



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 6th November 2023

[www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org](http://www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org)

**Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.**



Attendance figures for week ending 3rd November.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	92.0
Mrs Hibberd	93.0
Mrs Thorpe	90.8
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	97.0
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	92.0
Mrs Timmons	95.0

Whole school attendance = 93.2%

## 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.

If you need to contact **nursery** for any reason, then please call the school office number (including if your child will be absent). If you call the nursery number, this will automatically divert to the school office.

## Trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts needed

We now have enough spare pants and socks for girls (many thanks for those), but would be very grateful for **trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts** (all sizes) please!

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

## PE days - reminder

Every half term Year 1 and Year 2 switch PE days so that all children get to work with the two coaches we have in school on these days. F2's day stays the same. Therefore, for this half term the Big PE days are:

**F2 = Tuesday**

**Year 1 = Thursday**

**Year 2 = Friday**

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Ophelia and Marshall	Ariana and Evelyn
	
Aveah and Isabella Bu	Harmony and Bradley
	
Beatrice and Zoe	Effe and Bryn

## Autumn Discos

We hope that everyone enjoyed our Autumn Discos last week! A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped to make the two evenings a success!

We would also like to thank the following shops which donated sweets, drinks and decorations:

- ASDA, Drakehouse (sweets)
- Morrisons, Halfway (sweets, decorations and drinks)
- Premier Shop, Westfield (sweets and drinks)

## Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality at school are critical for your child's education.

Did you know that an overall attendance percentage by the end of the school year of 90% is equal to 19 lost school days - that is nearly 4 weeks of lost learning?

We monitor attendance of all children, and are aiming for children to have attendance that is at least 94% or better. Attendance that falls below this target will start to be monitored.

Attendance below 90% means that your child is classed as 'persistently absent'. **If, last half term, your child's attendance was below 90%, you will receive an attendance awareness letter today.** Should your child's attendance not show signs of improvement over the next 4 weeks, then we will invite you to meet with us to discuss further support we can offer to help improve this.

Should you require any further support with your child's attendance or punctuality then please come and speak to us.

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

**Don't miss out on the education you deserve.**



## Book Fair - change of days

This week, our Scholastic book fair will be open in the school hall on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th from 8:15am to 8:40am, and on Wednesday after school from 3pm.**

You will be able to pay for books with cash, or with your credit or debit card via a QR code.

## Considerate Parking

Please be considerate when you are parking outside of school. We know that the road is busy and often congested, but please be considerate of our neighbours who still require access to their properties at all times. Please do not double park, block driveways or turn around on private ground. Thank you for your anticipated support.

## Food bank collection

We are continuing to run donations for the food bank this week. Please bring in anything you can contribute to the school office.

<b>Items New Hope Food Bank Need...</b>	
Tinned Potatoes	Sugar
Tinned Chicken Curry	Coffee
Fray Bentos Pies	Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Instant Mash	Curry Sauce
Tinned Stew/Mince	Long Life Puddings
Tinned Ravioli	Dilute Juices
Tinned Meatballs	Toilet Rolls
Toiletries Mens/Ladies	Household Cleaning Products

## BioFest Discovery Nights

**4-8pm, Tues 14 & Wed 15 Nov**

**Firth Hall, Firth Court, University of Sheffield**

**Free and open to everyone. No need to book.**

Two evenings of science discovery featuring artworks, short films from award winning creative agency **Human**, and hands-on activities suitable for a range of ages. All are designed to explain our science and how it tackles the biggest global challenges facing us today.

Our BioFest night on Wednesday 15th November sees the emphasis on exciting and enticing family friendly science activities with a series of hands-on exhibits especially suited to ages 5-11. These are, though, sufficiently engaging to occupy everyone with a keen and curious mind...so bring along family and friends.

The next generation of Bio Scientists are invited to embark on a captivating journey into the world of cutting-edge bioscience research as the University of Sheffield launches BioFest, a unique new festival designed to illuminate the wonders of life. With hands-on exhibits suited to ages 5-11, information on career pathways and a collaborative film made with pupils from five Sheffield schools, there is plenty to stimulate the innovators of tomorrow at the free 'Discovery' events on **14/15th November**.

14th aimed at secondary schools: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-tuesday>

15th aimed at **primary schools**: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-wednesday>



## **Starting school in September 2024—reminder**

If you have a child, and are interested in them starting with us in September 2024, we still have an open evening planned for you to come and look around the school, **November 16th at 4pm.**

Please call the school office on 248 2360 to book onto one of the open evenings.

## **Year 2 children—reminder**

Children in year 2 will have received information about applying for their year 3 space for September 2024.

**Halfway Junior School will be holding an open evening on 14th November.** This event is designed to give you information about this school, and a chance to look around. Children are able to attend with you.





## South East Local Area Committee Public Meeting

# Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

6.30-8.30pm

**Fire & Rescue Centre**

**Beaver Hill Road, Handsworth S13 9QA**

We have worked with the community and begun to develop a community plan for the South East Area. At our next meeting we want to look at our local Environment and what this means to you.

## Our Local Environment



- Find out how our green spaces are looked after and what the current plans are to develop the parks/green spaces in the South East.
- Tell us what you think works in our local area and what could be improved to encourage all our community to be outdoors and staying active as much as possible.
- Meet the people who work to keep our green spaces nice, from Council employees, linked services and local volunteers.
- Speak with other council services and your local councillors.

Our local environment is important for our physical and emotional health, as well as being a large part of creating a pleasant and welcoming community for all.

Lets talk about our shared spaces and how we want them to be in the future.

This event is free and you do not need to pre-book, however if you wish to do so you can use this QR code:



## Free Beighton Orchard Fruit Tree Pruning Workshops

Calling all residents in the South East area. The SCC Community Forestry Team (in conjunction with Sheffield Fruit Trees) are providing FREE practical workshop in fruit tree pruning at Beighton Orchard (on Saturday 18th November and Sunday 10th December)

In the workshop we will learn key principles for pruning fruit trees in the orchard to maintain good tree health and to produce a good crop .

The workshop will include a full introduction to explain the principles of fruit tree pruning, followed by practical pruning work.

Tools and gloves will be provided - no previous pruning experience necessary.

To book on either session please visit

[Beighton Orchard Workshops | Eventbrite](#)

Or use the below QR code:

