



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 20th November 2023

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Attendance figures for week ending 17th November.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	87.2
Mrs Hibberd	94.0
Mrs Thorpe	90.8
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	93.9
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	94.0
Mrs Timmons	87.0

Whole school attendance = 91.2%

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.

Trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts still needed

We would be very grateful for **trousers, jogging bottoms and polo shirts** (all sizes) please!

PE days - reminder

Every half term Year 1 and Year 2 switch PE days so that all children get to work with the two coaches we have in school on these days. F2's day stays the same. Therefore, for this half term the Big PE days are:




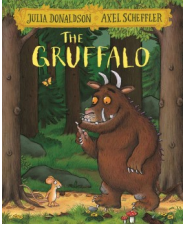
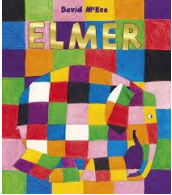
F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Thursday

Year 2 = Friday

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
<p>Kayden and Poppy</p>	<p>Aya-Lee and Harry</p>
	
<p>Alfie G and Romiie</p>	<p>Lennon and Willow</p>
	
<p>Olive and Rosa</p>	<p>Poppy and Noar</p>

Children In Need!

The children looked fabulous on Friday in their non-uniform/spots; we have never seen so many Pudsey ears (and children in F2 even made some more!). Well done to everyone who took part in our Pudsey design competition - we hope you had lots of fun. Our school council found it very hard to pick the winners. Congratulations to: Connie F (EYFS winner), Ella (Year 1 winner) and Tharun (Year 2 winner), who each won a special Pudsey cup.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance up to the end of last week was 94.2% which is just above our school target of 94%, which is great news!

However, we still have too many children whose attendance is falling into the persistently absent category of below 90%. If you need any further support with your child's attendance please come and see us, as every school day matters.



Parking on Rotherham Road

The PCSO visited school this week to let us know that they will be monitoring the parking and driving speed on Rotherham Road. Please be careful with the speed that you drive on this road, mindful that lots of children use these pavements to get to nursery and school. Please also be considerate to our neighbours when parking on this road, and do not block driveways or double park.

Christmas!

Please look at the Christmas diary dates planner at the end of the newsletter as there have been some updates.

Tuesday 12th December - children from Y2 have the opportunity to sing carols for the residents of Rose Cottage. A text form has been sent to children in Y2 to sign up for this.

Friday 15th December - Father Christmas is visiting us! All children will get the chance to meet him during the school day.

You will have also received a text form to complete to tell us for which Christmas performances you would like tickets. Please complete this form before **Friday 24th November**, so we can assign tickets to families. Don't forget that all babies or toddlers coming will also need a ticket.

Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair will take place in the school hall. Each class has a time slot to visit the fair. Parents are welcome to come and join their child during the time slot. If you are unable to attend the fair, then your child will still visit it with their class teacher and you are able to send in a small amount of money that they will be able to spend (we suggest no more than £5 in a named envelope/wallet). Time slots for each class are below:

9:10am – 9:40am = Nursery

9:55am – 10:25am = Elmers

10:40am – 11:10am = Gruffalos

11:25am – 11:55am = Hungry Caterpillars

1pm – 1:30pm = Rainbow Fish

1:45pm – 2:15pm = Crafty Chameleons

2:25pm – 2:55pm = Enormous Crocodiles

In preparation for our Winter Fair the HIP Group (Halfway Infant Parent Group) is asking for donations of:

Pre-loved books and jigsaw puzzles - to be brought into school from Monday 20th November.

Cakes/ biscuits - to be brought into school on the morning of Monday 4th December (shop-bought and home-made cakes and biscuits are welcome; however, please provide a list of ingredients on any items that are home-made).

We are also asking for donations for our popular Christmas coloured hampers! As before, each year group has been assigned a colour. Please bring in items of this colour for the hampers from Monday 20th November. Suggested items to bring in are: **biscuits, chocolates, sweets, stationery, Christmas decorations, candles, toiletries etc.**

Nursery = **yellow**

Foundation Stage 2 = **green**

Year 1 = **red**

Year 2 = **blue**

Raffle tickets for the hampers will be sold during the Winter Fair.

Christmas performances

Every year group will be taking part in a special Christmas performance. To meet fire regulations, our school hall/Nursery classroom each has a limited capacity. Therefore, each child (or family if there are siblings in the same year group) has been allocated 3 tickets for their performances. You will be sent a text form to complete this week in order for you to select the performances for which you would like tickets. Any toddler or baby attending the performance must be allocated a ticket.

The deadline to apply for tickets is Friday 24th November.

Police Christmas card design—reminder

South Yorkshire Police are inviting all young budding artists to enter their competition to design their official South Yorkshire Police 2023 Christmas card.

This year, Chief Constable Lauren Poultney and other members of team SYP will choose their favourite winning design to be made into their force Christmas card and shared with their partners and colleagues.

They would like entrants to think outside the box and use their creative flare to make something to show South Yorkshire Police spreading Christmas cheer. The more creative the better!

The competition is open to children aged 12 and under and they must have parental consent to enter the competition. The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 1 December and the winner will be announced on Tuesday 5 December.

You can submit your design entries via twitter, email or in the post. Tweet your entries to us at @syptweet using the hashtag #XmasCardSY

Email us at: corporatecomms@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Post: South Yorkshire Police,
Corporate Communications,
Carbrook House,
Carbrook Hall Road
S9 2DB

Terms and conditions

- All entries should be on A4 paper
- Entrants must be aged 12 or under at the time of entry.
- Entrants must have parental consent to enter the competition including permission for SYP to publish the entrants name and age on social media.
- For entries to be counted, they must include the child's name, age, address and a parent/guardians contact telephone number.
- The winner must give permission for the image to be used in promotional activities by the Force, both internal and external and be distributed to the media and used on social media.

Let us know if you enter the competition as we would love to see your designs!



The poster features a winter scene with a snow-covered igloo, a penguin, a red postbox, and a sign that says 'POLICE'. The text reads: 'Children's CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION'. Below the illustration, it says: 'Can you design our Christmas Card for 2023? Our Chief Constable Lauren Poultney and other members of team SYP will choose their favourite design as the competition winner. The closing date is midnight on Friday 1 December.' At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram, along with the hashtag #XmasCardSY and the South Yorkshire Police logo.

Diary Dates

See below for diary dates for the rest of this term.

Date	Event
Tuesday 21st November	Nursery Parent's Evening
Thursday 23rd November	Nursery Parent's Evening
Monday 4th December	Winter Fair
Tuesday 5th December	January Nursery starters welcome meeting
Wednesday 6th December	Flu immunisations
Thursday 7th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11th December	Christmas Sports Fun (F2 and Y1)
Monday 11th December	Y2 visit to HJS to watch the Nativity
Tuesday 12th December	Y2 choir visit to Rose Cottage Residential Home
Wednesday 13th December	F2 Christmas performance (am) Nursery Christmas performance (pm) Family of Schools Carol Concert at Crystal Peaks (6pm)
Thursday 14th December	Nursery Christmas performance (am) F2 Christmas performance (pm)
Friday 15th December	RockSteady Concert (am) Father Christmas school visit (all day) Y2 Crafty Chameleons trip to Westfield for Multi-Sports competition
Monday 18th December	Y1 Christmas performance (pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Y1 Christmas performance (am)
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas dinner day Y2 Christmas performance (am and pm)
Thursday 21st December	Y2 Christmas performance (am) Nursery Christmas party
Friday 22nd December	F2 and KS1 Christmas party End of term - Happy Christmas!



Halfway Nursery Infant School

Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 4th December – Winter Fair

During the day, each class will have a slot to visit and parents may join them during this slot if they wish.

9:10am – 9:40am = Nursery

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If your child only comes to Monday afternoon Nursery speak with Harley about a time to visit the fair. Children are invited to wear festive jumpers on this day.

Thursday 7th December – Save the Children official ‘Christmas Jumper Day’

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Monday 11th December – Christmas Sports Event

Children in F2 and Y1 will take part in a Christmas themed sports event in school, run by Sports Leaders from Halfway Junior School and Westfield. Children will need to wear PE kits on this day.

Monday 11th December – Y2 visit to Halfway Junior School

Children in Y2 will visit Halfway Junior School to watch the Y3/4 Nativity.

Tuesday 12th December – Y2 singing at Rose Cottage

Children in Y2 will have the opportunity to sing carols for residents at Rose Cottage.

Wednesday 13th December – Family of Schools carol singing

6pm

Our school choir will be representing us at Crystal Peaks.

Friday 15th December – RockSteady concert

9.30am

Children who take part in RockSteady lessons will be performing in their own concert at school!





Friday 15th December – Visit from Father Christmas

All children will get to meet Father Christmas. Children will be able to wear festive jumpers to school.

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner day!

Children are invited to wear festive jumpers to school on this day.

Thursday 21st December – Nursery Christmas party day

Nursery will be having a morning and an afternoon Christmas party. Children who do not attend Nursery on a Thursday will be invited to join in with one of the parties.

Children are able to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes (no onesies please). School will be providing all party games and food.

Friday 22nd December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas party

Children are able to come to school in festive jumpers or party clothes (no onesies please). School will be providing all party games and food.

Further information about these events will be shared in upcoming newsletters.





Halfway Nursery Infant School presents...

Nursery Christmas Performances

'Here we go round the Christmas tree'

Wednesday 13th December – 2:15pm

Thursday 14th December – 10:30am

Foundation Stage Christmas Performances

'The Nativity Before Christmas'

Wednesday 13th December – 9:30am

Thursday 14th December – 1:45pm

Year 1 Christmas Performances

'A Christmas Cracker!'

Monday 18th December – 1:45pm

Tuesday 19th December – 9:30am

Year 2 Christmas Performances

'Wiggly Nativity'

Wednesday 20th December – 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December – 1:45pm

Thursday 21st December – 9:30am

*Due to limited numbers in the school hall, these performances will be ticketed.
Further information about tickets will be shared with you in upcoming newsletters.*

