



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 26th April 2021

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	F2 Big PE day		Y1 Big PE day	Y2 Big PE day	Rescheduled ZOOM parent/carer consultation meetings for Mrs Timmons's class
And Next Week ?	Bank Holiday		Class photographs Y1 Big PE day	Y2 Big PE day	



Attendance for the week ending 23rd April 2021

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	97.6
Crafty Chameleons	98.3
Rainbow Fish	96.0
Hungry Caterpillars	94.8
Gruffalos	96.7
Elmers	97.8

Overall attendance for the week was 96.8%

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



Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday— school will therefore be closed on this day.

Class photographs

It is that time of the year again! Class photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 5 May**.

We have responded to feedback from parents\carers from last year about the differences in costs charged by different photography companies. We appreciate that every little saving helps and have, therefore, changed the company who will be taking the photos this year. The photos next week will be taken by The School Photography Company, as used by Halfway Junior School.

If photo day coincides with your child's Big PE day, please send your child to school in his/her uniform (NB - they also won't need to bring their PE kit to school on that day).

The company has strict coronavirus procedures, including, but not limited to, the photographer wearing PPE, regular sanitising of equipment and appropriate social distancing. We have opted for the 'Expressions' style of class photograph as this is similar to the more informal arrangement we usually have, and also as the children are photographed in small groups to minimise mixing/contact (the small group photos are then combined together digitally to make a whole class image).

If you wish to order a photo, you will be able to do so online and either have the photo delivered to your home (which will incur a charge for postage) or delivered to school for free - whichever you prefer.

Class 5, Miss Hughes: As the children in this class were unable to have individual photos taken when the rest of the school had theirs, the children in this class only will also have their individual photos taken on Wednesday 5th May. Unfortunately, due to lack of time on the day and Covid restrictions, sibling group photos will not be possible this year.

If your child was also off school on individual photograph day when their class had individual photos taken (back in October 2020) and you would also like them to be added to the list for individual photographs next week, please contact Mrs Tatham in the school office by Thursday 29th April at the latest so this can be arranged with the photography company (who need the children's details in advance). **If you are the parent/carer of a nursery child who wasn't attending our Nursery in October, please be aware that he/she will have his/her individual photo taken in October this year, like the rest of the school, and won't need, or be able, to have an individual one this time.**

If you do not wish for your child to be included in the whole class photograph next week, please also inform the School Office by Thursday 29th April.

FAQ from The School Photography Company website:

Q. Is The School Photography Company GDPR compliant?

A. "Yes. All of our data is requested, processed and held in accordance with GDPR. Our General Data Protection Regulation Policy is available on request by contacting dataprotection@schoolphotographs.co.uk"

Q. Are your photographers DBS checked?

A. "Yes all our photographers have DBS enhanced level disclosure and are trained to the highest standard in the industry."

Parent/Carer Consultations

A reminder—Any outstanding meetings for Mrs Timmons's class 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>

Nursery News

- Harley is delighted to be back at school this week and the children were excited to see her in nursery this morning! Laura (supply teacher), Chris, Sarah, Nicola and Jenette have done such a fantastic job during staff absence - thank you to our nursery dream team and to parents/carers for your support during this time.
- Please can your child bring a baby photo of themselves (with his/her first name/initial on the back) for our topic.
- We would be grateful for empty 1 pint milk cartons please - we will be using these to water the plants the children are growing.

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 who have 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 when arrangements have been made and schools have been advised what a 'Covid safe' transition may 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.

PE Days

As rules around sports have now changed, with sports clubs being able to start up again with Covid-safe measures in place, our sports coaches will also be starting to build their time back up in school again with our Key Stage One children. Some of our Big PE days have, therefore, changed to accommodate this.

Please ensure your child wears his/her Big PE kit to school on the following days this half term :

- F2 - Monday
- Y1 - Wednesday
- Y2 - Thursday

'Sheffield is Sweet Enough'! Tips for a low sugar lunchbox

General advice is that children's lunches should contain:

- Starchy foods such as bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Proteins such as meat, fish, egg or beans
- A dairy item, such as cheese or yoghurt
- Vegetables, salad or a portion of fruit
- A healthy drink, ideally plain water

As part of the 'Sheffield Family Guide to Smart Sugar Swaps' Food Book, to be published later this year, 'Sheffield is Sweet Enough' also asked local people to share their healthy packed lunch ideas. Suggestions include filling tortillas instead of bread to keep sandwiches interesting, having fun with fruit by cutting them into different shapes, and making your own homemade dips and snack bars. All the recipes are in a book they are creating and you'll find more tips and low-sugar swaps on their dedicated website –

www.sheffieldissweetenough.org

You can also follow them on the following feeds if you would like to find out more or get lunchbox inspiration!

Twitter: @sweetenoughshef

Facebook: @sheffieldssweetenough

Instagram: @sheffieldissweetenough

kindest regards,

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