



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 23rd January 2023

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



Attendance for the week ending 20th January 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	96.7
Mrs Hibberd	96.4
Miss Dale	95.5
Mr Folmer	94.3
Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Hipkin	93.1
Mrs Timmons	93.3

Whole school attendance = 94.8%

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 last week's Learners of the Week:

Elmers - **Isla and Cora**  
Gruffalos - **Devon and Winnie**  
Rainbow Fish - **Sammy and Isabella**  
Hungry Caterpillars - **Logan and Amelia**  
Enormous Crocodiles - **Lexi and Marcel**  
Crafty Chameleons - **Evelyn and Megan**

## Nursery News

Nursery Library is open for children to borrow books, which you can read at home with your child. There is a signing-in sheet for parents/carers to complete. Books can be changed at nursery pick up time.

## Strike Action

A separate letter has been shared with you regarding the planned industrial action by teachers.

## Trousers and Tights wanted please

We would be really grateful for donations of children's trousers and tights. Please bring them to the school office.

## Parking - polite reminder

We understand that parking outside school is difficult. However, we ask that when parking, you are considerate about the residents who live near our school. Please do not double park, as residents and parents are struggling to get their cars through the narrow gap. Also, please remember that the residents' driveways are private property and should not be used to turn cars around on.

## Main gate

As you are aware, the main gate has been broken for a number of months. We will be unable to use this entrance for the duration of the work, which is planned to take place all week. **Therefore, the Station Road entrance will need to be used instead.**

With the installation of the new gate, we understand you may have some concerns about being late to collect children who attend other schools. The teachers at Halfway Junior School are aware that some families may be a little later than usual, and will continue to look after your children until you arrive.

We are anticipating that there will be some minor delays at picking up time. We will be closely monitoring the situation, and will have a member of staff by the gate who will be asking families to wait inside the school grounds until the pavement is clear enough to exit safely. **Please keep your children close by you at all times.**

Should you need to change any of your normal end of day plans due to this work, then please let us know.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these works.

## Playground reminders

As a reminder, no dogs or vaping are allowed on school grounds. We also kindly ask that adults speak politely and do not use inappropriate language when dropping off and collecting children.

## Reading Volunteers

We would like to invite parents and carers to come into school and read with our wonderful pupils.

If you are able to give any of your time to this most rewarding role, please come along to find out more by joining us on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm in the school hall.

## S20 Food bank collection day 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

If you are able to donate to our local foodbank please bring donations to school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, or the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Please bring all donations to the school office.

Although the foodbank is unable to accept donations of fresh or chilled food, it would be grateful for any of the following:



Soup  
Sponge puddings  
Custard  
UHT milk  
Rice pudding  
Squash/juice  
Biscuits/treats  
Crisps

Toiletries (toothpaste/shower gel/  
shampoo etc)  
Washing powder  
Toilet roll  
Nappies/wipes  
Tinned tomatoes  
Spaghetti in sauce  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned meat  
Tinned fish

Tinned vegetables  
Tinned fruit  
Pasta sauces  
Tea/coffee  
Sugar  
Rice  
Cereal  
Preserves (jam/marmalade etc)  
Bags for life

## COVID-19 – Reminders

### **Can I access the school site if I have tested positive for COVID-19?**

We kindly ask that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not come onto school site, so that we avoid the spreading of the virus to other pupils, families and staff. Should this pose difficulties for you with dropping off and collecting your child from school, then please contact the school office.

The guidance below is taken from the government's website and can be found in full at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

**When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education** - Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should, where they can, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should, if they can, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **NHS website updates**

The NHS website has also been updated to reflect common COVID-19 symptoms and advice on what to do if your child is unwell. The link can be found at [https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm\\_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19).

## Scarlet Fever

### **Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever**

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red rash develops, usually first on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, making the skin have a sandpaper like feel to it. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients usually have flushed red cheeks. They may also have a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
  - make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>