



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 19th April 2021

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?					
And Next Week ?				Rescheduled ZOOM parent/carer consultation meetings for Mrs Timmons's class	



Attendance for the week ending 2nd April 2021

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	100
Crafty Chameleons	95.3
Rainbow Fish	95.0
Hungry Caterpillars	98.9
Gruffalos	95.2
Elmers	97.3

Overall attendance for the week was 97.1%

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school and the final term of the academic school year.

I hope that you are all safe and well and shared quality time with your family over Easter. After the little 'Arctic blast' we experienced in the first week of the holiday, the weather has been super over the last few days, hasn't it? I hope you were able to get outdoors on walks and picnics etc. and enjoy the beauty that springtime brings.

Please find a few brief notices and updates for you this week attached.

Sun safety

To help children have fun and stay safe whilst they play and learn, please remember these things for school -

- A high factor sunscreen
- Cover up with a sun hat/clothing
- Remember water bottles each day at school and nursery



Parent/Carer Consultations

A big thank you to parents/carers who were able to attend our online Parent/Carer Consultations at the end of the Spring Term. It was so lovely to be able to talk to you properly, celebrate how brilliant your children are, and share their successes with you. We hope these conversations also helped to update you on the steps we are taking in class to support your child's next steps over the final term in his/her current year group.

Mrs Timmons's class - Any outstanding meetings have been rescheduled to **Friday 30th April**. To ensure that you have an appointment time on the 30th that you are able to attend, please follow the Eventbrite link below to re-book a convenient appointment slot:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentcarer-consultation-class-6-mrs-timmons-30-april-tickets-151526045481>

School allocations

If your child is due to start in Reception/F2 or in Y3 in September 2021 and you applied for a school place for him/her, places were allocated by Primary Admissions on Friday 16th April. It has been great to talk to happy parents/carers today who received confirmation that their child has been offered a place at their preferred school. If you have not received confirmation for any reason, or have any queries, please contact the Primary Admissions Department of your Local Authority (Sheffield Primary Admissions phone number is 273 5790).

We know the end of any school year is a very exciting time for our children, whether they are preparing to move to the next class in our school or onto the Juniors etc., and we want to support them wherever we can. Later this term we will be contacting schools and discussing the transition plans to support families due to move school in September, as well as coordinating a transition plan for our new starters. We will communicate the plans with you later on in the term once arrangements have been made and schools know what a 'Covid safe' transition can look like this year. In the meantime, we are excited that we have got a full term of lovely learning to look forward to with our fabulous children, and staff are extremely busy planning and creating learning opportunities that are going to inspire them this term.

Test and trace payments information for parents

Parents and guardians can apply for a payment of £500 if employed or self-employed and will lose income because:

- you have been told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app, or
- you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self isolate as a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

You can make a claim up to 42 days from the first day of isolation (Sheffield City Council will backdate claims for parents and guardians of children for any period of isolation beginning on or after 8 March 2021).

If you're the parent or guardian of a child who needs to self-isolate you might be able to get the payment if you need to take time off to look after him/her. The child must:

- be 15 or under, or 25 or under if they have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC)
- live with you
- normally be at school or in childcare
- have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or his/her school or childcare provider.

You will need to meet the other eligibility criteria, and will need evidence that your child has been told to self-isolate.

(<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/coronavirus-apply-test-trace-support-payment>)

DfE advice on travelling to school safely

- √ if you live a short distance from your school walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- √ avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- √ if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- √ when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt – including if you are aged 11 and under). Wear them for the entirety of the journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

A big plea from Mrs Tatham!

Spare clothing donations - Any donations of underwear for children aged 6/7 will be greatly accepted as our spare supplies are running a little low!

Nursery News

- Please can your child bring a baby photo of themselves (make sure his/her name is on the back) for this term's topic.
- We would be grateful for empty 1 pint milk cartons - we will be using these to water the plants the children are growing.

We are very much looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with you over the Summer Term.

Kindest regards,

Paula Bestall

