



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 12th December 2022

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Attendance for the week ending 9th December 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	96.3
Mrs Hibberd	91.9
Miss Dale	92.3
Mr Folmer	91.0
Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Hipkin	85.6
Mrs Timmons	91.5

Whole school attendance = 91.5%

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.

Some dates for the diary

The full list of Christmas dates for the final week of term is attached to this newsletter

Christmas Raffle Winners

The list of raffle winners is attached to the newsletter. Please check the list, and claim your prizes from the School or Nursery Offices.

Nursery News

Everyone in nursery wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming all of our new children in January.

Christmas - reminders

HIP Group

Thank you to our HIP group which has helped to organise and run our Christmas activities over the past few weeks. Being a small school, we would not have been able to run so many different activities for the children without them. With your help, HIP group managed to raise an impressive £697.25, which will go directly to improving the education of our pupils.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances started with a bang last week, thanks to Y1 and Y2. The rest of our performances take place this week. If you had asked for tickets, you will have already received these. Please keep these tickets safe, as they **must be brought back with you for your child's performance**. Please remember, **every person** attending will need a ticket - this includes babies and other children. This is due to hall capacity limitations.

For those attending Nursery's 'Here we go round the Christmas tree', please come to the Nursery entrance. For the F2, Y1 and Y2 performances, please use the Station Road gate and come to the blue back door, where a member of staff will let you in once the children are ready.

During the performances you are allowed to take pictures and videos of your child. However, not all our children have permission to appear on social media and, therefore, we ask that you **do NOT take, post or share images or videos of another child without their parent's permission**.

Christmas Parties!

Nursery will have its Christmas party on Thursday. F2, Y1 and Y2 will have theirs on Friday. Children are welcome to come to school in party clothes on this day. However, please ensure that these are suitable for school, as children will still be learning and playing outside during the day.

School will be providing everything the children need for their parties.

Carols at Crystal Peaks

Well done to our Y2 choir which joined all our local Westfield Family of Schools to sing Christmas carols at Crystal Peaks last week.

Our School Council meets Mosborough History Meeting Group

The school council welcomed the local Mosborough History Meeting Group into school on Wednesday afternoon. They were very interesting to talk to, and knew lots about the history of our school. They also very kindly donated some beautiful iSpy cards which the children will use to explore their local community.

If you would like to find out more about the meeting group, or the history of Halfway and the surrounding area, you can visit its website at

<http://www.mosboroughhistory.co.uk/>



Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that we finish for the Christmas holidays **this Friday** (16th December). Children return to school on **January 4th 2023**.

Everyone at Halfway Infant Nursery School wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Scarlet Fever

Last week we shared with you a letter from the director of Public Health regarding Scarlet Fever. Please see below for key information about this:

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>

Parents' Group (HIP Group) News

The Christmas discos were a huge success last week, the children had a great time singing and playing games. We had some amazing dancers. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers for helping at all 4 discos.

Emily Hodkin
Kate Scott
Natalie Gervis
Abi Topalli
Mey Brooks
Tracey Metcalf
Laura Dolan
Amy Modoni
Toria Bright
Sarah Beardmore
Becky Parkinson
Helen Mackie

Santa visited school last week and the children had a lovely time telling him their Christmas wishes. A big thank you to our Christmas Elves who helped Santa during the day.



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.

Raffle Winners

The raffle was drawn by some of our School Councillors this morning. We have lots of winners! Please check the list below, and claim your prizes from the School or Nursery Offices:

Name	Group	Ticket
Kayden	Elmers	White 34
Strutt	Nursery	Blue 34
Emma W	Nursery	White 8
Mitcham	Y2	Green 15
Sophia Hughes	Y2	Green 6
Joey	Nursery	Green 76
Evelyn Goddard		White 127
Daisy K	Miss Clewes	White 98
Logan Orrah		White 84
Williams	Y2	Green 25
Bethany	Y2	Blue 110
Siu	Y1	Blue 59
Flaherty	Y1	Green 58
Max H	Mrs Hibberd	White 113
Elsie Beatdmore	Y1	Green 43
Luke M	Elmers	White 26
Kaiden Khan	Gruffalos	White 44
Laycock	Y1	Green 23
Richard Tresadern	F2	Green 35
Moore	F2	Green14
Elbrett (Nan)	Nursery	Yellow 49
Parkinson	Y2	Green 40
Lennon C	Mr F	White 73
Amber Beardmore	Y2	Blue 55
Lottie	Crocodiles	White 14
Mackie	Y2	Green 67
Brearley	Y1	Blue 91
Wilks	Y1	Yellow 8



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Christmas Diary Dates

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre

During the day, each class will have a slot to visit and parents may join them during this slot if they wish.

Monday 5th December – EYFS Christmas Disco

4pm – 5pm

Children in nursery and Foundation Stage are invited to come back to school for a disco!

Tuesday 6th December – KS1 Christmas Disco

4pm – 5pm

Children in Y1 and Y2 are invited to come back to school for a disco!

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Dinner day!

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Thursday 8th December – Save the Children official 'Christmas Jumper Day'

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Thursday 8th December – Family of Schools carol singing

6pm

Our school choir will be representing us at Crystal Peaks

Friday 9th December – Santa under the tree

All children will get to meet Santa Claus as he visits us on this day. Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school.

Thursday 15th December – Nursery Christmas party

Children are invited to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes. School will be providing all party games and food.

Friday 16th December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas party

Children are invited to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes. School will be providing all party games and food.

Further information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters.





Halfway Nursery Infant School presents...

Nursery Christmas Performances

'Here we go round the Christmas tree'

Monday 12th December – 10:30am and 2pm

Foundation Stage Christmas Performances

'The Nativity Before Christmas'

Tuesday 13th December – 2pm

Wednesday 14th December – 9:30am

Year 1 Christmas Performances

'A Christmas Cracker!'

Thursday 8th December – 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December – 9:30am

Thursday 15th December - 2pm

Year 2 Christmas Performances

'Wiggly Nativity'

Thursday 8th December - 2pm

Thursday 15th December – 9:30am

*Due to limited numbers in the school hall, these performances will be ticketed.
Further information about tickets will be shared with you in upcoming newsletters.*

