



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 15th March 2021

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	Science Week this week	4pm Zoom Meeting for Nursery Starters			Red Nose Day— Laughing and Learning
And Next Week ?					



Attendance for the week ending 12th March 2021

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	98.4
Crafty Chameleons	98.8
Rainbow Fish	97.7
Hungry Caterpillars	91.3
Gruffalos	94.2
Elmers	96.8

Overall attendance for the week was 96.3%

Upcoming Diary Dates



- Mon 15th— Friday 19th March: Science Week
- Friday 19th March: Dress in Red Day (for Comic Relief)
- Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day Quiz



Easter Holidays

School will be closed to all children from Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April.

I hope you all had a lovely weekend, and that the children spent some time yesterday showing adult/s who care for them at home how much they appreciate everything you do for them!

Whilst we still need to minimise the risk of infection carefully with a plethora of infection control measures in school, the children were absolutely great last week and settled back into familiar school routines so quickly! They take everything they do in their stride and loved being back in the classroom again. We are so proud of them! While infection rates lessened across the UK before schools re-opened, there are still cases in our community and, therefore, we ask you please to read through the following information to help us to keep our school community as safe as we can.

What to do if you have Covid-19 signs or symptoms

If someone has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they must self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

There are now 6 testing centres in Sheffield at the following locations:

- Local Testing Site at Sharrow
- Local Testing Site at Darnall
- Regional Testing Site at Meadowhall
- The Mobile Testing Unit at the former Hazel Barrow Primary School site, Hazel Barrow Crescent, S8 8AN
- Local Testing Site at Burngreave
- Local Testing Site at Uppertorpe

You should only book a test if you have symptoms of Covid-19. Tests must be pre-booked, and can only be booked via the national NHS portal online nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Stay at home and continue to self-isolate until you get your test results.

Please note that the new strain of the virus may also present itself through a headache or cold symptoms such as a sore throat etc. so please be cautious and only send your children to school if they are well.

If you or someone in your household is waiting for a test, or results after displaying one of the key symptoms, please do not send your child to school and follow the household isolation guidance.

Latest video from Greg Fell

Greg Fell, Director of Public Health in Sheffield, outlines Sheffield's weekly position with the latest epidemiology figures, a vaccination programme update and how to avoid household and workplaces transmissions. He also addresses schools fully reopening this week.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?utm_content&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term&v=K4IBCWJrjmA&feature=youtu.be

Covid vaccine information

This video contains important information about what you need to do after you have had the Covid-19 vaccine—such as how long it takes to kick in, that it does not mean you are fully protected, and why it is very important you go back for the second dose when called.

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School closed over Easter Holidays

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Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

Schools and further education providers continue to play an important role in contact tracing and the national effort to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays and would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Asking establishments to provide contact tracing support is a key part of the test and trace process, as schools and further education providers hold the data about close contacts and pupil contact details.

Staff, students, parents and carers only need to inform the school or further education provider of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting, so we can identify close contacts and advise self-isolation.

And now for some non-Covid news.....!

Red Nose Day - 'Laughing and learning!'

Friday 19th March

As Red Nose Day 2021 approaches, there has never been a better time to make a difference, no matter how big or small.

Comic Relief funds hundreds of amazing organisations which are working on the ground to support the most vulnerable people and communities in society, including many of those hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis. This includes vulnerable children and young people, people who are homeless or who have been forced to flee their homes, women and families at risk of domestic abuse, and those struggling with existing or new mental health problems.

We would love your support this Red Nose Day, whether that is through fundraising or simply raising a smile.

In the words of one of the founders, Lenny Henry: "The big day might look a bit different this year, but your laughter really will change lives."

Our plans are simple this year...

- **Dress in red day on Fri 19th March** and donate online, where you can, to Red Nose Day
- **Red Nose Day quiz in school** - our School Council representatives will be helping organise a class Red Nose Day quiz, with our classes competing against each other to try and win the most points! The children in the class with the most points will all win a Red Nose Day related prize!

Remote fundraising

We have set up a Just Giving page for those who feel they are able to contribute financially, but please do not worry if you are not able to, we just want all the children to have fun and enjoy the day! You'll find the page for making a donation at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/halfway-nursery-infant-school-rednoseday21>

Nursery News

Laura Campbell will continue working as supply teacher in our nursery up until the Easter holiday.

Thank you again for your support and for following all the rules etc. that continue to come your way!

By working together and following the guidance, we can try and keep everyone in school as safe and as happy as we can.

Paula Bestall

Headteacher