



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 16th May 2022

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	Y2 SATS continue this week Walk to School Week starts		Y1 Big PE Day 3pm Y1 Encanto Song and Dance After School Club	Census Day lunch STEM/Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths visitors in Y1 (activities in school time) Y1 Phonics session for parents/carers via ZOOM—4:30pm Y2 Big PE Day 3pm Y2 Multi-skills After School Club	
And Next Week ?	Y2 SATS continue this week		Y1 Big PE Day 3pm Y1 Encanto Song and Dance After School Club	Big Jubilee Lunch Day and celebrations in school and nursery Y2 Big PE Day 3pm Y2 Multi-skills After School Club	SCHOOL CLOSED— INSET DAY Nursery Open Morning at 11:30am for parents/carers who are considering a nursery place.



Attendance for the week ending 13th May 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Mrs Jordan	98.3
Mrs Hibberd	93.2
Miss Dale	81.8
Mrs Bettinson/Mrs Briggs	90.4
Miss Hughes/ Mrs Hipkin	90.0
Mrs Timmons	94.7

Overall attendance for the week was 91.6%

Dates for the diary

- Queen's Jubilee celebrations for the children in school and nursery will take place on Thursday **May 26th** (see page 4 of the newsletter!)
- **Friday May 27th** - INSET day (school closed)
- Half term holiday—**28th May to 5th June**
- **Mon 6th June**— school closed due to day in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee that falls in the half term holiday
- **Wed 6th July** - Sports Day (led by Sports Leaders from Westfield - times for each year group TBC).
- **2022/23 INSET Days** The INSET days for 2022/2023 have now been agreed. They are...
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022
Tuesday January 3rd 2023
Monday February 20th 2023
Friday May 26th 2023

Sun safety

Please continue to follow sun safety steps at school/nursery e.g. by providing your child with a sun hat, sun glasses, high factor UVA and UVB rated sunscreen, fresh water and clothing that covers their skin from the sun. Thank you :-)

It is 'Walk to School Week ' this week!

Children are being encouraged to “walk for wellbeing” during this year’s Walk to School Week, from May 16th to 20th.

The week is organised by the charity Living Streets and this year will see the #PowerUp challenge, which focuses on how being active helps improve health, happiness, and the local environment.

Living Streets is a UK charity for “everyday walking” and Walk to School Week is part of its National Walking Month campaign which is running for the whole of May.

Whilst this is a national week to promote physical activity and wellbeing and to help reduce traffic pollution etc. at school times, we understand that even walking part of the way to school might not be an option for all. There are some lovely physical activity ideas that you may want to try out of school time on the NHS website instead — <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/>

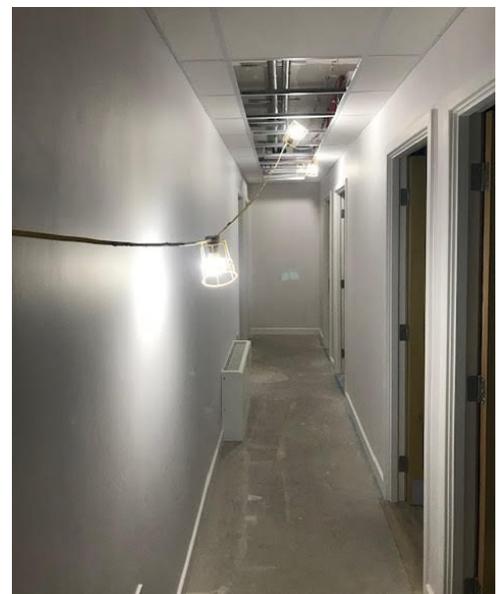
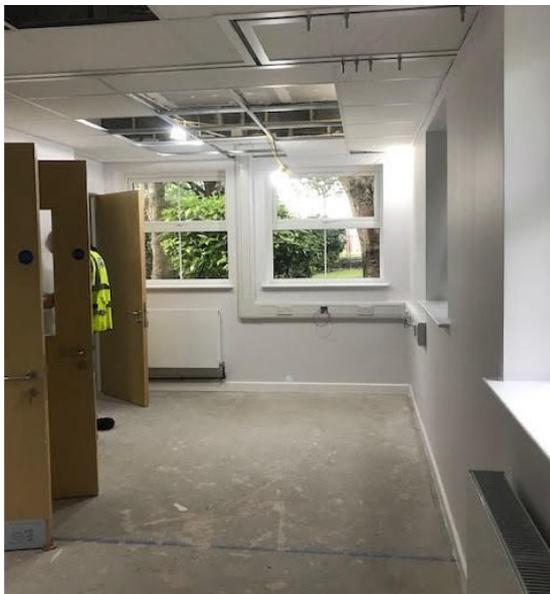
To encourage children to walk to school this week — and to acknowledge their efforts — they will receive a sticker at school every day they walk or make a more active journey this week e.g. if you live too far away from school and, therefore, need to use transport to get here safely, perhaps park a little further away from the school so you can join in too! This will also reduce congestion and air pollution at the school gates as well as improving road safety. The children will earn a badge at the end of the week if they walk to school, and even the staff will be involved where they can. Let's take those steps and get walking!

Premises update

We are so excited by the progress so far! The new building is really coming together now, with only a few weeks left before the project will be complete.

The site was buzzing with different trades again last week, and the following work will continue this week...

- the joiners are completing the kitchen, doors/ironmongery, skirting boards and architraves
- toilets and sinks installed
- the decorators have arrived!
- the electricians are completing the second fix
- our new suspended ceilings are being installed
- flooring will be fitted this week
- new security alarm installed



Free Food Vouchers for May Spring Bank Holiday 2022

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council will be sending a £15 food voucher to 31,500 children and young people across the city for the May Spring Bank holiday.

A £15 food voucher will be sent to the following groups this week to help over the May Spring Bank Holiday:

- Families who claim income based Free School Meals (FSM) or who get income assessed Early Years Support (2-4 yr olds)
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers)

The Council aims to have the voucher letters sent out to parents/carers by second class post this week (w/c Monday 16th May). The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. Parents/carers can get in touch with school in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers.

Any child/young person that becomes eligible for a food voucher between 4th May 2022 – 29th May 2022 will be sent a voucher letter w/c 30th May 2022.

Where can families get further help?

- The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents/carers experiencing difficulties with e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.
- Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparents/carers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932.

If a parent/carer is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call them on 0808 278 7820. You can also find further information about support at — www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people

Special Census Menu Day—Thursday 19th May

To generate future funding for school, we have organised a special menu for the children at lunchtime on Thursday 19th May, our **school Census day**. The children will be able to choose from chicken or veggie burgers (as well as the usual jacket potatoes and sandwiches), and there'll be chocolate cake for pudding, as well as the fruit and yogurt options. There will also be a 'Lucky Plate' competition as several of the children's plates will have a sticker on the bottom, and, if a child gets their lunch on one of these plates, they will win a prize!

What is Census day?

On certain days every year, we have a school census when we submit data about the numbers of children in school and whether they are having a school meal or are eligible for an income based Free School Meal on that day. Our school's funding is partly calculated from this information. 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, would like as many children as possible to have a school dinner (chicken burger, veggie burger, jacket potato or school sandwich) on Thursday 19th May please.**

Please help our school receive the funding we need by ordering a school lunch for your child on Thursday 19th May!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Halfway Nursery Infant School



PARTY MENU **THURSDAY MAY 26TH 2022**

Choice of Sandwiches – Cheese, Egg & Ham

Cheese & Onion Roll

Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice

Party Sausages

Choice of Desserts:

Chocolate Cake

Lemon Drizzle



I have been in London over the weekend, and it was so lovely to see some of the preparations for the big Jubilee celebrations taking place - for example, there were flags wherever I went and also what appeared to be temporary staging going up outside Buckingham Palace.

With the upcoming Jubilee fast approaching, please find a reminder of how we plan to celebrate this special event in school and nursery below!

On Thursday 26th May we plan to have our very own Jubilee Party Day. The children and staff are welcome to wear party clothes fit for a royal celebration, or, if you prefer, their usual clothes with a red/white/blue theme (no fancy dress please). We do hope to have this celebration outside (in 'street party' style!) but, due to the temperamental, ever-changing British weather, we have back up plans to ensure the children have a fantastic day, whatever the weather! Taylor Shaw has also kindly offered to do a special picnic/buffet style themed lunch for the children on this day, in keeping with the theme.

Due to the building work, the usable space in our school and on the school grounds is limited (and, therefore, the number we are safely able to accommodate on our site at the present time is also limited for safety). Whilst this means that we are unable to extend the invitation for parents/carers to attend large events until the work has been completed, the children will all be celebrating the Jubilee in style, and we have some lovely activities planned on the 26th which we hope will create really special memories for them. We will not let a little thing like a major building project stop us from celebrating and having a party day that is fit for royalty!

We would love to get everyone at home involved as much as possible, and, therefore, our History Curriculum Lead – Mrs Briggs—has also planned a fun competition for you to join in with at home; we will be having a competition to recreate the Coronation Portrait. You can be creative and use anything you already have at home to make your own version of this famous portrait. Please post your competition entries onto Tapestry no later than Monday 23rd May with the title 'Coronation Portrait'.

We will then choose one winner per year group that will be announced on Thursday 26th May, and the winning entries will be presented with a very special prize.

Thank you to Mrs Briggs for organising this, and for sending this great example of an entry!

We will also be having a raffle with some really amazing prizes! Tickets will be available to purchase from tomorrow! They will be on sale to adults over the age of 16 on the mornings of Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May from the bottom playground.

Good luck everyone!





The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Raffle

Tickets – 20p per ticket or £1 per strip

Tickets will be available to buy in the bottom playground on **Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May** (tickets can be sold to adults aged 16 and over).

Prizes

Mosborough Hall

Luxury Afternoon Tea for two.



Campbella Crown Jewels paint set.

These are handmade, vegan, watercolour paints made here in the UK.



The British Oak two free main courses.



Two 28 day passes for Firehouse Fitness Gym Halfway.



Free admission passes for Run Around soft play!



Fantastic **FREE ENTRY** event for all the family!

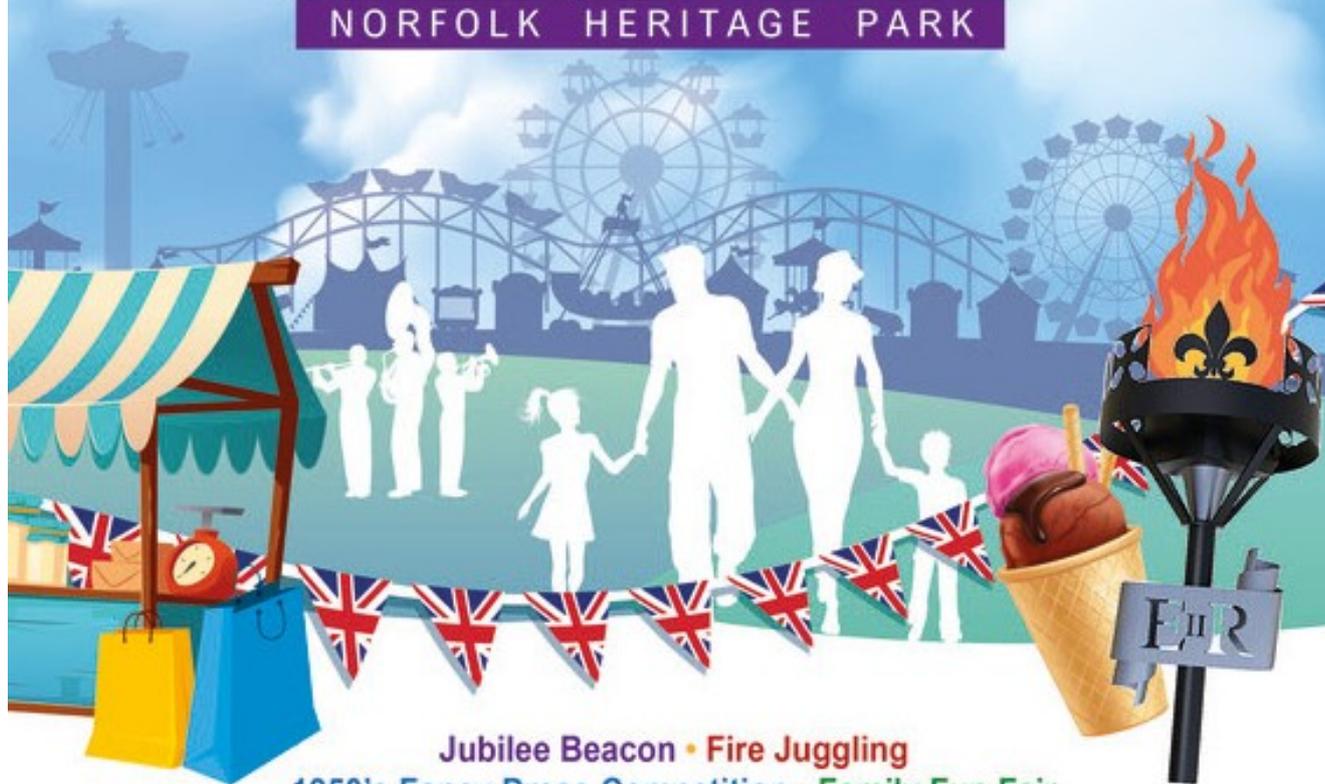
The Queen's



PLATINUM JUBILEE SHOW

1pm - 10pm
Thursday 2 June 2022

NORFOLK HERITAGE PARK



Jubilee Beacon • Fire Juggling
1950's Fancy Dress Competition • Family Fun Fair
Artisan Craft Marquee • Excellent Trade, Food Stalls and Bar • Heritage Marquee
The Vander Super Heroes Wheel of Death Show • Music and Entertainment

More information at:
www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/events

