



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 24th May 2021

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	F2 Big PE day		Y1 Big PE day F2 (Reception) Vision Screening taking place in school	Y2 Big PE day	Friday 28th May is the last school day before the Spring Bank holiday. School re-opens on Monday 7th June.
And Next Week ?	School closed for half term	School closed	School closed	School closed	School closed



Attendance for the week ending 21st May 2021

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	97.6
Crafty Chameleons	84.6
Rainbow Fish	99.6
Hungry Caterpillars	98.4
Gruffalos	97.0
Elmers	90.0

Overall attendance for the week was 94.6%

Some Key Dates

Wednesday 26th May	Y1 Big PE Day
Wednesday 26th May	F2 (Reception) Vision Screening taking place in school
Thursday 27th May	Y2 Big PE Day
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	School and nursery closed for half term holiday

Ordering School Uniform



If you need to order items of school uniform for your child ready for September please order in plenty of time.

You can find information on suppliers of our school uniform at <https://www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org/useful-information>

Transition in preparation for September

We have lots of fun learning planned for the last half term of the academic year and, whilst we will still be very much focusing on the 'here and now' in our teaching and learning, we also have a mind to September as we want to ensure we have plans in place to prepare the children for their next steps. We know that moving onto the next class or onto a new school is a really exciting time, but we also appreciate that the children can also need a little additional reassurance to help them prepare for the change. We want you to know that we are here to support wherever we can to help ensure transition is a happy and positive experience!

Transition needs to look a little different again this year due to the guidance schools are following to keep their community safe during the pandemic (for example, Sheffield schools have been advised to limit physical transition and find alternative ways of delivering transition e.g. through virtual events where possible). Despite this, everyone is committed to making sure that both children and parents/carers feel as confident as possible about the next steps - whether this is within our school, or between schools.

In school transition

In line with all schools, our staffing plans are in the process of being finalised. We shall be able to share information over the next few weeks about your child's class teacher from September, and the final arrangements for transition.

Please be assured that there will be an opportunity for your child to meet his/her new F1-Y2 teacher/s next half term and for all the relevant information to be shared with you in preparation for the move to the new year group. All transition activities will follow the most up to date risk assessment and safety guidance for schools (updated expected later this week).

We shall also be preparing videos and pen portraits of staff that you and your child will be able to view on our website as much as you would like to at home over the summer holiday :-)

Teachers have also planned dedicated time to share information with new class teachers about how super your children are so they too can prepare for September. If your child is moving from our Nursery onto a different school in your catchment area, or from Y2 to Y3, we shall also contact new class teachers/schools to share key information to ensure a smooth transition between schools.

Y2 to Y3 transition

After half term, parents/carers of Y2 children due to move to Halfway Junior School will receive a Y3 transition pack from that school (these will be delivered to our school for distribution to you at home time). This will explain this year's transition arrangements and share important dates such as an online meeting to find out about school, enjoying a virtual tour of the Juniors, and also having an opportunity to find out about Y3 class teachers.

If your child is due to move to a different school in Y3, that school will be in touch with you directly to share its transition arrangements. We shall, of course, support wherever we can to ensure that transition is a safe, happy and successful one.

New starters in our Nursery and F2 in September

Very similar processes are in place for children who will be new to our nursery or F2 in September. We have sent letters to welcome new families to nursery/school and will also be sharing transition packs with our new starters, along with information about online welcome meetings etc.

Our F2 staff will be making visits to our nursery (and making individual phone calls home for children who are completely new in September, as we are unable to conduct home visits this year due to the current restrictions).

Our nursery team will also be in touch with our new nursery starters to arrange for them to visit nursery for the first time to 'Meet the Teacher' and pick up transition packs.

Watch this space—more information to follow about transition after half term!

Please nominate us so we have the chance to win £5000 of reading books!

Win £5,000 for your school

Fill the library with new books!

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

Our big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

Find out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, below. The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.



https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=schools-prize-teachers&utm_campaign=20210506_schools

Spring Bank Holiday Food Vouchers

Sheffield City Council made a commitment to support families over the school holidays with food during the Covid-19 pandemic. It plans to provide food vouchers for 31,500 children and young people eligible for 'benefits based' free school meals across the city for the one-week Spring Bank Holiday (w/c 31st May). The scheme has also been extended to include children accessing MAST, Social Care and income assessed Early Years Support.

Every eligible child and young person will receive a £15 voucher to cover food for the one-week holiday period. Families with more than one eligible child will receive a total of £15 per child.

The Council has chosen to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers again as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two step process involved in downloading the vouchers, and eligible families should now have received a letter about these vouchers! (NB - any child/young person that becomes eligible for FSM between 17th May and 4th June will be sent a voucher letter the week after the Spring Bank holiday).

The letter included the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher (you can view a 'how to' video on Youtube - <https://youtu.be/-vrJxjFDBjk>).

Please note codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will expire. Once the voucher has been claimed on the Edenred website the voucher will be valid for 12 months.

Where can families get further help?

Parents and carers can get in touch with school this week if they need help downloading or printing their vouchers, and the Free School Meal Voucher helpline will be available in half term on 0114 2734567 (option 4, option 3) to help to parents/carers experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.

VEGPOWER

What is Veg Power?

Veg Power was founded in 2018 to turn around vegetable consumption in the UK. 80% of children are not eating enough vegetables, with a third eating less than one portion a day.

Veg Power's mission is to inspire kids to veggie loving habits. Our 2020 schools' programme reached 1,500 primary schools i.e. 425,000 children.

Over half of all parents and kids agreed **Eat Them to Defeat Them** makes eating vegetables more fun, rising to three quarters for those in schools activating the campaign. 50% of children in these schools said they'd eat even more vegetables, and their parents and schools agreed.

Veg Power at our school

The school will receive an **Eat Them to Defeat Them Power Pack**. This will include:

- Take home reward chart and sticker packs for every child (including a puzzle book sponsored by Change4Life)
- Sticker for each weekly veg to reward children who give them a try
- Posters for each themed week
- Table decorations for each themed week
- A guidebook full of ideas & inspiration with links to online resources

These resources will be sent to school by Veg Power this week. Children will be able to take the packs home. (Please note: all stickers are plastic free.)

Each week will feature a rally cry around one of Britain's family favourite vegetables. There are stickers to reward the children who give them a try, and back home they will have a reward chart to encourage them to repeat and normalise eating that veg.

Here's the schedule for 2021:

- w/c 31st May 2021 TV campaign launches on ITV, Channel 4, Sky
- w/c 7th June 2021 **Tomatoes**
- w/c 14th June 2021 **Sweetcorn**
- w/c 21st June 2021 **Peppers**
- w/c 28th June 2021 **Carrots**
- w/c 5th July 2021 **Peas**
- w/c 12th July 2021 **Broccoli**



[See the attached flyer for more information](#)

What to do if you or someone in your household has signs or symptoms of Covid-19

If you, your child or someone in your household is showing any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, however mild, you must self-isolate and book a PCR test for the symptomatic person at a testing site as soon as you can:

- A high temperature;
- A new, continuous cough;
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

You should only book a test for someone if they have displayed symptoms of Covid-19. Tests must be pre-booked and can only be booked via the national NHS portal online nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

There are now testing centres in Sheffield at the following locations:

- Local Testing Sites at Sharrow, Darnall, Burngreave and Upperthorpe
- Regional Testing Site at Meadowhall
- Mobile Testing Site at Remington Road and also at Halfway Park and Ride (Halfway site offers pedestrian and drive through)

Informing schools of a positive case out of core opening hours, over the weekend and during school holidays etc.

A reminder please to email us on enquiries@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk out of school hours to confirm if your child has received a positive Covid-19 test result. Please do not wait until the next working day/for the school office to open to inform us as it is important that contact tracing and isolation takes place as soon as possible.

Over the upcoming half term holiday, please inform us via email at enquiries@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk if your child receives a positive test result if they have been in school within 48 hours of that test result, or within 48 hours of the onset of the symptoms. Although staff will not be working over half term, the email system will be monitored for the first few days of the holiday to respond to urgent Covid-19 enquiries. Thank you for your support with our contact tracing arrangements.

Another polite reminder to help our school community

Children must not come to school if they have displayed symptoms (until they have received a negative PCR test) or if someone else in the household is symptomatic/is awaiting test results/has received a positive test result etc.

If your child has been identified as a contact of someone who has now tested positive and, therefore, has been instructed to isolate at home they must not enter the school site. If you have a child in our school who needs to isolate, remember that home learning is available via your Tapestry account. If you are unable to access this due to a lack of devices at home please inform us asap!

Food boxes are also available for children who are eligible for Free School Meals and who need to isolate at home.

Please remember - you are not alone! Whether you need help with finances due to the impact of the pandemic, help with medication due to isolation, bereavement support, or if you need support with food or housing for your family etc. there are services out there that can help you. Please go to <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people> or come and speak to someone in school. We really do want to help and will do so wherever we can.

If I do not see you around school before the end of the week, I hope you have a lovely half term break and that you all enjoy some quality family time together.

Fingers crossed for some May/June like weather too...!

Kindest regards,

Paula Bestall

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM CATERERS' CHALLENGE

Eat Them to Defeat Them brings together TV advertising, celebrities, supermarkets, chefs, schools, communities and families – it's a massive alliance to get kids eating more veg. Find out more at VegPower.org.uk



Prue Leith

"School cooks and chefs have an absolutely vital role to play. You could be the change agent that improves the diet of hundreds of children, for life".

We are challenging school catering teams to lay on amazing spreads of vegetable tasters for each week of Eat Them to Defeat Them. These spreads make the veg the hero of lunch and create a perfect opportunity for kids to give them a taste.

Each school will be provided with stickers to give to the kids who try, and each kid receives a reward chart and puzzle book to take home which encourages them to try those same veg again. We will be shouting about the best and handing out a few cash prizes.

HOW TO WIN

It's all about getting kids excited and trying new veg. We love to see creative displays, particularly where the kids have helped. Above all we'd like to see a range of tempting tasties the kids can try.

RULES

Only participating schools may enter. Judge's decision is final. Full terms and conditions on the website.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Capture your veg displays on video or pictures.
 2. Upload them and enter them at EatThemToDefeatThem.com
- Entry closes: 17th July 2021



£500 STAR PRIZE! 5 x £250 Runners-up Prizes

- Prizes go directly to school catering teams

FEATURED VEG!

- Tomatoes - w/c 7th June 2021
- Sweetcorn - w/c 14th June 2021
- Peppers - w/c 21st June 2021
- Carrots - w/c 28th June 2021
- Peas - w/c 5th July 2021
- Broccoli - w/c 12th July 2021

2020 WINNERS

Winner: Stephenson Way Primary



Highly commended:



Endeavour Primary



Middlestone Moor Primary

Sharing on social media helps to inspire others. Please share our hashtag:

#EatThemToDefeatThem