



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25th March 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 22nd March

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	98.3
Mrs Hibberd	96.7
Mrs Thorpe	89.6
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	95.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	94.0
Mrs Timmons	99.0

Whole school attendance = 95.6%

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

NURSERY CHILDREN: RENEWAL OF PARENT/ CARER AGREEMENT FOR ALL FUNDED EARLY LEARNING (FEL/EFE) CHILDREN

You have received, or will shortly receive, a text form to sign. As you are aware, when your child started attending our Nursery, you signed an agreement setting out an arrangement between you and Nursery for accessing/providing Funded Early Learning and Extended Free Entitlement (if eligible). This agreement gives us authorisation to claim funding from Sheffield City Council for your child's Nursery place.

It is required that agreement to renew the contract must be provided by the parent/carer for each funding period (ie termly), so please sign and return the text form.

Parking reminders

Please do not park on or in front of our neighbours' drives at any time as this prevents them from accessing their properties.

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!

	
Connor and Ava P	Millie and Lola
	
Rosie and Olive	Daisy and Jonah
	
Jessica and Rosa	Olivia and Ayven

PE days after Easter break

Don't forget that next half term PE days change for children in year 1 and year 2.

Please see below for the days for your child's PE lessons after half term:

Big PE days for **NEXT** half term are as follows:

F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Friday

Year 2 = Thursday

Fundraising

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>.

Easter holidays

Don't forget that school closes on Thursday 28th March for the Easter holidays and **re-opens to all pupils on Monday 15th April**. Everyone at Halfway Nursery Infant School hopes that all our families have a wonderful holiday.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to all our families who were able to join us last week for parent's evening. If you were unable to make a meeting please speak with your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange a suitably convenient time to meet.

Class photographs

Class photographs will take place on **Tuesday 26th March**. If your child is in nursery and does not normally attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to be in the photograph, please bring them into nursery at 8:30am to join the group photograph. Children in F2 who would normally have PE on a Tuesday will need to come to school in uniform on this day.

Scholastic Book Fair

After Easter, we are excited to be holding another book fair, where children are able to use their World Book Day tokens towards the cost of a new book. 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 - 2:55pm

Thursday 18th April - 8:30am and 2:55pm

New After School Club - reminder!

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. !!

Football and Ballet after-school clubs

You can still apply for the chance of a place in the after-school Ballet club on Fridays after Easter - use the text form to apply.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, some of this half-term's football club sessions had to be cancelled. As the children who had places in the club have not had the full football club experience, we have decided to roll the club over, so those children will continue to have a place in football club after Easter. Please reply to the text form stating whether your child wishes to continue with football after Easter. (if any children don't want their places after Easter, we will offer the places to children who were not allocated a place last time).

Spring Disco

We are really excited to be holding our Spring Discos this week. Please see the information below. Tickets need to be purchased via ParentPay. Thank you to the HIP group for organising these discos - what a great way to end our term!

Games!

Spring Discos

Dancing!

Nursery	F2	Year 2	Year 1
Monday 25 March 3.30pm-4.00pm	Monday 25 March 3.10pm-4.00pm	Monday 25 March 4.10pm – 5.00pm	Thursday 28 March 3.10pm – 4.00pm
Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to nursery in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.	Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.	Children collected from school as usual at 2.55pm and return for the disco for 4.10pm.	Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.
£2.50 per ticket (30 minute session)	£3.50 per ticket (50 minute session)	£3.50 per ticket (50 minute session)	£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 onesies though please! Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking your tickets.

Fun!

Easter Fun—reminder

This week we will be holding our in-school Easter fun activities for our children. All children will take part in an egg hunt around the school/nursery grounds. On the day of your child's egg hunt, they will also take part in their Easter bonnet parade. Please see the dates and times below showing when your child will be joining in with the Easter bonnet parade, and when you are invited to come and watch. Please note that the parades will take place outside and are weather dependent. We are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather, but will be in touch as soon as we can should the weather change our plans.

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

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.

A big thank you to our HIP Group members for donating or sourcing all the prizes, and to the following companies for donating prizes:

Doorsteppa magazine
Taylor Forging Steelworks
Craig Richards
CR Asbestos Surveying
CDR Joinery
Honey and Co Nail Studio and Academy



Screen time

'Screen time' is the amount of time people spend using devices like tablets, phones, laptops or gaming consoles. The amount of time young people spend using these devices can be a source of worry and conflict for many families.

Below you will find advice from Childnet. The full article can be found at <https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Is there a perfect amount of screen time?

At Childnet, we often hear parents and carers asking about the 'perfect' amount of screen time for their children. However, there is no simple answer to this question.

In 2019, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) found that there is no ideal limit on screen time. Instead, the perfect amount of screen time will depend on your family and what works for you.

Quality over quantity

While the RCPCH have advised that there is no perfect amount of screen time, they have said that screen time should not replace exercise, time spent together as a family, or sleep. When thinking about the right amount of screen time for your children, it is useful to think about the quality of the time being spent on devices, and ask yourself what your child is gaining from their time online.

Top tips from families

- ① Give young people time warnings before asking them to come off of games. Some games cannot be saved until certain points are reached or rely on players working together as a team, meaning your child may feel like they are letting people down by leaving suddenly.
- ② Talk to your children about the games and apps they are using and how they work. Research and decide on a best way to communicate that their time online is coming to an end. Our [Parents and Carers Resource Sheet](#) has lots of websites to help you with this.
- ③ Model positive use of technology by following the expectations you set for your family, and discussing why they are important.
- ④ Make use of wellbeing settings, like screen time limits, 'do not disturb' functions and disabling autoplay on apps like Youtube and Netflix.

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. ”

Halfway Nursery Infant School | KS 1

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:

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