



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 4th October 2021

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	F2 Big PE Day	Individual photos taken 3.10—6.00 pm ZOOM parent/carer consultations	Y1 Big PE Day	Census Day—special lunch menu Y2 Big PE Day	
And Next Week ?	F2 Big PE Day		Y1 Big PE Day 3.10—6.00 pm ZOOM parent/carer consultations	Y2 Big PE Day	

School attendance figures

Attendance for the week ending
1st October 2021:

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	94.4
Crafty Chameleons	97.6
Rainbow Fish	93.9
Hungry Caterpillars	92.5
Gruffalos	93.0
Elmers	93.0

Overall attendance for the week was 94%

Fabulous Feast Day! Thursday 7 October

Please support us on 'Census Day' by ordering a school meal for your child on Thursday 7th October.

See details overleaf of our special Census Day menu.

Checking your child's clothing

Could we please ask parents/carers of children in nursery to check that the jumper/cardigans their children have brought home do belong to them. We have had cases of clothing which has gone missing, although appreciate it is easily done!

We would appreciate it if you could please check that children's names are on the labels inside the clothing. Thank you :-)

PHOTOGRAPH DAY - TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

A quick reminder to say that it is individual photograph day tomorrow (Tuesday 5th October). All nursery/school-aged children in attendance will have an individual photograph taken during the school day (no individual bookings are needed!) and will also have their photo taken with their siblings if they also attend our nursery/school.

We are using The School Photography Company, who also take the photos at Halfway Junior School. The company has their own Covid-19 protocols to keep our children as safe as they can, and the photographs will be taken in a frequently cleaned and well-ventilated room.

Please find a reminder of the arrangements below for sibling group photographs -

Children with a sibling within our school/nursery will now have their photo taken together during the school day if they are in attendance (due to the number of families requesting sibling photographs before school and limited appointment times). Each teacher will have a list of children in their class who have a sibling within school/nursery, and we will make arrangements for their photo to be taken together within the school day.

If this applies to you and you have already booked a slot before school on EventBrite, you no longer need to attend this slot. Please don't worry about cancelling it, just don't attend the appointment you booked and we will do the rest :-)

If you have booked a slot on EventBrite because you have either younger or older children who do not attend our school/nursery, please attend at the time you have booked

As you can imagine, under the current Covid-19 conditions, we have put various measures in place to minimise risk and help us to manage numbers waiting for photographs at any given time. One of these measures is to have bookable Eventbrite slots before school for sibling group photographs where this includes children who do not attend our school.

Due to the number of requests for sibling photos before school, all bookable sessions are now full.

If you are attending a booked session with the photographer, please follow this guidance -

- **Only 1 adult per sibling group to come into the building with the children**
- **We encourage adult visitors to wear face coverings inside our school (unless medically exempt)**
- **Adults to use hand sanitiser before entering school. Children will be asked to wash their hands.**

There will be a coned-off area next to the Caretaker's house front steps. Please wait in this area until your child's name is called. We will call the children in to see the photographer one family at a time, in the order of the booked slots. As you can imagine, with children it is very difficult to judge how long taking the photograph will take, so we thank you for your patience if the timings slip a little! Please encourage your children to stay with you in this area so you are ready when called.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SLOT BOOKED, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND FOR A SIBLING PHOTO BEFORE SCHOOL AS THE SESSIONS ARE NOW FULL.

After the photos have been taken, the children will bring home a card with full instructions of how to order photos online. If you place your order early enough, photos can be delivered to school free of charge - otherwise, your photos will be delivered to your home and the company will charge a nominal charge.

Please contact us if you have any questions about photograph day.

Fabulous Feast Day! Thursday 7th October

Please support us on 'Census Day' by ordering a school meal for your child on Thursday 7th October

The school kitchen staff have organised a special menu to encourage children to stay for a school lunch on school 'census day' this week - Thursday 7th October. The children will be able to choose from cheese and tomato pizza or fish finger and chips (in addition to jacket potatoes and sandwiches), and there will also be a special 'lucky plate' competition where they may win a prize if they find a special sticker under their plate after enjoying their school meal.

What is census day and why is it important?

On two days every year (in October and January) we have a school census where we submit data about the numbers of children in school, including whether they are having a school meal on that day. **Our school's funding is calculated from this information** - the more children stay for lunch on this day, the more funding we receive and can, therefore, spend on the children's education.

The money that the school is given each year to pay for the free meals that all Infant School children get (under the 'Universal Infant School Meals' scheme) is based on the average of how many children have a school meal on census day. **We, therefore, need as many children as possible to have a school dinner on Thursday 7th October to help our school receive the funding we need.**



CENSUS DAY – 7TH OCTOBER 2021

MENU

Fish Fingers & Chips

or

Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips

with

Baked Beans or Garden Peas

Chocolate Fudge Cake

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons

Collect free gardening equipment for our school

What is it?

Morrisons supermarket has launched a school programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.

How can you get involved?

For every £10 spent in a Morrisons store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that we, your local school, can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

Please download the MyMorrisons app to take part.

Just go to <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>, register with us, Halfway Nursery Infant School, and start spending at Morrisons!

Eat Smart Sheffield

Eat Smart Sheffield is delivering a '10 Top Tips for a Healthier Family' this evening at 8pm - 9pm. Apologies for the short notice with this – if parents would like to join they can register for it here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eat-smart-sheffield-10-top-tips-webinar-for-parents-carers-tickets-167723219665>

Eat Smart Sheffield also has a wide range of useful resources. See the attached links below:

Eat Smart Sheffield Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance:

<https://www.learnsheffield.co.uk/Downloads/Partnerships/Eat-Smart-Sheffield/Eat%20Smart%20Sheffield%20Packed%20Lunch%20Guidance.pdf>

Eat Smart Sheffield Healthy Breakfast Factsheet:

<https://www.learnsheffield.co.uk/Downloads/Partnerships/Eat-Smart-Sheffield/Healthy%20Breakfast%20Factsheet.pdf>

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<https://sway.office.com/C9XklPILmw6J3rCs?ref=email>

New Free School Meal Claims

If you think your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals and milk but do not currently receive them, please apply available via the council's website.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/utilities/form/schools-and-childcare/free-school-meals-start>

Latest COVID 19 related advice

Actions to take if someone in school tests positive for COVID-19 (from DfE guidance to schools)

The latest guidance to schools states that, where someone from our school has a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test taken at home, the adult or child should -

- self-isolate straightaway and report their test result
- book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible, either online, through the NHS COVID-19 app, or by calling 119 and continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting results of the PCR test
- any unvaccinated adults in their household should self-isolate whilst awaiting their PCR result, unless they are exempt.

Please follow the NHS guidance if your child is unwell and displays a possible symptom of Covid-19 - children should not come into school if they have a persistent cough, high temperature or change to/loss of smell/cough. Thank you for continuing to follow the guidance to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

And finally, a big thank you to the Fire Service!

The children had a lovely morning on Friday when some of the team from Parkway Fire Station visited the school yard. They had a turn in the fire engine, used the firefighter's hose to squirt cones for target practice (we have some budding fire fighters of the future looking at their aim!), learnt about fire safety, including the role of firefighters and smoke alarms, and also looked at how the firefighters stay safe and help others with their specialist equipment/uniform. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the photographs on Tapestry on Friday.

The children will be re-visiting fire safety before the half term holiday as the team has kindly forwarded us links to reinforce the fire safety messages before Bonfire Night.

A big thank you again to the members of the team for their time and efforts and for organising the visit - everyone had such an amazing time on Friday and learnt so much too. It was lovely to be able to have special visitors back in school again.

Thank you from us all :-)



With kind regards,

**Paula Bestall
(Headteacher)**



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Firefighters and community safety staff from South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue will be visiting your area in the next few weeks, carrying out Home Safety Checks and fitting free smoke alarms where required.

During a visit, our friendly staff will talk to you about how to make your home safer, what to do in the event of a fire and how you can reduce the risk of suffering a fire in your home. They will also fit smoke alarms for free, if you need them, and tell you how to keep them working properly.

To arrange a visit at a time which is convenient to you:

Call us on **0114 253 2314**

Text **FREE** to **87023**

Or email **cfsadmin@syfire.gov.uk**

Please quote the word **HOT** when you contact us.