



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 15th May 2023

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## Attendance for the week ending 12th May 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	92.2
Mrs Hibberd	95.5
Mrs Thorpe	98.0
Miss White	93.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	96.6
Mrs Timmons	85.9

Whole school attendance = 93.9%

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to all of our learners of the week, who were:

Elmers – **Georgina and Audrey**  
Gruffalos – **Sophie and Millie**  
Rainbow Fish – **Xavier and Rosie**  
Hungry Caterpillars – **Carter and Oliver**  
Enormous Crocodiles – **Lia and Koa**  
Crafty Chameleons – **Reniah and Max**

## INSET DAYS—2023/24

The INSET days for the next academic year will be:

**4th September 2023**  
**5th September 2023**  
**8th January 2024**  
**22nd July 2024**  
**23rd July 2024**  
(full school calendar attached)

## Please remember:

Every day, your child needs to bring:

- A **sun hat**
- A bottle filled with **fresh water**
- A **rain jacket** (as this is England!)

Please also:

- Dress your child in **clothes that cover and protect the skin**
- Apply **sunscreen** before school

## **Y1 Phonics Screening - reminder**

Every year, children in year 1 sit the national phonics screening check. This year the screening check will take place in the week beginning 12th June. Parents and carers of children in year 1 are invited to a **meeting today**, Monday 15th May, at 4:30pm in the school hall to find out more about this check.

## **Sun safety**

As the weather gets warmer, to help us keep your child safe in the sun at school, we ask you please to support us by:

- Applying a high factor sunscreen/sunblock (with a high UVA and UVB rating – the higher the rating, the better) to your child before nursery/school. Whilst we take precautions to limit sun exposure and offer shady spaces, much of the children's learning takes place both inside and outside. In addition to this, you may also wish to provide additional sunscreen for your child to apply during the day (which should be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to their teacher please), as we can encourage children to re-apply this over the course of the day when the weather requires it;
- Bringing a sun hat for your child to wear (a wider brim protects their neck/ears), with his/her name inside;
- Providing your child with a bottle filled with fresh water each day to keep him/her hydrated;
- Dressing your child in clothes that cover and protect the skin e.g. covering shoulders and legs etc.

Please can we take this opportunity to share a few simple but important sun safety steps, as recommended by the NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>.

### **Sun safety tips**

- Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, from March to October
- Never burn
- Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- Take extra care with children
- Wear a high factor sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection
- Wear suitable clothing, and spend time in the shade when the sun is at its hottest.

## **Bee Day - 19th May**

World Bee Day is celebrated in May each year. The purpose of this international day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem. This links with our current learning about 'Our Wonderful World'. Children are invited to wear black and yellow on the day for a donation of 50p. The HIP group will also be on the yard before and after school on this day with a game of 'guess the bees in the jar' for 20p a go.

The monies raised from this day will be split between our school (we will be investing in new plants for our tubs in the yard), and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

## **Walk to School Day - 16th May**

The school council would like to invite you to walk to school, or park and stride (parking a little further away and walking for at least 5 minutes) to school, on the 16th May. The Westfield family of schools are all taking part in this active event and promoting a healthy lifestyle while simultaneously caring for the environment by reducing our carbon footprint. We would like to encourage as many children to take part in this as possible to engage with the community and support the family of schools. Children who participate in this event will receive a certificate for walking. This event will be promoted through an assembly, and a record of how children have arrived at school will be taken in class.

## Educational Visits

Please complete the permission form and pay the voluntary contribution as soon as you can, so that we can finalise plans for the visits. If we don't get enough contributions, we may have to cancel the visits.

We were keen to organise end of year trips for all children in response to parent feedback, and have tried to keep the contribution that we ask parents/carers to make as low as possible. Unfortunately, though, the cost of coach hire has risen considerably. If you are having problems making the contribution, please do not worry - just come to speak to us at the School Office.

These are the guidelines that we have to follow:

### **From: Department for Education, Charging for School Activities**

*It is important to note that no child should be excluded from an activity simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then it must be cancelled. Schools must ensure that they make this clear to parents.*

HIP Group has very kindly made a donation to enable us to reduce the cost to parents/carers, but the Group is our only available source of additional funding. If we do have to cancel the visits due to insufficient funds, we will make more plans for some interesting enrichment activities for the children. Given the rising cost of living, and your feedback about the cost of these trips, we shall be looking at other ways to enrich our curriculum through local trips that we can either walk to, or use public transport for. We shall also be looking to invite more visitors into school.

## School Lunches and Census Day

On Thursday this week (18<sup>th</sup> May) our school will be conducting one of its main annual census exercises for the Department of Education. The results of these exercises **determine school funding for forthcoming years**. Part of this funding includes an allocation for the costs of providing 'universal infant free school meals'. Therefore, we would love for ALL children to try a free school meal on Thursday—it will help us to retain free school meals and secure future funding for your school. We really appreciate your support, thank you.

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (20 Days)							October (17 Days)							November (22 Days)						
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March (20 Days)							April (12 Days)							May (17 Days)						
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June (20 Days)							July (17 Days)							August						
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Denotes Bank Holidays

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195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Denotes INSET day



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## SPRING SUMMER 2023



WEEK ONE		GREEN MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Italian Chicken with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce						
Vegetarian Main Course	Tomato Pasta	Beany Tomato Ragù with Cous Cous	Vegetable Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Sausage Pasta Bake	Cheesy Pea Pasta						
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo						
Sandwiches	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich						
Sandwiches	Mixed Vegetables	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich						
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Garden Peas	Cauliflower	Green Beans	Baked Beans						
Drinks	Oat & Raisin Cookie	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Ice Cream & Fruit	Vanilla Blonde & Apple Wedges	Strawberry Cake						
WEEKS COMMENCING: 17/04/23 : 08/05/23 : 29/05/23 19/06/23 : 10/07/23 : 31/07/23 21/08/23 : 11/09/23 : 02/10/23											
WEEK TWO		GREEN MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Main Course	Rainbow Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips with Tomato Sauce						
Vegetarian Main Course	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll with Potato Wedges	Margherita Macaroni						
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo						
Sandwiches	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich						
Sandwiches	Sweetcorn	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich						
Vegetables	Garden Peas	Green Beans	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans						
Drinks	Flapjack Finger	Chocolate & Banana Muffin with Apple Wedges	Jelly & Mandarins	Fruity Jam Buns & Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream						
WEEKS COMMENCING: 24/04/23 : 15/05/23 : 05/06/23 26/06/23 : 17/07/23 : 07/08/23 28/08/23 : 18/09/23 : 09/10/23											
WEEK THREE		GREEN MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Pork Hot Dog with Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken & Vegetable Burritos with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips with Tomato Sauce						
Vegetarian Main Course	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Mince Pasta Bake	Vegetable Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Flan with Diced Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese						
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo						
Sandwiches	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich						
Sandwiches	Mixed Vegetables	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich						
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Garden Peas	Cauliflower	Green Beans	Baked Beans						
Drinks	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit	Fruity Flapjack with Banana	Oaty Crunchy Biscuit	Apple Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Crispy Crunch						
WEEKS COMMENCING: 01/05/23 : 22/05/23 : 12/06/23 03/07/23 : 24/07/23 : 14/08/23 04/09/23 : 25/09/23 : 16/10/23											

Yoghurt and fruit will also be available each day as an alternative to dessert. A selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water will be available daily.

Colours in the left column represent the band colour your child should choose for the meal that day