



Weekly Family Newsletter

Tuesday 4 May 2021

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	Bank Holiday		Y1 Big PE day Class photographs	Y2 Big PE day	
And Next Week ?	F2 Big PE day		Y1 Big PE day	Y2 Big PE day	



Attendance for the week ending 30th April 2021

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	98.3
Crafty Chameleons	97.1
Rainbow Fish	99.2
Hungry Caterpillars	93.7
Gruffalos	92.5
Elmers	97.8

Overall attendance for the week was 96.4%

Sun safety

(It may be raining, but I'm sure the sun will return!)

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

New Covid test site in Halfway



Two new mobile testing units have opened in Sheffield - one at Parsons Cross and the other at Halfway Park and Ride. If you have any symptoms of Coronavirus, however mild, you must self-isolate immediately and book a test by calling 119 or at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Our local unit is open 7 days a week 11am-3pm (drive through and pedestrian appointments can be booked).

Tomorrow is class photograph day!

It is that time of the year again! Class photographs will be taken tomorrow, **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 tomorrow 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 photograph, 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, additional photographs (including sibling groups) will not be possible this year.

Nursery children who were not on role in our Nursery back in October will be able to have their individual photos taken in October this year, in line with the programme for the rest of school.

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."

Working together to provide support local families

Our school team is here not only to support children's education but also their development and wellbeing. Please speak to a member of the team if you would like any additional support to help with behaviour, learning, routines etc. at home.

Our local MAST team (Multi Agency Support Team) - see attached poster - is also a great source of support, and works with local schools to offer additional help, advice and solutions to families on a range of areas, for example:

- Talking about difficult issues at home
- Managing children's challenging behaviour
- Improving routines, boundaries and sleep
- Supporting your child's emotional or mental health
- Making home a more positive place to be for the whole family

If you would like help, or would like to find out what services are out there to support your family, please contact us and we can arrange for our link school MAST worker and a familiar member of our team to chat with you (poster on the back of this newsletter for your reference).

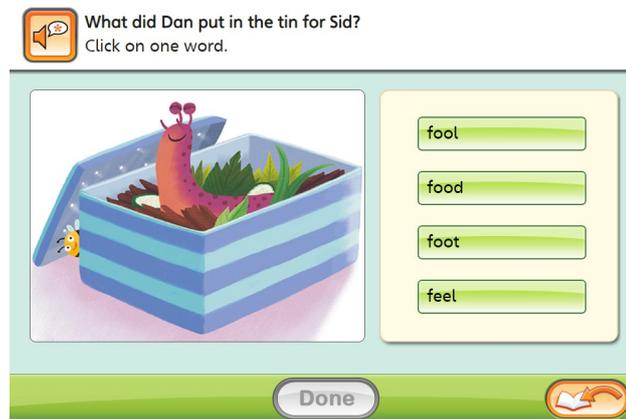
Bug Club

A reminder that **Bug Club** provides lots of lovely resources that can be accessed at home.

To make the most out of the online resources make sure you are looking for the 'bug' logo within each book - this can occur on multiple pages.



Where you see the 'bug' make sure to click on it. This will direct your child to a quiz section where he/she will answer questions based on the text read so far.



Answer the questions and click done, this will tell your child whether the answer is correct. If it is wrong, the programme will instruct your child to have another go. Once the questions have been completed, click the book in the bottom right hand corner to return to reading the text.

When children have finished all of the quiz questions in a book, they will earn coins which they can then spend on 'rewards' in one of the reward areas accessed via their homepage. The more books and quizzes they complete, the more coins they earn!

Happy reading!

Additional Nursery News

Nursery staff would find it really helpful if you could please encourage your child to practise putting on and removing their own coat independently —including zipping and unzipping the garment. The children are doing so well developing their independence skills.

Great job nursery children , and a big thank you to grown-ups too for your support! :-)

Kindest regards,

Paula Bestall

Multi-Agency Support Teams (MAST)

MAST & School Advice Sessions during Covid-19

Do you need support with;

- Talking about difficult issues at home
- Managing challenging behaviour
- Improving routines, boundaries and sleep
- Supporting your child's emotional or mental health
- Making home a more positive place to be for the whole family

What We Offer

Advice
Signposting
Solutions

How Do We Do It?

A MAST worker and member of the school staff team can talk with you via zoom or by telephone to discuss any issues you may have.

The MAST worker and school will work together with you to help to address your family's needs and create happier children and families.

How to make an appointment

Please speak to a member of staff at Halfway Nursery Infant School who will arrange an Advice Session for you.



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