



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 9th October 2023

[www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org](http://www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org)

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



## Attendance figures for week ending 6th October.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	97.3
Mrs Hibberd	93.0
Mrs Thorpe	90.8
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	92.0
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	94.0
Mrs Timmons	96.5

Whole school attendance = 94.0%

**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.

## Design Your Own Christmas Card

Don't forget that we are running the Design Your Own Christmas Card scheme again this year, to raise funds for Easter activities. You have already received a form with instructions on how to submit your child's design. Extra forms are available from the School Office. All completed forms should be returned by **Friday 13 October**. We can't wait to see what your children produce!

## 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!

	
Jake and Cora	Aya-Lee and Reuben
	
Isabella Bu and Sophia	Lily and Polly
	
Rosa and Theo	Ava and Ferne

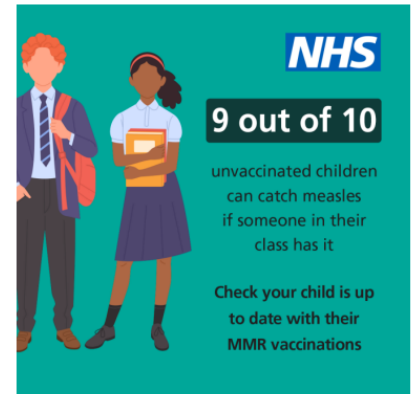
**We have been asked by Sheffield City Council to share the following information regarding Measles and the MMR vaccination:**



**Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and, if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.**

*'Is your child starting primary school this September?*

*Check to see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccine to protect them against catching measles.'*



*'Measles is highly infectious and can be passed on even before the rash appears.'*

*Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell.'*

### **Parents' Evening**

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

You will be unable to book after 2pm on Tuesday (for time slots that day) or 2pm on Wednesday (for slots that day). Should you wish to amend your appointment after these times, please ring the school office.

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

### **ParentPay**

The ParentPay company has assured us that our system should be up and running by tomorrow, 10th October. In the meantime, Breakfast and Superkids after-school clubs can still be booked through [superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk). We will let you know by text when the system is 'live'.



Payments for September breakfast club, after-school club, nursery lunches and nursery parent/carer funded childcare should be made using ParentPay once it goes live. Shortly afterwards, any monies still outstanding from before the summer holidays will also be added to your ParentPay account.

**If you have not activated your ParentPay account, please do so now.** In the future, payments for items such as milk, disco tickets and trips will be administered through ParentPay, and your account must be activated to enable you to make payments.

### **Fire Engine Visit**

A big 'Thank you' to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue who visited us on Friday. The children had a wonderful time learning about the Fire Service and how it helps to keep us safe.

## Starting school in September 2024

If you have a child, and are interested in them starting with us in September 2024, we still have two open evenings planned for you to come and look around the school. The dates for these are:

**November 2nd at 4pm**

**November 16th at 4pm**

Please call the school office on 248 2360 to book onto one of the open evenings.

### Year 2 children

Children in year 2 will have received information about applying for their year 3 space for September 2024.

**Halfway Junior School will be holding an open evening on 14th November.** This event is designed to give you information about this school, and a chance to look around. Children are able to attend with you.



### Parenting Programmes

Below you will find information about the different parenting programmes offered by the Sheffield Parent Hub. This includes QR code links to other parenting seminars and discussion groups that are available.

### 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

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.

Being a Parent and Carer is amazing, but at times everyone needs practical help and advice.

Please pass the below links to your families or help them to book. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [SheffieldParenting@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:SheffieldParenting@sheffield.gov.uk) or telephone on 0114 2057243



## Seminars

This is for you if you are interested in general information about promoting your child's development. They are 90 minute talks to large groups on a number of different topics. We hope you will find it interesting and take away some ideas.

To book on a seminar, please visit our Eventbrite Page: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub> and select the correct session.



## Discussion Groups

The Triple P Discussion Group Series are 2 hour interactive sessions based on commonly encountered problems, which are delivered in small groups.

This is for you if you'd like a small discussion group session that looks at specific issues with some tailored advice and ideas to take away.

To book on a Discussion Group, please visit our Eventbrite Page: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub> and select the correct session.



## Group Programmes

Booking for a programme is essential and may require a referral from a professional agency depending on your family circumstances.

Please contact us to discuss this with one of our Parenting Specialists on 0114 2057243 or [sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk)



Tips and information from Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield Parent Hub will be shared on our social media pages:



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As Parents we all want the best for our Children, that is why positive co-parenting is so important for the whole Family but at times can be challenging. In Sheffield we recognise this and have the following programmes you can access for support.

## EPEC - Being a Parent Together Programme

Duration: 10 weeks

This programme is for co-parenting couples to attend together who are either living together or apart. This is an opportunity to reflect on what is working well in the family, putting the children's needs first and what areas could be further developed or changed. The programme aims to improve child development, parenting, family resilience and family relationships. The Being a Parent Together programme creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported.

## EPEC - Being a Parent Together Workshops

Duration: 2 hrs 15

This workshop is for co-parenting couples to attend together who are either living together or apart. This is an opportunity to reflect on what is working well in the family, putting the children's needs first and what areas could be further developed or changed. The workshop aims to improve child development and outcomes, parenting, family resilience and family relationships. The Being a Parent Together workshop creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported.

There are three Workshops available:

- Good enough parenting, working as a team and managing conflict
- Understanding children's feelings and behaviours
- Communication styles and I statements



## Family Transitions

Duration: 6 weeks

This is a programme for parents who want to support their child to cope with and understand separation or divorce. The programme looks at positive communication and relationships to help to adjust to the new family make up. It also includes lots of helpful resources around self care and managing stress.

Parents do not attend the same session as their ex-partner, but the sessions give parents the tools to help support them and their child/children during this difficult time.

**For more information or to book, please contact Sheffield Parenting Hub**



0114 2057243



sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk



Direct message (Sheffield Family Hubs)





**South Yorkshire  
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**Free** home safety visits



**South Yorkshire  
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Staff from South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue will be visiting your area in the next few weeks, fitting **free** smoke alarms if you need them.

During a visit our friendly staff will talk to you about fire safety in your home and how to keep your smoke alarms working properly.

**To arrange a visit:**

Call: **0114 253 2314**

Email: **[cfsadmin@syfire.gov.uk](mailto:cfsadmin@syfire.gov.uk)**





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# Home Safety Check

Please keep this booklet somewhere safe, so you can look at it again when you need to.

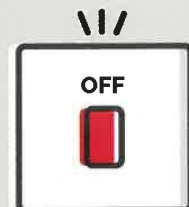
## 1 Smoke Alarms

- Working smoke alarms give an early warning to a fire in your home, giving you and your family vital extra minutes to take action and escape
- You should have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home
- Keep the alarm working by giving it a dust at least twice a year and change the battery each year, unless your alarm is fitted with a long-life, 10 year battery
- Test your smoke alarms weekly – press the 'test' button until it beeps



## 2 Kitchen Hazards

- **Prepare:** keep electrical leads, cardboard and fabrics well away from the hob and keep ovens, hobs and grills clean from grease and crumbs
- **Watch:** keep an eye on cooking at all times and never leave it unattended
- **Switch:** switch off cooking appliances when you've finished cooking and before you go to bed







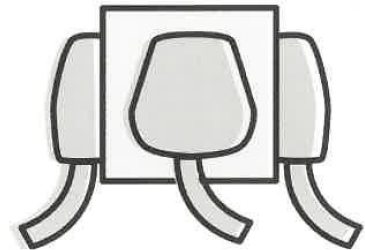
## Hot Oil Pans

- Hot oil pans cause more deaths in house fires than anything else in the home. Oven chips or thermostat controlled fryers are much safer
- If you do use a hot oil pan, don't fill it more than one-third full of fat or oil and never leave it unattended
- If a chip or fat pan does catch fire, don't put water on it. Get out, stay out and call 999



## Electrical Hazards

- Don't overload sockets- try to use one plug per socket and don't plug an adaptor into another adaptor
- Look out for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets and fuses that blow
- High powered appliances, such as washing machines, should be plugged into a single socket. Check fuse ratings of appliances. Normal extension leads only take a maximum of 13 amps
- If you use an electric blanket check it regularly and roll up or store flat, don't fold. Never use a hot water bottle in the same bed as an electric blanket, even if it is switched off. Unplug it before you go to bed, unless it has a thermostat controlled all-night setting



## Smoking & Candles

- If you smoke, don't light up if you need to lie down. You could easily fall asleep, setting the bed or couch on fire or even your clothes. If your clothes are on fire then stop, drop and roll
- Use proper ashtrays and pour water over hot ash before disposal in a suitable bin – metal ones are best
- Keep matches and lighters away from children
- Keep candles away from anything flammable, things like curtains
- Keep tea-lights in a proper holder and never put them on plastic surfaces, like TV tops and baths





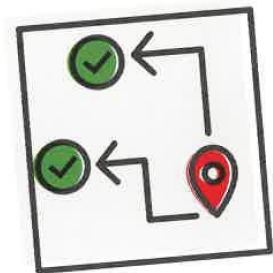
## Heaters & Fires

- If using electric heaters keep the space clear around them and don't trail wires across the floor
- Keep them away from curtains and furniture and never use them to dry clothes
- Always use a fireguard with open fires to stop flying embers
- Get your chimney swept, at least once a year
- It is important to have a working audible CO detector



## Fire Action Plan

- If you discover a fire in your home, get out, stay out and call 999. Do not go back inside to get pets
- Make sure youngsters know what to do if they find a fire – to tell an adult right away and not to run away or hide from danger
- Talk to the whole family about choosing the best escape route if a fire should start in your home – usually your normal way in and out of your home
- If the first route is blocked, think of a second one, and keep those escape routes clear at all times
- Make sure that door and window keys are available on your escape route and that everyone knows where to find them



## Bedtime Routine

- Most fire deaths happen at night, so take the time to check your home before you go to bed
- Check your escape routes are clear of obstacles and keys are kept where you and your family can find them on your escape route
- Switch off cookers, washing machines, heaters, laptops and other electrical appliances, unless they are meant to be left on, like fridges and freezers
- Make sure candles are put out
- Close internal doors, especially downstairs. If a fire does start, this stops it from spreading as fast
- If you have a mobile phone, take it to bed with you. You can use this to call 999 in an emergency
- Don't charge any electrical items such as mobile phones overnight





## Bins & Rubbish

- Put your wheelie bin out early on the morning of collection, rather than the night before
- Bring in your bin as soon as possible after collection
- Help your neighbours and bring their bin in for them if needed
- Store your bin away from your house, but within the boundary of your property
- If you have information about people starting fires in your area, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111



## What to do if you can't escape a fire

- ✔ If a fire starts and there is no way out, get everyone in the house into one room, with a window that opens and shut the door
- ✔ Call 999 and ask for the fire service
- ✔ Put bedding or clothing around the bottom of the door to block out the smoke
- ✔ Open the window and shout 'Fire, Help'. Wait at the window breathing fresh air until the fire service arrive
- ✔ If smoke enters the room, stay low to the floor where it's easier to breathe

### Other services

If you have agreed to be referred for other services which may benefit you and you would like more information, ring 0114 253 2314.

For more information on staying safe in your home visit [www.syfire.gov.uk](http://www.syfire.gov.uk).

### Notes



At South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue we are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. For more details on how your information is handled please see our Privacy Notice on our website.