees! Our pupils have also put their enterprise skills to great use in preparation for our Christmas Fayre next week, which promises to be a wonderful event!

Staffing Changes

Office: you will be aware that we bid farewell to Mrs Kendrick recently. We would like to congratulate Mrs Metcalfe on her appointment to the position of Office Manager. We hope to be able to update you in the near future as to who our new admin. assistant will be.

Miss Ward: we would like to say 'farewell' to Miss Ward who is leaving us after a number of years at Halfpenny Lane. On behalf of the Halfpenny community I would like to wish Miss Ward much health, happiness and success for the future.

Year 2: We are delighted that Mrs Brough will be staying on as member of the team and will remain with Y2 for this year. We hope she has a long, happy and successful future with us.

Year 5: Miss Hill has decided to take up a wonderful secondment opportunity which has been offered at The Kings School. She will therefore transfer there for the remainder of this academic year and return in September 2022. We will miss her but hope she thoroughly enjoys her time with our secondary colleagues and students. Mrs Applegarth is very excited to be returning from her maternity leave to her previous class!

Year 1: Mrs Poynton will also be returning from her maternity leave into 1P. We are looking forward to having her back but are sad to be saying 'farewell' to Miss Halliday. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Halliday for her hard work and dedication during her time with us and wish her every success for the future.

Christmas Fayre

The children have been busy all week preparing for our fayre on Thursday 2nd December. The timings are as follows:
2:00pm – we will officially turn our Christmas lights to start the fayre
2:00-4:30 – Christmas Fayre
4:45 – Carol singing

Please feel free to join us at any point during the afternoon.

Y5/6 Cake Sale Contributions

It's the turn of Y5 and Y6 for their cake sale. We would like to request that donations of cakes, buns, biscuits etc are brought to school on Thursday 2nd December so that they can be sold as part of the fayre! Your donations will be very much appreciated!

Making Every Minute Matter

You will be aware that our school start time is 8:50. In an effort to ensure that all pupils are in school and ready to learn at 8:50, teachers will bring in their classes at 8:45 so we would appreciate if pupils could be at school for this time. Thank you.

Prince of Wales Hospice 'Fill a bag' Campaign

I would like to make a final plea for donations before the deadline of 3rd December. 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 3rd December so please can we ask that all donations are in school by Thursday 2nd December. Thank you.

Key Stage 1/EYFS Nativity

Please note that the dates for our Y1/2 Nativity are 6:00pm on Wednesday 8th December and 1:45 on Thursday 9th December. For the EYFS Nativity (Reception/Nursery) they are 10am and 2pm on Wednesday 8th December. The children already sound amazing and we hope you are able to join us! We will be sending further information regarding tickets by email on Monday.

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 7th December we will be having the school Christmas dinner. A menu and further information will be sent by email on Monday.

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, 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	Nilsson M	3W	Kamryn H
RBM	Nyah W	4W	Esme W
1P	Noah-Jack T	4HW	Skyla S
1T	Caelem M	5H	Phoenix R W
2S	Harper C	5W	Harry W
2A	Blake B	6D	Olivia G
3G	Joseph H	6W	Amelia J

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

- 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,
- 7th – 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 9th - 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 10th – Carols in the Community
- 14th – 6:00pm, End of Term Awards Evening and Carol Service
- 15th – Polar Express Day (everyone in pyjamas)
- 6th December – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 8th – 10:00am and 2:00pm EYFS Nativity, 6pm KS1 Nativity
- 9th – 1:45 KS1 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

