



HALFPENNY LANE

J, I & N SCHOOL

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents, Carers,

It has been a really busy and positive first week back after half term at HPL this week. Lots of super learning has been taking place across the different year groups and the children have been demonstrating a very engaged and enthusiastic attitude and approach to their lessons. There has also been a couple of days during the week when the school attendance figure has been in excess of 97%, which is a big improvement. The challenge now, is for this to be maintained across all five days in each school week. If there is anything the school may be able to support with regarding school attendance, please feel free to make contact with the school via the correct channels. We will strive to do whatever we can, to ensure the children are receiving the education they deserve.

World Book Day - when I arrived at school yesterday, it was great to see so many children and staff enjoying their World Book Day experience. The costumes and book characters that were on display was fantastic. It always makes me smile, when the teachers are appearing to enjoy dressing up as much, if not more so than the children. I think Mr Wilbor for one, was in his absolute element yesterday! As we are all aware, reading is so important and having the ability to read a range of different text types well, helps to underpin the children's learning experience and will help them to access success in the future. Please may we request that parents and carers continue to encourage the children to read on a very regular basis at home.



Young Voices Choir - the children have continued to perform really well for their teachers during the Young Voices singing sessions. It has been lovely to hear some of their sessions, especially as I am a big fan of The Lion King. Next Tuesday will be the final practice session, prior to the children performing their medley of songs to both the children and the parents. The in-school performances will take place on Tuesday 15th March 2022. The performance to the children will start at 2pm and the performance to the parents of the children in the Young Voices Choir will start at 4pm. This should be a great day and we are very much looking forward to listening to the performance.

Squash Club Visit - earlier this week, some children in Year 4 attended a wonderful squash and badminton coaching experience at Pontefract Squash Club, where they were very lucky to receive a session delivered by a former squash world champion, James Willstrop. The feedback received from the teachers who accompanied the children to this event was really positive and the children gleaned a great deal of value and enjoyment from it.

Parents Evenings - please may I remind parents and carers that the Parents Evenings for this term are due to take place across Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March 2022. Additional information will be shared with you next week about the logistics associated to both days.

School Uniform and PE Uniform - many thanks to all the children and their parents/carers for the support we have received thus far in terms of uplifting the standard of school uniform and PE uniform in school. We are very keen that the children are presenting in school as smartly as possible and this will be a key core focus of the school moving forwards. With this in mind, we would like the children to arrive at school each day wearing their school uniform. On the days the children are due to have PE, please could they bring their PE uniform into school in a sports bag and they will change into this prior to their PE lessons. Again, we would like to stress that the children should be wearing the uniform that is listed on the school uniform list. This has been issued previously and is available on the HPL website. Many thanks in advance for all your support and understanding regarding this matter.

School Car Park - please could we request that the main school car park is not used by parents when dropping the children in school. There are limited spaces in the car park and staff must be able to access it on a daily basis. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Please may I conclude by wishing you all a very enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

HPL SLT



