



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 30th January 2023

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Attendance for the week ending 27th January 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	95.8
Mrs Hibberd	94.1
Miss Dale	90.0
Mr Folmer	93.0
Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Hipkin	85.0
Mrs Timmons	90.8

Whole school attendance = 91.3%

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week:

Elmers - **Ida and Owen**

Gruffalos - **Gemma and Millie**

Rainbow Fish - **Noah and Rosie**

Hungry Caterpillars - **Beau and Heidi**

Enormous Crocodiles - **Liam and Amber**

Crafty Chameleons - **Olivia and Toby**

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

Strike Action

A letter was shared with you last week regarding plans for the industrial action between the NEU and the government, which is due to take place on **Wednesday 1st February**. As a reminder:

- **Nursery and Y2 Crafty Chameleons** will be **CLOSED** all day
- Full attendance is expected from all other children
- Breakfast and Superkids after-school club are open as normal.

New main gate on Rotherham Road North

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we had the main gate and new intercom system installed last week. I'm sure that anyone who had to access the site during the school day at the end of last week appreciated being able to 'buzz in' so easily!

F2, Y1 and Y2

Now that parents/carers and visitors can buzz in at the Rotherham Road pedestrian entrance at any time, there is no need to use the back door for children who are late.

School starts at **8.55am**: please make every effort to bring your children to school on time, so that they don't miss any learning, and can start the school day with their friends.

However, we do understand that, occasionally, children will be late arriving. If you do arrive after 8.55am:

- * Please buzz in at the Rotherham Road pedestrian gate;
- * Take your child to the School Office to register them and to order a lunch (we now have electronic registers, which cannot be altered by teaching staff once they've been saved);
- * Take your child to their classroom;
- * Leave the school site via the Rotherham Road pedestrian gate (the gate at the top of the playground next to the main building will be locked at 9am).

School Council

It is Traffic Awareness Week this week and our wonderful School Council will be issuing cars parked safely with congratulations postcards throughout the week. As always, please ensure you drive and park safely and with consideration for all members of our community.

Reading Volunteers

We have new reading volunteers in school! A huge thank you to those who are able to give their time for this lovely and very rewarding role. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer please see Miss Hughes or Mrs Timmons for more information.

S20 Food bank collection day

A big thank you for your kind donations to the S20 Food Bank appeal last week. These were collected on Friday morning by the Food Bank volunteers who asked us tell you how grateful they were for all the items donated.

Nursery News

Nursery Parents' Evenings

Sign up sheets for the following nursery parents' evenings will be available from today at both morning and afternoon pick up times.

- Harley's Group (Blue Group) will be held on Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February
- Chris's Group (Yellow Group) will be held on Monday 6th February and Wednesday 8th February
- Sarah's Group (Green Group) will be held on Thursday 9th February

Nut free

A reminder that our school and nursery are nut free. This is to ensure that children with nut allergies are not in danger of being affected. Therefore, please do not send your child into nursery or school with any foods containing nuts.

Eat Smart Sheffield

Eat Smart Sheffield is a school-based programme focussing on food and nutrition. It supports families to help encourage children and young people to develop healthy lifestyle habits so they can grow, thrive and live life to the full.

Eat Smart Sheffield has pulled together some top tips for healthy eating throughout the day which we hope you will find useful. You can access these at:

<https://sway.office.com/C9XkIPIlmw6J3rCs?ref=email>

Free Food Supplement Vouchers For February Half-term

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the half-term holidays:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM)
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds)
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

The Council has chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers, as parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

The voucher letters should arrive with parents by w/c Monday 6 February. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. Please contact school in the first instance if you need help with downloading or printing the vouchers. The letter also provides the contact details for Edenred.

The Process

As before, you need to go to the following website to redeem the vouchers: www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery

Enter your unique 16-digit e-Code and select your chosen supermarket. Edenred give a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.

Vouchers can be downloaded for more than one supermarket – for example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.

The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If you cannot find this, check the Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will be cancelled.

Once you have claimed the voucher on the Edenred website it will be valid for 12 months.

Where can you get further help?

The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.

You can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932. If you are facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk, or call on 0808 278 7820.