



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 19th June 2023

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



## Attendance for the week ending 16th June 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	82.9
Mrs Hibberd	90.0
Mrs Thorpe	86.5
Miss White	88.3
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	84.36
Mrs Timmons	84.6

Whole school attendance = 86.2%

## Learners of the week

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

Elmers – Poppy and Jake  
Gruffalos – Tyler and Evelyn  
Rainbow Fish – Harrison and Esme  
Hungry Caterpillars – Annie and Ruaidhri  
Enormous Crocodiles – Sophia F and Lottie  
Crafty Chameleons – Ari and Harry

## 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.

The **nursery office** closes at 3.45 pm.

The **Superkids mobile number** is 07925197530 and should be used from 3.45pm - 6.00pm.

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

## 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

## Toilet Training Coffee Morning

Attached to this newsletter are details of a toilet training coffee morning, which will be held in the nursery/Superkids building on **Wednesday 19th July**, starting at 9.15 a.m.

## Proposed teacher strike days

As you may be aware the NEU is proposing two further strike days for their members on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. As before, should these strike days go ahead, then we will let you know as soon as we can how your child's class may be affected.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Ready, Set, Read! The Summer Reading Challenge launches in Sheffield Libraries on Saturday 8th July! For this year's Summer Reading Challenge, The Reading Agency has teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust and Sheffield Libraries to inspire children to discover the power of sport and play through reading. It's FREE to take part in The Summer Reading Challenge - just ask at your local library. Suitable for children from birth to 11 years of age, all children have to do is read or share six books of their choice over the summer holidays, collecting stickers for each book that they read along the way. On completion they will receive a medal and a certificate. Children with a Passport to Learning can collect a credit towards their Challenge for each book that they borrow and read. Children can also take part in the Summer Reading Challenge online by visiting

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Taking part in this challenge will be a great way to ensure your child continues to read and enjoy books during the summer holidays, ready for their return to school in September.



## Class Photographs

Reminder: As you know from the text message we sent out, the company that takes our photographs (The School Photography Company) has had to change the date of our class photos due to staffing issues. **The new date is Tuesday 27 June.**

The photos are taken during the school day, so parents/carers of children in school don't need to take any action. However, we would ask that all children attend school in their school uniform on that day. Children who have PE on a Tuesday will have a modified PE lesson in their school uniform, so don't need to bring a PE kit with them.

Our nursery has two photo sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and the sessions are blended into one photo. If your child doesn't attend nursery on a Tuesday, but you would like them to be in the photo, please bring them to Nursery for 1.30pm that afternoon. Nursery staff will take your child to have their photo taken. Once the photo has been taken you will be able to take your child home. If your child usually attends for an afternoon session on this date, please bring them for the normal 12.30pm time.

## Sports Day - reminder

This year Sports Day will be held on Thursday 13th July. As before, we are working with Neil Francis and the Sports Leaders from Westfield, who help to organise and run the event and always make sure that our sports days are fun for all.

Please see the times below for each year group's turn. Parents are welcome to come and watch the event. We will keep you informed of any updates and changes, including plans if it rains.

9:10am - 9:40am = F2

9:50am - 10:50am = Year 1

11:00am - 12:00pm = Year 2

## PE changes

Please see the amended PE timetable for the rest of this half term. Please note any changes to PE days, particularly in the final week of term.

<b>Dance</b>
<b>Athletics</b>
<b>Get Set 4 PE</b>

	Week 1 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 2 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 3 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 4 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 5 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Week 6 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 7 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>F2</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	Whole School Celebrat ion Dance afternoon
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Athletics	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	<b>Tuesday</b> Get Set 4 PE	
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	<b>Wednesday</b> Dance	

## Educational Trips reminder

Please ensure that you have given consent for your child to attend the educational trips we have planned. Payments towards the trips can continue to be made through [www.hnipay.co.uk](http://www.hnipay.co.uk).

## Nursery Trip - Thursday 22nd June

Please arrive at nursery for 8.30am prompt. Please ensure you take your child to the toilet as you arrive at nursery. We will register the children and go through the day's events. Please ensure you read and sign the risk assessment and take a copy of the itinerary which will be on the nursery tables. Everyone should bring with them:

- Packed lunch (if your child is entitled to a free school meal, and you wish to order a grab bag, please let us know by latest Wednesday so that this can be arranged for you)
- Water bottle
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for the day.

We should arrive back at nursery at approximately 3.00pm

## **Vocabulary parade - 21st June—a reminder**

National Writing Day is an annual nation-wide celebration of the power of writing creatively, and it aims to inspire people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

After the success of last year's event we have decided to celebrate National Writing Day with another Vocabulary Parade on 21st June. This will be a non-uniform day as we would like you to get creative at home and think of a word that your child can 'dress' as for the day (please see below for examples!).

This school-wide activity is a fun way to encourage children to learn and explore new vocabulary. They will also engage in activities throughout the day to encourage them to develop their vocabulary and apply new words in their play and learning.

### **How does my child get ready for the parade?**

#### **Get creative!**

Help your child select a word for the parade, one that would be fun to use to create a costume to represent the word and its meaning. You could design and create your costume using t-shirts, boxes, hats, fabric, etc. or keep it simple with clothes that are already in their wardrobe (there is no expectation to buy anything new or expensive).

Please make sure that your child can see and walk and play safely with the costume on, and is also able to use the toilet independently when wearing it (best to avoid onesies!)

Make a large vocabulary card with your child's word on it so everyone knows which word they have chosen to represent. Children can carry the card, make it into a headband, or have it as a part of their costume!

#### **Need some inspiration? A few examples.....**

'Colourful' - Wear as many different coloured items of clothing as you can;

'Thoughtful' - Draw and cut out lots of thought bubbles and question marks to attach to your outfit;

'Sparkly' - How many glittery items of clothing do you have? You could even add glitter to your hair.

These are just a few ideas, and we are sure you can come up with much more original and creative ideas than we have!

In the afternoon, we are inviting you to come and join us at 2:15pm (weather permitting) where children (including nursery children) will gather outside for a Vocabulary Parade to show off their creative outfits. In the event of rain, the parade will take place in the hall and unfortunately, due to numbers, parents will not be able to attend. Morning nursery children will hold their own vocabulary parade up in the nursery yard. Parents are invited to watch this parade at 11am.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic outfits, and hopefully learn some new and exciting vocabulary too!

## **Eat Smart Sheffield**

Eat Smart Sheffield is running an How to Eat Well AND Save Money webinar on 6th July, starting at 9.30 am.

To book a place, go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10-top-tips-for-a-healthier-bank-balance-how-to-eat-well-and-save-money-tickets-657432507327>



# Don't know what to talk about?

We all know someone who's been affected by cancer, it's time to start talking about it.



**Friendly support, for those affected by cancer including family and friends.**

**A place to talk to others who know what it's like.**

**Free refreshments, Tea, Coffee & Cake**

## **Date & Time**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, September  
13<sup>th</sup>  
Start, 7pm – 8.30pm

## **Location**

Sports Ground  
Isobel Bowler Café.  
Mossway Westfield S20-  
8FA

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