



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 14th November 2022

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.



Attendance for the week ending 11th November 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	100
Mrs Hibberd	91.4
Miss Dale	72.9
Mr Folmer	94.7
Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Hipkin	92.3
Mrs Timmons	97.6

Whole school attendance = 90.8%

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

Some dates for the diary

Big PE days this half term

F2 BIG PE day is Tuesday

Y2 BIG PE day is Wednesday

Y1 BIG PE day is Thursday

Anti Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day—Monday 14th November

Flu nasal vaccinations

Thursday 17th November (*The online consent form has now closed. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school, please ring 0333 358 3397*)

Children in Need Day—The Great Spotacular

Friday 18th November

Christmas dates are attached to this newsletter

School site – polite reminder

We ask that adults do not smoke or vape on our school site, or around our school gates.

Parking

We understand how difficult it can be to park outside school. However, we kindly ask you to be considerate of our neighbours and not to double park or block their driveways. Thank you.

Nursery News

Could we ask you please to help your child children practise putting their coats on, and zipping them up, now that the colder weather is coming. Also, we would be very grateful for donations of any Christmas decorations that you may be getting rid of, and any wrapping paper that you no longer need.

Anti-bullying week

This week is anti-bullying week and we shall be doing lots of learning through our RSHE sessions, as well as our assemblies, around the importance of being a good friend. To start off this week, we had lots of children coming to school in odd socks, which encourages everyone to express themselves, and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.



Children In Need – Friday 18th November

The Great Spotacular! Every year we join in with Children In Need to help raise money for this important charity, as well as raise awareness about the valuable work it does across the country and within our local community. On November 18th we are asking children to come to school dressed in spots. You can make donation of £1 for SPOTacular day on <https://www.hnipay.co.uk>.



Halfway Junior School – Y2 open evening—reminder

A letter was shared with our Y2 families last week about Halfway Junior School's open evenings, which are being held on Monday 14th November at 4:30pm and Thursday 24th November at 4:30pm. These open evenings will be based in the school hall and will start off with a presentation, designed to give you an understanding of the school, its vision and what your children will experience should they join in Y3. There will also be an opportunity to look around the school and ask any questions. Whilst these evenings are primarily designed for parents, children are welcome to attend should you think it is suitable. Once your child has a confirmed place at the Junior School, a full transition programme will be shared with you in the Summer term, which ensures that children, and families, are ready for the transition.

Christmas Dates

On Friday we shared with you our Christmas diary dates (these are also attached to this newsletter). A big thank you to our parent group who are organising and running the Christmas Disco and the Christmas Fayre. They are also running a Christmas raffle, which will include themed Christmas hampers. Each year group has been given a colour theme for its hamper and we are asking for a small donation of an item in that colour to help make up some amazing hampers! Please see below the hamper colours for each year group:

Nursery – ORANGE

Foundation Stage – GREEN

Year 1 – BLUE

Year 2 – RED

We are also asking for any donation of raffle prizes. Please hand in any donations to the school office or your child's class teacher. More information about these events will follow over the coming weeks, including information about tickets for the Christmas performances and disco.

RockSteady

KS1 children have enjoyed an assembly from RockSteady this morning. RockSteady is an independent company that offers children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument during school time. Before the Covid pandemic RockSteady visited the school each week. Children really enjoyed the lessons, and some even continued with them when they moved the Junior school. If this is something your child is interested in, then please read the information on the leaflet they brought home with them today (and which is attached to this newsletter).

School Council



Our super school council was all set for a litter pick on Tuesday when, unfortunately, there was a heavy downfall of rain. We decided to postpone the litter pick until next week and, instead, made a start on some posters to help our community in and out of school understand what to do with their litter. You will spot these posters up in school very soon – keep your eyes peeled!



TT Rockstars competition

This week children in year 1 and year 2 are invited to join in with a national TT Rockstars competition. More information about this was shared with you on your child's Tapestry account. The winning classes will be announced in assembly on Friday. Good luck rockstars!

COVID-19 – Reminders

Can I access the school site if I have tested positive for COVID-19?

We kindly ask that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not come onto school site, so that we avoid the spreading of the virus to other pupils, families and staff. Should this pose difficulties for you with dropping off and collecting your child from school, then please contact the school office.

The guidance below is taken from the government's website and can be found in full at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education - Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should, where they can, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should, if they can, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

NHS website updates

The NHS website has also been updated to reflect common COVID-19 symptoms and advice on what to do if your child is unwell. The link can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19.



Halfway Nursery Infant School

Christmas Diary Dates

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre

During the day, each class will have a slot to visit and parents may join them during this slot if they wish.

Monday 5th December – EYFS Christmas Disco

4pm – 5pm

Children in nursery and Foundation Stage are invited to come back to school for a disco!

Tuesday 6th December – KS1 Christmas Disco

4pm – 5pm

Children in Y1 and Y2 are invited to come back to school for a disco!

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Dinner day!

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Thursday 8th December – Save the Children official 'Christmas Jumper Day'

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Thursday 8th December – Family of Schools carol singing

6pm

Our school choir will be representing us at Crystal Peaks

Friday 9th December – Santa under the tree

All children will get to meet Santa Claus as he visits us on this day. Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school.

Thursday 15th December – Nursery Christmas party

Children are invited to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes. School will be providing all party games and food.

Friday 16th December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas party

Children are invited to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes. School will be providing all party games and food.

Further information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters.





Halfway Nursery Infant School presents...

Nursery Christmas Performances

'Here we go round the Christmas tree'

Monday 12th December – 10:30am and 2pm

Foundation Stage Christmas Performances

'The Nativity Before Christmas'

Tuesday 13th December – 2pm

Wednesday 14th December – 9:30am

Year 1 Christmas Performances

'A Christmas Cracker!'

Thursday 8th December – 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December – 9:30am

Thursday 15th December - 2pm

Year 2 Christmas Performances

'Wiggly Nativity'

Thursday 8th December - 2pm

Thursday 15th December – 9:30am

*Due to limited numbers in the school hall, these performances will be ticketed.
Further information about tickets will be shared with you in upcoming newsletters.*



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR VERY OWN ROCK BAND?

ROCK STEADY™

Enrol today at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Is your child more excitable than usual this evening? Apologies, that might have something to do with Rocksteady! Today your child got a taste of what it's like to perform in a rock band, and this letter tells you how they can be part of the fun every week.

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, and even academic achievement.

Here's some more information about what your child could experience:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's totally **inclusive** and **accessible** for all.
- Your child can choose from **drums, vocals, keyboard or electric guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their bandmates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where together they'll learn some of their favourite songs, developing up to 300 musical skills along the way.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their Rocksteady concert at the end of each term, showing you and their friends just how far they have come.
- Rocksteady is the largest provider of **rock** and **pop** band lessons, working with thousands of UK primary schools every year. Our experienced band leaders will **guide and inspire** your child to progress their musical skills at your child's own pace, ensuring they enjoy the journey.
- A **highlight of the school week**, your child could enjoy the Rocksteady experience for £37.29* a month (no payment in August). There is a **money back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.
- You'll also receive **regular updates** on your child's **progress** through the parent timeline.
- Your child will become either a **Mini Rocker** (Reception to Year 2), **Rock Hero** (Year 3 and Year 4) or a **Rock Icon** (Year 5 and Year 6).

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place. To secure your child's spot in the band or find out more visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,
Mark Robinson | Chairman and Founder

*Monthly pricing is subject to change, usually September of every academic year



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HERE'S WHAT SOME PARENTS AND HEADTEACHERS
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ROCKSTEADY LESSONS



90% OF PARENTS TOLD US
ROCKSTEADY LESSONS IMPROVE THEIR CHILD'S WELLBEING*

96% OF HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS BOOST THEIR PUPILS **CONFIDENCE***

100% OF HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT **POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR PUPILS***

“
My son's confidence has skyrocketed since starting Rocksteady!
”

Emily

“
It's very inclusive for my daughter to access with her disability.
”

Alison

“
Rocksteady is the very first school club my 9 year old has ever been interested in.
”

Emma

“
My child really looks forward to his Tuesday lesson, it is one of the highlights of his school week.
”

Justine

“
My daughter thoroughly enjoys Rocksteady, so much she wishes it wasn't once a week but every day.
”

Anthony

“
What Harry truly loves about Rocksteady is being part of a band.
”

Nicky

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or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am–5pm Monday to Friday

*From a survey of 105 primary schools and over 1,100 parents

