



# Halfway Nursery Infant News

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## This week's updates...

### **Welcome back**

Happy new year! We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas break.

It has been wonderful to welcome all our families back today and hear about all the exciting things the children have been up to during the holidays.

As always, this half term will be filled with lots of new learning experiences for all our children as we head into Spring. Later on this week you will receive your child's curriculum newsletter which shares with you what your child will be learning this half term.

Children in Foundation stage 2, year 1 and year 2 will also begin their reading sessions this week and new books will be brought home on Wednesday.

### **Welcome to Mr Silenti**

We are delighted to share with you that Mr Silenti will be joining us as our new caretaker, having started with us yesterday. He is looking forward to getting stuck in and getting to know everyone. Thank you to Mr Armitage who has been helping us out temporarily.

### **PE**

When we introduced PE kits at the start of this academic year we asked that children had the correct school PE kit by Easter. This was to give families enough time to organise for this change.

As a reminder, the PE kit we will expect to see in school from Easter will need to consist of:

- Black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms
- White T Shirt (with or without the logo)
- Black, navy or royal blue jumper (optional) (with or without the logo)
- Trainers or pumps

Don't forget that PE days have changed for children in year 1 and year 2 this half term (please see below for reminders of these changes).

### **After-school clubs**

Our after school clubs for this half term start next week. The deadline to book a place is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Arriving late to nursery - reminder**

In nursery, our registers are taken at the start of each session before children start their learning activities. After 30 minutes of a session starting, registers will be closed. If you arrive after this time then you will need to come to the school office once you have dropped your child off at nursery so they can be marked as present.

### **Attendance - reminder**

Good attendance and punctuality at school is important. Our attendance target this year is 95%. If your child's attendance so far this year has been at or above this target, they will be receiving an attendance certificate to say well done! If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then you will be receiving a letter to let you know about this and how school will be monitoring attendance and offering any support needed.

### **Spares needed!**

Our spare clothing supply is running low. We would be grateful for any donations of black trousers or leggings, particularly in sizes 7 years+. We would also be grateful of donations of any waterproof trousers from ages 4 years upwards to help support us in getting ready to launch our Outdoor Adventure sessions later on in the year. Any donations can be handed to the school office.

## Diary dates



- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** ~ Foodbank collection
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** ~ History van visit to school for year 2 (*payment item on ParentPay*)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** ~ Half term (school and nursery closed)

- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** ~ James Brunt land artist working with all children in school (*more information and payment item to be added to ParentPay soon*).

## PE DAYS reminder

Please see below for the days when each class will have their PE lessons this half term:

- **Gruffalos and Elmers** ~ Monday (*children come to school in their PE kit*)
- **Rainbow Fish** ~ Wednesday and Friday
- **Hungry Caterpillars** ~ Tuesday and Friday
- **Enormous Crocodiles** ~ Tuesday and Thursday
- **Crafty Chameleons** ~ Wednesday and Thursday

## Parking

To try to ease congestion outside of school, please avoid parking in front of the cones, on our neighbour's driveways or double parking along the road. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking into school.

**Free parking is available in the Supertram car park.**

## Contact us

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.

## Absences

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