



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 22nd April 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 19th April

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	90.0
Mrs Hibberd	94.0
Mrs Thorpe	87.9
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	98.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	99.0
Mrs Timmons	90.0

Whole school attendance = 93.1%

PE days

Don't forget that this half term PE days have changed for children in year 1 and year 2.

Please see below for the days for your child's PE lessons

F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Friday

Year 2 = Thursday

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

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Amelia and Skyla	Orfhlaith and Gemma
	
Isabella Br and Kairo	Jackson and Elsie
	
Xander and Joey	Ava and Jacob

Family affected by a house fire

Many of you will be aware that over the weekend one of our families suffered a house fire causing significant damage and loss. Lots of our school and extended community have already kindly been offering donations and help. To help them start to rebuild their lives, the family has set up a Go Fund Me page. We know lots of you are aware of this; however, with permission from the family, we are sharing the link for those of you who may wish to donate.

The donation page can be found at: <https://gofund.me/2694bc2a>

The family are very appreciative of all the donations and support they are receiving.

Penalty Notice fines for School Attendance are changing

Please take some time to look at the attached 'Changes to penalty notice fines for school attendance' poster which will come into force from 19th August 2024. It is important that you have a look at this poster as there are a number of changes, including the fine amount, and the introduction of fining for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. Please note that these changes are city-wide and not just for our school; they will be applied to all schools in Sheffield. Our attendance policy will be updated for September 2024 in-line with these changes.

Summer weather

As we hopefully start to see sunnier days, please help us to practise sun-safety by sending your child in with a named sunhat, water bottle, and apply suncream before they come to school/nursery. We shall continue to work and play outside, seeking shade when necessary.

After-school activity club for Summer 1 — Ballet

The texts confirming whether or not your child has a place in this club have gone out, and the payment option is on ParentPay.

The club was very oversubscribed, with nearly twice the number of applications for the places we have available. We try to allocate places as fairly as we can, and every child does eventually get a place in a club, but we are sorry for any disappointment if your child did not get a place this time.

Free Eat Smart Sheffield webinar—10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance

Eat Smart Sheffield is offering free places on a webinar for parents/carers on how to eat well and save money. To book a place, go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10-top-tips-for-a-healthier-bank-balance-tickets-868934786337?aff=oddtcreator>

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Sheffield SEND Local Offer

Does your child or young person have a special educational need or disability?

Sheffield City Council has a website with information about support and services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities aged 0-25 years. This is known as the 'Local offer'. It is part of a website called the **Sheffield Directory**, which also covers services for adults, children and families.

The Local Offer provides information on:

- Childcare
- Education and Training
- Transition into Adulthood
- Health and Wellbeing
- Money Matters
- Things to Do
- Help with Caring
- Getting Around
- Staying Safe



Visit the website:

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/>

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