



Weekly Family Newsletter

Tuesday 19th September 2023

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Attendance figures for week ending 15th September.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	92.7
Mrs Hibberd	100
Mrs Thorpe	80.4
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	92.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	100
Mrs Timmons	99.3

Whole school attendance = 93.6%

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—update

We are expecting the cards and other items to arrive shortly, and will let you know when they are available to collect.

Nursery News

A big welcome from all our nursery staff to all the children who started at nursery this week—and to their parents/carers.

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Owen and Isla	Hudson and Orflaith
	
Tharun and Olive	Jonah and Elsie
	
Maisie and Xander	Georgie and Jacob

Welcome Meetings

Dates for our year group 'Welcome Meetings' were shared with you last week. 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.

Thursday 21st September at 4:15pm - Year 2

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

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

National fitness day

Wednesday 20th September is National Fitness Day! On top of their active breaks and lunchtime, all our children will be joining in with this day by taking part in an extra 10 minutes of exercise at 10am. Children are to wear their normal school uniform on this day and do not need to wear PE kit.

Design a poppy competition

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.



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

PE days - reminder

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

F2 = Tuesday (to begin on Tuesday 19th September)

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.

After School Activity Clubs

Letters about Football and Disney Song and Dance after-school clubs should have arrived home yesterday (Monday). Unfortunately, the Football club is oversubscribed and so not everyone who wanted a place has got a place. We try to be as fair as we can when allocating places and so it is likely that if your child wanted but didn't get a place this time, they will next time.

Starting Nursery in January

If you are interested in your child starting at our Nursery in January, we now have some open evenings in the diary where you can come and look around. The dates are:

September 19th at 4pm

September 21st at 4pm

September 26th at 4pm

Please call the school office to book onto one of the open evenings. You will also be able to pick up an application form at the same time.

Starting school in September 2024

Even though we are only just welcoming in 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.