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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

It has been lovely to see all the children back this week, well-rested and refreshed after their week off! No time has been wasted in them getting straight back down to work and we've enjoyed celebrating many of their achievements this week. I have particularly enjoyed chatting to the children about their fantastic pumpkin creations and giving out their well-deserved prizes!

### Bingo Evening

It was with regret that we had to cancel our Bingo evening but we're 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.

We are hoping this will become a Halfpenny fundraising favourite and hope you are able to join us!

### 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 as we hope 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.

**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.**

## Y4 Learning Festival

We are extremely proud of our pupils and the work they have been putting into our 'learning festivals'. These are wonderful events which showcase the pupils' learning. Our Y4 pupils are in the process of planning their upcoming 'Learning Festival' at 9:15 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 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!

November  
11th @ 10am & 25th @ 8pm  
Emotions

Emotions are a completely natural part of life. However, there can be periods where we feel that different emotions are ruling the roost in our homes and with our children.

Why is my child reacting this way?  
What is causing this out-pouring of emotion?  
What triggers the emotions in your child?  
What can I do to best support my child?

Book yourself into the November FREE Parenting Clinic where Anisa, a Positive Parenting Coach, will be exploring the answers to these questions.  
Join us on zoom.

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or  
email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link

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## 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:



### TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

## 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.

## Remembrance Assembly

Our KS2 pupils are in the process of preparing a special assembly for Remembrance Day at 10:45 on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. I have no doubt they will do a sterling job of reminding us all of the importance of remembering the wars of the past and all those who have served and continue to serve their country. Please keep an eye on Twitter on 11<sup>th</sup> where we will update with photos and video clips.

## 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 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	Nnamdi H	3W	Jake S
RBM	Alfie VH	4W	Sam HJ
1P	Ethan B	4HW	Erin B
1T	Isla E	5H	Lily B
2S	Lucy-Rae C	5W	Wilbur S
2A	Molly HJ	6D	Robert S
3G	Lilly H	6W	Jahden 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	94.6	4HW	99.7
RBM	96.2	4W	97.3
1T	95.3	5H	89.8
1P	95.0	5W	98.3
2S	97.4	6D	98.2
2A	91.5	6W	94.7
3G	95.3	Whole School total	95.5
3W	94.5	Cumulative total	97.7

## Poppy Appeal

A limited supply of poppies and other poppy appeal items such as snapbands, reflectors, wristbands and zip pulls will be on sale from Monday next week, whilst stocks last. If you would like your children to buy these in school then please send the money into school with them. Some items have a suggested minimum donation amount. Please see the information attached.

## 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

## 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

