



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 12th June 2023

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## Attendance for the week ending 9th June 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	93.0
Mrs Hibberd	93.8
Mrs Thorpe	93.7
Miss White	92.4
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	89.3
Mrs Timmons	91.9

Whole school attendance = 92.4%

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to all of our learners of the week, who were:

Elmers – Lucas and Honey  
Gruffalos – Sofia and Frazer  
Rainbow Fish – Jowie and Noah  
Hungry Caterpillars—Heidi and Jonah  
Enormous Crocodiles – Sophia H and Ray  
Crafty Chameleons – Neia and Adam

## Office Opening Hours

The **main school office** is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

The **nursery office** closes at 3.45 pm.

The **Superkids mobile number** is 07925197530 and should be used from 3.45pm - 6.00pm.

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

## Please remember:

Every day, your child needs to bring:

- A **sun hat**
- A bottle filled with **fresh water**
- A **rain jacket** (as this is England!)

Please also:

- Dress your child in **clothes that cover and protect the skin**
- Apply **sunscreen** before school

## Toilet Training Coffee Morning

Attached to this newsletter are details of a toilet training coffee morning, which will be held in the nursery/Superkids building on **Wednesday 19th July**, starting at 9.15 a.m.

## Class Photographs

Reminder: As you know from the text message we sent out, the company that takes our photographs (The School Photography Company) has had to change the date of our class photos due to staffing issues. **The new date is Tuesday 27 June.**

The photos are taken during the school day, so parents/carers of children in school do not need to take any action. However, we would ask that all children attend school in their school uniform on that day. Children who have PE on a Tuesday will have a modified PE lesson in their school uniform, so do not need to bring a PE kit with them.

Our nursery has two photo sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and the sessions are blended into one photo. If your child does not attend nursery on a Tuesday, but you would like them to be in the photo, please bring them to Nursery for 1.30pm that afternoon. Nursery staff will take your child to have their photo taken. Once the photo has been taken, you will be able to take your child home. If your child usually attends for an afternoon session on this date please bring them for the normal 12.30pm time.

## PE changes

Please see the amended PE timetable for the rest of this half term. Please note any changes to PE days, particularly in the final week of term.

Dance

Athletics

Get Set 4 PE

	Week 1 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 2 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 3 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 4 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 5 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Week 6 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 7 17 <sup>th</sup> July
F2	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	Thursday Athletics	Thursday Athletics	Thursday Athletics	Thursday Athletics	Thursday Athletics	Whole School Celebrat ion Dance afternoon
Y1	Thursday Athletics	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	Tuesday Get Set 4 PE	
Y2	Wednesday Dance	Wednesday Dance	Wednesday Dance	Wednesday Dance	Wednesday Dance	Wednesday Dance	

## Home reading records

Children in Reception will all now have a new 'Home Reading Record'. In order to support the phonics and reading we are doing in school, please make sure that you are reading with your children at home and recording these reads in the reading records. Reading records and school books should be brought back to school each Friday, when children will receive new books to take home.

Children in year 1 will also be receiving a 'Home Reading Record' in the next few weeks.

## **After-school Activity Clubs - Football and Disney Song & Dance**

Our after-school clubs were scheduled to start this week. However, as you know, the Y2 children are using the hall as a classroom at present, so the hall cannot be used for after school activities.

Football club will be going ahead, as this can take place outside. Letters to those children who have been allocated a place will be going home today or tomorrow, so please check your child's book bag.

Disney Song and Dance club can not go ahead as we do not have another space we can use. Therefore, we expect this club to begin next week. If your child has been allocated a place in this club, you will receive a letter at the end of this week.

Once again, we have had a lot of applications for places, and over half the children who requested a place have been unsuccessful. We do our best to allocate the places as fairly as possible, and ensure that every child gets a turn.

## **Year 1 phonics screening check**

Children in year 1 will be sitting their phonics screening check next week. Please use the packs sent home last term to support school by making sure your child is ready for their check. Should you have any questions about the phonics screening check, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Children who are in year 2 and did not pass the screening check in year 1 will also be re-sitting their check this week.

Please ensure that your child is at school every day during this week to enable them to complete their check.

## **Lunchtime plans reminder**

As we shared with you on Friday, work to replace the ceilings in the year 2 classrooms will begin next weekend. This means that, for this week, children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to have classroom picnics! Children will only have a choice of sandwiches for lunchtime. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding for this change. We are planning for lunchtime to return to normal from Monday 19th June, when the year 2 classes will again be able to occupy their own classrooms.

## **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 13th July**. As before, we are working with Neil Francis and the Sports Leaders from Westfield, who help to organise and run the event, and always make sure that our sports days are fun for all.

Please see the times below for each year group's turn. Parents are welcome to come and watch the event. We will keep you informed of any updates and changes, including plans if it rains.

**9:10am - 9:40am = F2**

**9:50am - 10:50am = Year 1**

**11:00am - 12:00pm = Year 2**

## **Year 2 Leavers assembly**

All of our Year 2 parents are invited to join us for our Year 2 leavers assembly on **Thursday 20th July at 9:15am**.

The assembly will last for approximately 30 minutes, with a chance to join your child for juice and biscuits afterwards. Whilst we are planning for the assembly to take place outside, we are asking that only two adults per child attend the assembly in case it needs to take place in the hall due to the weather.

## **Educational Trips reminder**

Please ensure that you have given consent for your child to attend the educational trips we have planned. Payments towards the trips can continue to be made through [www.hnipay.co.uk](http://www.hnipay.co.uk).

## **Vocabulary parade - 21st June**

National Writing Day is an annual nation-wide celebration of the power of writing creatively, and it aims to inspire people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

After the success of last year's event we have decided to celebrate National Writing Day with another Vocabulary Parade on 21st June. This will be a non-uniform day as we would like you to get creative at home and think of a word that your child can 'dress' as for the day (please see below for examples!).

This school-wide activity is a fun way to encourage children to learn and explore new vocabulary. They will also engage in activities throughout the day to encourage them to develop their vocabulary and apply new words in their play and learning.

### **How does my child get ready for the parade?**

#### **Get creative!**

Help your child select a word for the parade, one that would be fun to use to create a costume to represent the word and its meaning. You could design and create your costume using t-shirts, boxes, hats, fabric, etc. or keep it simple with clothes that are already in their wardrobe (there is no expectation to buy anything new or expensive).

Please make sure that your child can see and walk and play safely with the costume on, and is also able to use the toilet independently when wearing it (best to avoid onesies!)

Make a large vocabulary card with your child's word on it so everyone knows which word they have chosen to represent. Children can carry the card, make it into a headband, or have it as a part of their costume!

#### **Need some inspiration? A few examples.....**

'Colourful' - Wear as many different coloured items of clothing as you can;

'Thoughtful' - Draw and cut out lots of thought bubbles and question marks to attach to your outfit;

'Sparkly' - How many glittery items of clothing do you have? You could even add glitter to your hair.

These are just a few ideas, and we are sure you can come up with much more original and creative ideas than we have!

In the afternoon, we are inviting you to come and join us at 2:15pm (weather permitting) where children (including nursery children) will gather outside for a Vocabulary Parade to show off their creative outfits. In the event of rain, the parade will take place in the hall and unfortunately, due to numbers, parents will not be able to attend. Morning nursery children will hold their own vocabulary parade up in the nursery yard. Parents are invited to watch this parade at 11am.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic outfits, and hopefully learn some new and exciting vocabulary too!

## Nursery News

**Please note – Nursery will be closed for the full day on Thursday 22nd June. This is the day of the nursery trip.**

As part of our learning this half term we are reading 'Pip and Posy the Super Scooter'. To coincide with this, we shall be holding a **scooter and bike wash** to raise some money to upgrade our construction resources.

Bring your scooter or bike to nursery for a clean. **50p per scooter**

- Yellow Group – Tuesday
- Green Group – Wednesday
- Blue Group – Thursday
- Yellow, Green, Blue Group - Friday

If your child does not attend nursery when it is their colour wash day, they can bring their scooter on the next day on which they come to nursery. If your child would like to wash their scooter or bike again, they may bring it to nursery on Friday as well.

Finally, nursery would be very grateful for any donations yoghurt pots, plastic/cardboard tubes, plastic lids or other items which can be used in nursery for children to make musical instruments. Please remember that these items will be used by very young children, so should be of a suitable material and size.



# Toilet Training Coffee

## Morning

**Wednesday 19th July 2023**

**9.15am - 11.00am**

A coffee morning held by NHS  
Continence Support Workers, Debbie  
and Courtney.

