



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 18th March 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 15th March

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	93.4
Mrs Hibberd	96.0
Mrs Thorpe	87.5
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	97.0
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	96.0
Mrs Timmons	96.9

Whole school attendance = 94.4%

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

Big PE days for this half term are as follows:

F2 = Tuesday
Year 1 = Thursday
Year 2 = Friday

Comic Relief

Many thanks to those who donated to Comic Relief. We raised a total of £79.50.

(Note—the window of opportunity to make donations via ParentPay has now closed.)

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.

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Amelia and Ophelia	Amelia and Millie
	
Romiie and Harrison	Oliver and Jay
	
Maisie and Henry	Molly-Maye and Harper

New After School Club!

We know how popular our after school clubs with Rich and Jess are, and how disappointed lots of our children can be if they do not get a place. Therefore, we are delighted to be able to offer an additional club after Easter—all about coding, run by Jam Coding. This club is for children in **years 1 and 2**.

The club will run every Tuesday, starting on 23rd April.

To sign up for the coding club, please **follow the instructions provided on the attached flyer**.

!! Please note, Jam Coding deals directly with bookings and payments, and will allocate spaces on a first come, first served basis. !!

Spring Disco

We are really excited to be able to hold our Spring Discos next week—details below.
A big thank you to the HIP group for organising these.

Games!

Spring Discos

Dancing!

Year Group	Date	Time	Ticket Price
Nursery	Monday 25 March	3.30pm-4.00pm	£2.50 per ticket (30 minute session)
E2	Monday 25 March	3.10pm-4.00pm	£3.50 per ticket (50 minute session)
Year 2	Monday 25 March	4.10pm – 5.00pm	£3.50 per ticket (50 minute session)
Year 1	Thursday 28 March	3.10pm – 4.00pm	£3.50 per ticket (50 minute session)

Tickets available through ParentPay. Ticket prices include entry, a drink and a sweet treat. Children are invited to wear/bring their party outfits or fancy dress. No onesie's though please! Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking your tickets.

Fun!

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week we are holding a Scholastic book fair! The book fair is a great way for your child to top-up their bookshelf whilst raising funds for school. They can also spend their World Book Day tokens! Information about opening times, and how to pay for the books will be sent out later this week.

Easter Fun—reminder

Each year group will run their egg hunt and bonnet parade on the same afternoon.

Dates

F1 – Monday 25th March (am and pm)

F2 – Tuesday 26th March

Y1 – Thursday 28th March

Y2 – Wednesday 27th March

Easter Bonnet Parades

Nursery

After the Easter egg hunt, parents are invited to come into the nursery playground from 11.00 am (morning sessions) and 2.30 pm (afternoon session) for their child's year group Bonnet Parade.

F2, Y1 and Y2

F2, Y1 and Y2 will parade around the bottom yard. Parents are invited to come at 2.30 pm for the parades.

Children will be invited to make a bonnet at home, and all children who attend on the day will receive an Easter egg kindly donated by HIP group.

Helpful Hints from the 0-19 Service at Sheffield Children's

The following link will take you to the latest issue of Helpful Hints from the 0-19 Service at Sheffield Children's:

[https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?e= test email &u=e46c07b501bea1d9055c6a5fa&id=62ed28e6fc](https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?e=test_email&u=e46c07b501bea1d9055c6a5fa&id=62ed28e6fc)

Parent's Evening - 19th and 20th March

Our next set of parent's evenings for children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will take place on **19th and 20th March**. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. Please use the appropriate link below to book a time to meet with your child's teacher. If you are unable to make one of the dates, please speak with your child's teacher to arrange a suitable alternative date.

Class 1 (Miss Clewes)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-1-miss-clewes-1920-march-tickets-852122650787?aff=oddtcreator>

Class 2 (Mrs Hibberd)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-2-mrs-hibberd-1920-march-tickets-852131697847?aff=oddtcreator>

Class 3 (Mrs Thorpe)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-3-mrs-thorpe-1920-march-tickets-852137224377?aff=oddtcreator>

Class 4 (Mrs Briggs/Miss White)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-4-miss-whitemrs-briggs-1920-march-tickets-852147134017?aff=oddtcreator>

Class 5 (Mrs Bettinson/Miss Hughes)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-5-miss-hughesmrs-bettinson-1920-march-tickets-852157655487?aff=oddtcreator>

Class 6 (Mrs Timmons)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-6-mrs-timmons-1920-march-tickets-852169310347?aff=oddtcreator>

Imagination Gaming activities

During the Easter Holidays Imagination Gaming is delivering activities at Eckington Library to help support the Healthy Holidays Programme in Derbyshire.

Its '**learn to play, play to learn**' activity programmes are hugely popular, and its vast compendium of table-top games means that it has something for all.

Attached is a poster with more information about the activities on offer, and you can learn even more about Imagination Gaming at <https://imaginationgaming.co.uk/>

MILK ORDERS FOR AFTER EASTER

Once children reach the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free school milk unless they receive income-related free school meals (whilst all infant aged children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, only children eligible for income-related free school meals are able to claim free milk).

If you think your child may be entitled to income-related free school meals but are not currently in receipt of them, please go to <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolmeals>. Applying is easy, but there are lots of benefits such as food vouchers over holidays etc.

If your child is not entitled to income-related free school meals and would like to have milk after Easter, please see the following:

For children who are already 5 - Please go to ParentPay to make payment.

Children who will become 5 during the Summer term (Easter to 23 July) - please pay the proportional amount on ParentPay if your child wants milk after their 5th birthday.

Children who are not 5 until after 23 July - you do not need to do anything: your child will continue to receive their free milk.

Children who are entitled to income-related free school meals - you do not need to do anything: your child will continue to receive their free milk.

PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 21 MARCH, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE TOO LATE. We have to place our order with the dairy by then, and cannot change it until after the Summer term has started.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Tatham in the School Office on 0114 2482360



Does your child use an Xbox, PlayStation or Nintendo games console?

UK Safer Internet Centre has a page on its website full of top tips to ensure your child is using these consoles safely. Below are links to 'top tips' guides for each console that tell you how to set up and use parental controls.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>

Advice for parents and carers

Games consoles



Useful websites:

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.internetmatters.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety



“ 78% of the jobs children will do when they are older will involve coding. ”

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GAMEBUILDING Afterschool Club_

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children’s digital skills. This **game building** workshop will teach children how to code and build their very own 3D computer game. Children will have fun creating interactive animations and games using visual coding. Working in teams, they will learn how to think logically and solve problems. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



DATES :

Every Tuesday, 23/04/2024 - 21/05/2024

TIME :

3:00pm - 4:00 pm

PRICE :

£7 per child per session



BOOK HERE : <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/2793>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.

N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:

07522077282 | sheffield.south@jamcoding.co.uk

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Easter Healthy Holiday Activities



Imagination Gaming

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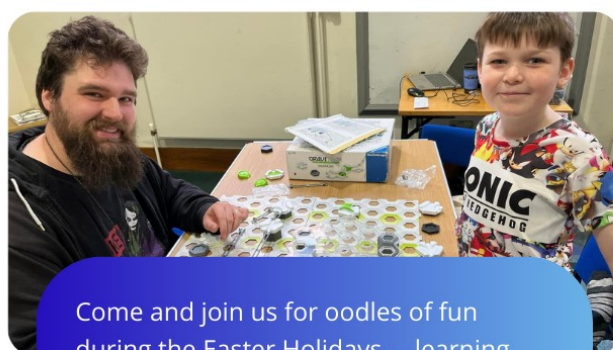
Holiday Activities

**Eckington
Library**

Friday 12th April

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

A healthy lunch will be provided
during the session.



Come and join us for oodles of fun during the Easter Holidays ... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world. Games that are easy to pick up but hard to put down! The cornerstone of our "Learn to Play, Play to Learn" motto. With lots of new games hot off the press, robotics, coding and problem solving our mind-bending puzzles are guaranteed to make you smile! With a few Easter themed titles to eggcite and entertain! Make your move and come join us ... take on your friends, make some new friendships and have a wonderful time! Free spaces available for all Primary and Secondary School aged children and young people in receipt of free school meals and children and young people who have Special Education Needs or Disabilities. Why don't you hop along and join us!



To book your place
Scan the QR Code



Email: interest@imaginationgaming.co.uk
For Further Information

Web: imaginationgaming.co.uk



FREE workshops for all children who receive income based free school meals

**St Leonard's Community Church
S2 2FH**



**Wonka
Workshop**

Tuesday 2nd April
11am-3pm
Age 5-10



**Matilda
Workshop**

Monday 8th April
11am-3pm
Age 5-10

Booking essential

<https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org>

**Lion King
Workshop**

Thurs 4th April
11am-3pm
Age 5-10



**Shrek
Workshop**

Tues 9th April
11am-3pm
Age 5-10



Musical Theatre workshops

Dance, acting, singing, games and craft



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