



Weekly Family Newsletter

Tuesday 14th November 2023

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Attendance figures for week ending 10th November.

| Class | Attendance (%) |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Miss Clewes | 94.6 |
| Mrs Hibberd | 96.3 |
| Mrs Thorpe | 90.4 |
| Miss White/Mrs Briggs | 94.3 |
| Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson | 98.0 |
| Mrs Timmons | 86.0 |

Whole school attendance = 93.5%

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

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.

Trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts needed

We now have enough spare pants and socks for girls (many thanks for those), but would be very grateful for **trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts** (all sizes) please!

PE days - reminder

Every half term Year 1 and Year 2 switch PE days so that all children get to work with the two coaches we have in school on these days. F2's day stays the same. Therefore, for this half term the Big PE days are:

F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Thursday

Year 2 = Friday

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

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| Ida and Ava | Gemma and Rory |
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| Tharun and Xavier | Daisy and Logan |
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| Sophie and Storm | Mila and Areej |

Sorry for the delay with the newsletter this week. We had no internet yesterday, but are now back up and running!

Remembrance Day

Last week, to pay our respects, children across school learned all about Remembrance Day, and created poppies. These can be seen in our main entrance of school.

Anti-bullying week

This week is anti-bullying week. We started off the week with 'Odd Socks Day', which is an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique.

Throughout the week children will be learning about anti-bullying, through classroom lessons, discussions and assemblies.



Skipping Morning

Today, as part of our commitment to offering regular physical activities to keep our children fit and healthy, children have been taking part in a skipping morning, run by Skipping School Ltd!

Halfway Junior School open evening

Halfway Junior School will be holding an open evening on Tuesday 14th November at 4:30pm, for those parents whose children are in Year 2. This is a chance to get to know the school and the curriculum and what you can expect when your child joins the school in Year 3. The meeting will involve a short talk, followed by a tour of the school and a chance to ask any questions. Whilst the evening is primarily designed for parents/carers, children are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend the evening but would like to come and look around at a different time, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time.

Email: enquiries@halfway-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Phone: 0114 2482629




Children In Need!

The logo for "SPOTACULAR" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, set against a background of colorful balloons (red, purple, blue, green, yellow).

Halfway Nursery Infant School is raising money for BBC Children in Need!

All children are invited to wear spotty clothes to school on Friday 17th November 2023

Donations may be made on ParentPay or online by scanning the QR code. 

A cartoon character with a yellow face, large eyes, and a wide smile, wearing a colorful polka-dot bandana. It is surrounded by several balloons in purple, yellow, and green.

Join in the fun at home by helping your child to design a new bandana for Pudsey.

Entries must be returned to school before 9am on **Thursday 16th November** and the winners will be chosen by School Council.

Good luck!

Christmas!

Last Friday you will have received the Christmas planner for this year (a copy is attached). As you will see there is lots happening to get us in the Christmas spirit! There are also lots of events that you are able to join in with, alongside your child if you are able to. The Christmas Planner can also be accessed from the home page of the school website.

We will be sharing further information about the events and reminders in our weekly newsletters.

Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair will take place in the School hall. Each class has a time slot to visit the fair. Parents are welcome to come and join their child during the time slot. If you are unable to attend the fair, then your child will still visit it with their class teacher and you are able to send in a small amount of money that they will be able to spend (we suggest no more than £5 in a named envelope/wallet).

Time slots for each class are below:

9:10am – 9:40am = Nursery

9:55am – 10:25am = Elmers

10:40am – 11:10am = Gruffalos

11:25am – 11:55am = Hungry Caterpillars

1pm – 1:30pm = Rainbow Fish

1:45pm – 2:15pm = Crafty Chameleons

2:25pm – 2:55pm = Enormous Crocodiles

In preparation for our Winter Fair the HIP Group (Halfway Infant Parent Group) is asking for donations of:

Pre-loved books and jigsaw puzzles - to be brought into school from Monday 20th November.

Cakes/ biscuits - to be brought into school on the morning of Monday 4th December (shop-bought and home-made cakes and biscuits are welcome; however, please provide a list of ingredients on any items that are home-made).

We are also asking for donations for our popular Christmas coloured hampers! As before, each year group has been assigned a colour. Please bring in items of this colour for the hampers from Monday 20th November. Suggested items to bring in are: **biscuits, chocolates, sweets, stationery, Christmas decorations, candles, toiletries etc.**

Nursery = **yellow**

Foundation Stage 2 = **green**

Year 1 = **red**

Year 2 = **blue**

Raffle tickets for the hampers will be sold during the Winter Fair.

Christmas performances

Every year group will be taking part in a special Christmas performance. For fire regulations, our school hall/Nursery classroom has a limited capacity. Therefore, each child (or family if there are siblings in the same year group) has been allocated 3 tickets for their performances. You will be sent a text form to complete this week in order for you to select the performances for which you would like tickets. Any toddler or baby attending the performance must be allocated a ticket.

The deadline to apply for tickets is Friday 24th November.

Police Christmas card design

South Yorkshire Police are inviting all young budding artists to enter their competition to design their official South Yorkshire Police 2023 Christmas card.

This year, Chief Constable Lauren Poultney and other members of team SYP will choose their favourite winning design to be made into their force Christmas card and shared with their partners and colleagues.

They would like entrants to think outside the box and use their creative flare to make something to show South Yorkshire Police spreading Christmas cheer. The more creative the better!

The competition is open to children aged 12 and under and they must have parental consent to enter the competition. The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 1 December and the winner will be announced on Tuesday 5 December.

You can submit your design entries via twitter, email or in the post. Tweet your entries to us at @syptweet using the hashtag #XmasCardSY

Email us at: corporatecomms@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Post: South Yorkshire Police,
Corporate Communications,
Carbrook House,
Carbrook Hall Road
S9 2DB

Terms and conditions

- All entries should be on A4 paper
- Entrants must be aged 12 or under at the time of entry.
- Entrants must have parental consent to enter the competition including permission for SYP to publish the entrants name and age on social media.
- For entries to be counted, they must include the child's name, age, address and a parent/guardians contact telephone number.
- The winner must give permission for the image to be used in promotional activities by the Force, both internal and external and be distributed to the media and used on social media.

Let us know if you enter the competition as we would love to see your designs!



The poster features a winter scene with a snow-covered igloo, a red postbox, and several penguins. The text reads: "Children's CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION". Below the illustration, it says: "Can you design our Christmas Card for 2023? Our Chief Constable Lauren Poultney and other members of team SYP will choose their favourite design as the competition winner. The closing date is midnight on Friday 1 December." At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, along with the hashtag #XmasCardSY and the South Yorkshire Police logo.

BioFest Discovery Nights—reminder

4-8pm, Tues 14 & Wed 15 Nov

Firth Hall, Firth Court, University of Sheffield

Free and open to everyone. No need to book.

Two evenings of science discovery featuring artworks, short films from award winning creative agency **Human**, and hands-on activities suitable for a range of ages. All are designed to explain our science and how it tackles the biggest global challenges facing us today.

Our BioFest night on Wednesday 15th November sees the emphasis on exciting and enticing family friendly science activities with a series of hands-on exhibits especially suited to ages 5-11. These are, though, sufficiently engaging to occupy everyone with a keen and curious mind...so bring along family and friends.

The next generation of Bio Scientists are invited to embark on a captivating journey into the world of cutting-edge bioscience research as the University of Sheffield launches BioFest, a unique new festival designed to illuminate the wonders of life. With hands-on exhibits suited to ages 5-11, information on career pathways and a collaborative film made with pupils from five Sheffield schools, there is plenty to stimulate the innovators of tomorrow at the free 'Discovery' events on **14/15th November**.

14th aimed at secondary schools: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-tuesday>

15th aimed at **primary schools**: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-wednesday>





Halfway Nursery Infant School

Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 4th December – Winter Fair

During the day, each class will have a slot to visit and parents may join them during this slot if they wish.

9:10am – 9:40am = Nursery

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If your child only comes to Monday afternoon Nursery speak with Harley about a time to visit the fair.
Children are invited to wear festive jumpers on this day.

Thursday 7th December – Save the Children official ‘Christmas Jumper Day’

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Monday 11th December – Christmas Sports Event

Children in F2 and Y1 will take part in a Christmas themed sports event in school, run by Sports Leaders from Halfway Junior School and Westfield. Children will need to wear PE kits on this day.

Monday 11th December – Y2 visit to Halfway Junior School

Children in Y2 will visit Halfway Junior School to watch the Y3/4 Nativity.

Wednesday 13th December – Family of Schools carol singing

6pm

Our school choir will be representing us at Crystal Peaks.

Friday 15th December – RockSteady concert

9.30am

Children who take part in RockSteady lessons will be performing in their own concert at school!

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner day!

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.





Thursday 21st December – Nursery Christmas party day

Nursery will be having a morning and an afternoon Christmas party. Children who do not attend Nursery on a Thursday will be invited to join in with one of the parties.

Children are able to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes (no onesies please). School will be providing all party games and food.

Friday 22nd December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas party

Children are able to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes (no onesies please). School will be providing all party games and food.

Visit from Father Christmas – Date to follow

All children will get to meet Father Christmas on the day that he visits school. Children will be able to wear festive jumpers to school.

Further information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters.





Halfway Nursery Infant School presents...

Nursery Christmas Performances

'Here we go round the Christmas tree'

Wednesday 13th December – 2:15pm

Thursday 14th December – 10:30am

Foundation Stage Christmas Performances

'The Nativity Before Christmas'

Wednesday 13th December – 9:30am

Thursday 14th December – 1:45pm

Year 1 Christmas Performances

'A Christmas Cracker!'

Monday 18th December – 1:45pm

Tuesday 19th December – 9:30am

Year 2 Christmas Performances

'Wiggly Nativity'

Wednesday 20th December – 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December – 1:45pm

Thursday 21st December – 9:30am

*Due to limited numbers in the school hall, these performances will be ticketed.
Further information about tickets will be shared with you in upcoming newsletters.*

