



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 22nd May 2023

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



## Attendance for the week ending 19th May 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	95.4
Mrs Hibberd	93.8
Mrs Thorpe	98.7
Miss White	97.3
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	93.8
Mrs Timmons	92.0

Whole school attendance = 95.4%

## Learners of the week

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

Elmers – **Luke and Bluebell**

Gruffalos – **Cohen and Ariana**

Rainbow Fish – **Avaeh and Emmett**

Hungry Caterpillars – **Tommy and Harper**

Enormous Crocodiles – **Luca and Harlen**

Crafty Chameleons – **Lottie and Oliver**

## 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

## School and nursery closed this Friday (26th May)

School and nursery will be closed this **Friday** for a staff training INSET day—and then the following week for the half term break. Have a lovely time—the weather threatens to be good! **School and nursery open again on Monday 5th June.**

## **Educational Visits**

Thank you to those who have come to speak to us regarding the planned school trips. We appreciate the financial difficulties for many at this time. The deadline given was due to the potential need to cancel the trips and the subsequent cancellation policies of the locations booked. However, we do understand that for some this deadline may be difficult to meet. Therefore, as always, we encourage you to come to speak to us to let us know of any problems. Any information shared with us will help us to plan for the trips moving forward.

If you are unable to pay any contribution, please do not worry and we encourage you to come to speak to us.

In order to help further, over the past few days Mr Beazer has been busy adapting [www.hnipay.co.uk](http://www.hnipay.co.uk). This now allows you to pay contributions towards events, as well as the full amount. This feature will mean that, for future trips or activities which involve a cost, families can 'chip away' over a period of time.

## **Bee Day - last week**

We celebrated World Bee Day last week. The purpose of this international day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem. This links with our current learning about 'Our Wonderful World'. The children looked fabulous in their black and yellow, and did some fantastic learning about bees and pollination.

HIP Group was on the yard before and after school with a game of 'guess the bees in the jar'. There were 496 bees! The winner is Sophia C from class 3, and the runners-up are Cooper S from class 5, and Rosie C in class 3.

The event raised £83.70, which will be split between our school (we will be investing in new plants for our tubs in the yard), and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

Many thanks to HIP Group for organising the event: they'll be buying the plants shortly, so look out for them around school!

## **Sun safety**

As the weather is now warmer, to help us keep your child safe in the sun at school, we ask you please to support us by:

- Applying a high factor sunscreen/sunblock (with a high UVA and UVB rating – the higher the rating, the better) to your child before nursery/school. Whilst we take precautions to limit sun exposure and offer shady spaces, much of the children's learning takes place both inside and outside. In addition to this, you may also wish to provide additional sunscreen for your child to apply during the day (which should be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to their teacher please), as we can encourage children to re-apply this over the course of the day when the weather requires it;
- Bringing a sun hat for your child to wear (a wider brim protects their neck/ears), with his/her name inside;
- Providing your child with a bottle filled with fresh water each day to keep him/her hydrated;
- Dressing your child in clothes that cover and protect the skin e.g. covering shoulders and legs etc.

Please can we take this opportunity to share a few simple but important sun safety steps, as recommended by the NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>.

### **Sun safety tips**

- Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, from March to October
- Never burn
- Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- Take extra care with children
- Wear a high factor sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection
- Wear suitable clothing, and spend time in the shade when the sun is at its hottest.

## Vocabulary parade - 21st June

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!

## School Uniform

Some of the suppliers of our logoed school uniform have suggested that orders for September be placed soon. Please see their websites or visit their shops for details.

<b>Supplier:</b>	<b>Order via:</b>
Branded Uniform	Shop at: Hunsley St, Sheffield S4 8DY <a href="http://www.branded-uniform.com">www.branded-uniform.com</a>
Pinders	Shop at Crystal Peaks
School Trends	<a href="http://www.schooltrendsonline.com">www.schooltrendsonline.com</a>
My Clothing ( <i>was Tesco</i> )	<a href="http://www.myclothing.com">www.myclothing.com</a>

## **Free Food Supplement Vouchers For May Spring Bank Holidays**

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the May Spring Bank holidays:

- **Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM)**
- **Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds)**
- **Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).**

### **Our Plan**

The Council has chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

The voucher letters should arrive with parents by **w/c Monday 22 May**. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. Please contact their school in the first instance if you need help with downloading or printing their vouchers.

### **The Process**

As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem the vouchers—

[www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery](http://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery).

Enter the unique 16-digit e-Code and select your chosen supermarket. Edenred give a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.

Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.

The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If you can not find this, please check their Junk/Spam folder.

**Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months of the date of issue (22 May) or they will be cancelled automatically.** Once vouchers have been redeemed on the Edenred website, they will be valid for 12 months.

### **Where can families get further help?**

- The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.
- Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at [free-schoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com](mailto:free-schoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com) or telephone 0333 400 5932
- Schools can contact Edenred at [reeschoolmeals@edenred.com](mailto:reeschoolmeals@edenred.com)
- If a parent is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at [www.citizensadvicesheffield.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicesheffield.org.uk) or they can call on 0808 278 7820.
- Additional support can also be found via Sheffield City Council's Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567 or at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/costofliving)

## **Raring To Go Magazine**

Below is a link to the May digital edition of **Raring2go! Sheffield & Rotherham**—a handy guide to help parents find things to do this May half term.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/sheffieldandrotherham/may2023/>

## **Sheffield Children's University**

Sheffield Children's University (CU) was established in 2008 and now has over 44,000 members who have collectively taken part in around 3 million hours of high quality learning outside of normal school hours! We know taking part in CU makes a difference in Sheffield - each year the data tells us that children/young people who participate make more progress in their learning at school, and are much more likely to do better than they were expected to in their SATs and GCSEs. We also know it's great for growing confidence, motivation, self-esteem, and the most important thing about participating in CU? HAVING FUN!

We are really proud of some of our school members who are joining in with activities and earning credits for the CU. Congratulations to Megan and Bethany who received their CU awards last week at a special ceremony.



If you are interested in your child joining in, any child or young person attending a Sheffield school can join Sheffield CU at a 'Learning Destination'. All children/young people can earn CU credits by taking part in activities at a validated Learning Destination by collecting credits in a Passport to Learning (available from all Sheffield libraries for £3.50)

For further information see the Children's University website: <https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/about-us/>

# SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CLUB

FREE for  
children entitled  
to FREE school  
meals



PAID  
PLACES  
AVAILABLE

★ Wednesday  
31st May  
2023  
10am-2pm



Arts &  
Crafts  
First Aid  
Skills  
Sports &  
Games



ALL WELCOME  
AGE 4-11



## CRYSTAL PEAKS CHURCH

103 Robin Lane,  
Beighton,  
Sheffield,  
S20 1BB

Spring Bank HOLIDAY CLUB - Crys-  
tal Peaks Church



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Email- [Info@directactiontraining.com](mailto:Info@directactiontraining.com)

Or book via the QR Code



# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November (22 Days)						
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December (16 Days)						
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January (18 days)						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February (16 days)						
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26	27	28	29			

March (20 Days)						
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April (12 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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June (20 Days)						
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July (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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August						
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 Denotes Bank Holidays

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195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

 Denotes INSET day