



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 15th April 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 29th March

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	95.3
Mrs Hibberd	95.4
Mrs Thorpe	93.8
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	91.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	97.5
Mrs Timmons	92.5

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

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**

## Parking reminder

We are aware that parking outside of school can be a challenge. However, please do not park in front of our neighbours drives as they need access to them at all times. Please also be mindful of where you do park, to ensure you have not blocked in anyone and have allowed enough space for other cars to pass you.

## 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.

**NOTE—This week's Learners of the Week will appear in next week's newsletter.**

## Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone had a lovely Easter holiday and had a chance to rest and relax, ready for the final term of the year. This half term marks the start of our Summer term, where we are hoping to see a little more sunshine! As always, this term is a busy one, with lots going on in school. Information about upcoming events will be shared with you in our weekly newsletters, so please keep an eye on these each Monday.

## Scholastic Book Fair

This week we are excited to be holding another book fair in school, where there are lots of books to choose. The book fair will be held in the school hall. You can pay by card, but paying with cash would be quicker and easier for you! The book fair will be held in our school hall on the following days:

- **Monday 15th April from 2:55pm**
- **Thursday 18th April from 8:30am and from 2:55pm**

## News about Rich

Lots of you will know our sports coach, Rich, who came into school to work with our classes in PE each week and ran a very popular weekly after school club. We are sad to say that, due to a change in career, Rich will no longer be working in schools as a sports coach and, therefore, will not be working with us. Rich has been a part of our school for many years, having taught hundreds of our current and ex-pupils, instilling a love of sports and fitness in many. We know how much our pupils enjoy his sessions and clubs and how much he will be missed. We would like to say a huge thank you to Rich for his dedication to the school over the years, and to wish him all the best for his future career.

## After School Clubs for this half term

Due to the sad news about Rich, the football after school club will no longer be running. Any payments made will be reimbursed. Ballet with Jess will continue to run this term, starting on Friday 26th April. Families will be notified by the end of this week whether or not their child has a place in the club.

Our new coding club will start on Tuesday 23rd April, run by Jam Coding, for children in year 1 and year 2. To sign up for the coding club, please follow the instructions provided on the separate flyer.

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

## Fundraising—reminder

A group of pupils from our school have decided to take part in the Lidl Tough Mudder on 6th July, with the aim of raising money for our school. If you would like to sponsor them please use the link below to access their **gofundme** page.

<https://gofund.me/4f4f60fb>.



“ 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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# 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/>

Join our **Sheffield SEND Facebook Group** to receive updates from the 0-25 SEND Service in Sheffield City Council!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/953107629404035>



# Positive Parenting



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