



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 11th March 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 8th March

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	99.3
Mrs Hibberd	91.0
Mrs Thorpe	90.4
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	95.2
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	96.5
Mrs Timmons	98.9

Whole school attendance = 95.0%

## PE days

Big PE days for this half term are as follows:

**F2 = Tuesday**  
**Year 1 = Thursday**  
**Year 2 = Friday**

**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!

	
Ariana, Harry and Kaiden	Bluebell and Luke
	
Rose and Lacey	Briar and Jessie
	
Bella and Rory	Bryn and Ferne

## British Science Week

This week we are joining in with British Science Week and the theme for this week is....time!

Children will be taking part in learning activities linked to this as well as joining in with live virtual sessions.



## World Book Day

We had such a lot of fun on World Book Day. It was great seeing the outfits, costumes and PJs the children came to school in.

### **Extreme Reading Challenge Winners!**

Congratulations to the winner of our Extreme Reading Challenge, Arthur, and runner-up, Poppy.



Our School Council found it very hard to select just 2 winners, but we had such a fab time looking at all the brilliant entries.

Well done to all of this year's entrants. Your teacher will be giving out certificates in class to all entrants.

Our winner, Arthur, receives a £10 WHSmith voucher and runner-up, Poppy, a £5 WH Smith voucher. We wonder which books they will buy next!!

Well done everyone!

## Easter Fun!

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.

## Comic Relief - March 15th—reminder

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is a 'non uniform' day—all children can come to school wearing something red. We are also inviting children to bring in a joke to tell on the day. On the day we shall be holding a fun 'Comic Relief Quiz'. Classes will compete against each other, and every child in the winning class will receive a prize.

**You can make donations to Comic Relief via ParentPay.**

## **Phonics screening parent meeting - Tuesday 12th March - reminder**

We will be holding our parent meetings about the phonics screening check on **Tuesday 12th March**. There will be two meetings for you to choose between: 2:15pm or 4:30pm and both will be held in the school hall. The meetings are for parents of children in year 1, as well as the parents of children in year 2 who will be re-sitting the check this year. The meeting will share with you information about the screening check, including what it is, who will be running it and how it will affect your child. Tips for supporting your child will be shared and resources given out, along with a chance to ask questions.

## **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>

## **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, and there are lots of benefits such as holiday period food vouchers.

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 from tomorrow (Tuesday) to make payment.

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

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

Children who are entitled to **income-related** free school meals - you don't 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.



Does your child have access to social media sites such as Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat or YouTube?

UK Safer Internet Centre have a page on their website full of 'Social Media Guides' for all the popular social media sites and how to use the security features to ensure accounts are set up safely and ways in which you can block and report content.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

#### Social media Hub

## Advice about key social media platforms and apps



Useful websites:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)