



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25th September 2023

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**Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.**



Attendance figures for week ending 22nd September.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	92.7
Mrs Hibberd	97.7
Mrs Thorpe	88.3
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	88.4
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	96.5
Mrs Timmons	97.9

Whole school attendance = 93.4%

## Office Opening Hours

The **main school office** is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

If you need to contact **nursery** for any reason, then please call the school office number (including if your child will be absent). If you call the nursery number, this will automatically divert to the school office.

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

## PE days - reminder

Children's days for Big PE this year are as follows:

F2 = Tuesday

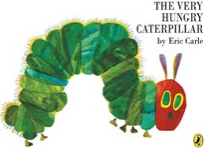



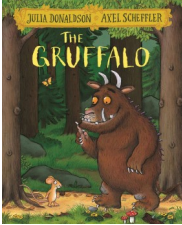
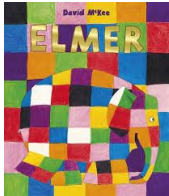
Year 1 = Friday

Year 2 = Thursday

On these days please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit. Any jewellery should be removed and long hair tied up.

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
<b>Hashad and Audrey</b>	<b>Winnie-Cocoa and Frazer</b>
	
<b>William and Fanxi</b>	<b>Arthur and Amelia</b>
	
<b>Annabel and Emma</b>	<b>Olivia and Louie</b>

## School Council

As part of learning about democracy, each year the children select two representatives from their class to join the school council. During the year, these children will work with staff to make our school even better, as well as join in with events alongside other school councillors from the Westfield Family Of Schools. We are delighted to announce that our school councillors for this year are:

### **Year 1:**

Ida and Connor  
Millie and Rory

### **Year 2:**

Harriet and Alfie G  
Logan and Daisy



## **Welcome Meetings**

Don't forget that we still have 2 more welcome meetings planned for those children in Reception (F2) and Year 1. These will be run by class teachers and will take place in the school hall. These meetings are a great way to find out what your child will be learning this year, and how you can support them. Please complete the form sent to you to indicate if you are planning on attending your child's meeting.

**Thursday 28th September at 4:15pm - Year 1**

**Thursday 5th October at 4:15pm - F2 (Reception)**

## **Individual photograph day**

The photographer will be visiting school on **Tuesday 3 October** to take children's individual school photographs - so get those gleaming smiles and cracking hairstyles ready! All children in nursery through to year 2 will have their picture taken. If you would like siblings, either within school or from a different school, to have their photographs taken together then please come to the school hall, via the main entrance, from 8 am that morning. If you have a child/children at the Junior School, you can include them in the sibling photo, but please let the Junior school know if you plan to do this, as your child/children may be a little late. Please be prepared to queue to have your pictures taken.

Your child will come home with instructions for how to order copies of the photo.

**Note—All children, including any doing Big PE, should wear their uniform on the day.**

## **Parent's Evening**

Our first set of parent's evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. These meetings are a great way to find out how your child/ren have settled into school this year, and ways in which you can support them at home. You will be able to sign up for a slot via a link that will be shared with you tomorrow (Tuesday).

If you are unable to come on these days, then please speak with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

## **ParentPay**

We will be moving to ParentPay as the platform for you to book and pay for school activities. This week you will receive a letter outlining this new system, how it works and what you will need to do.



## **Superkids after school club - reminder**

Due to the popularity of Superkids we are full on some days, with waiting lists. However, sometimes children who are booked in do not come. Whilst we know that plans can change at the last minute, if you know that you do not need your child's place then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer this place to another child.

If you need to make any changes to your booking please make sure this is done before 12pm on the day of the change. Should you need to change anything after this time, then please call the school office to ensure school gets the correct information.

Bookings can be made via the Superkids email address: [superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)

## **Starting Nursery in January**

If you are interested in your child starting at our Nursery in January, then our final open evening is this week on September 26th at 4pm.

Please call the school office to book a place. You will also be able to pick up an application form at the same time.

## **Starting school in September 2024**

Even though we have only just welcomed our new school starters, we are already thinking about those families who will be applying for a school place for September 2024. If you have a child, and are interested in them starting with us, we have a number of open evenings planned for you to come and look around the school. The dates for these are:

**October 3rd at 4pm**

**November 2nd at 4pm**

**November 16th at 4pm**

Please call the school office to book onto one of the open evenings.

## **Design a poppy competition - reminder**

See below for information about a poppy competition being run by First Bus. Entries for the competition need to be handed into the school office by Wednesday 11th October. School will select 5 entries to be sent off to First Bus, with the chance of their design being used on a bus! Please make sure all entries have your child's name, year group and school on the back. If you would like to use a template for your design then paper copies can be collected from the school office.

**First Bus**

# Design a poppy for a bus

In support of the Royal British Legion

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Get your pencils, crayons and felt-tips at the ready, as the Royal British Legion and First Bus are inviting your students to draw their very own poppy to be featured inside a First Bus in Sheffield to mark Remembrance Day.

We want to see what Remembrance Day means to your students, by drawing their own poppy that shows their creativity and feelings. Please use A4 sized paper for drawings, adding the child's name, year group and school.