



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 15th January 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 12th January

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	97.0
Mrs Hibberd	100
Mrs Thorpe	90.6
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	95.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	97.6
Mrs Timmons	98.8

Whole school attendance = 96.7%

PE days

Big PE days for this half term are as follows. Please note that Year 1 and Year 2 have switched:

F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Friday

Year 2 = Thursday

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.

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

Resources

We are still looking for quality donations of the following items to be used in our outdoor provision:

- **Metal kettle**
- **Metal bowls and containers**
- **Metal ladles**
- **Metal teapots and jugs**
- **Metal sieves**

We are also looking for a **pop up tunnel for indoor use**.

If you have any of the items to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Scarlett and Owen	Aya-Lee and Tyler
	
Jacob and Sophia	Bradley & Lily
	
Xander and Sophie	Louie and Effe

After-school activity clubs for Spring 1 — Football and Drama

The letter confirming whether or not your child has a place in one of these clubs should have gone out on Friday or, if not, today. The payment option should be on ParentPay by tonight.

The clubs were very oversubscribed, with more than twice the number of applications for the places we have. 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.

Artist Visit!

We had a really great time when local artist Jame Brunt came into school last week. The children really enjoyed working with him to create a whole-school piece of art and watching this develop over the day. If you have not yet managed to see it, please do go and look (it is on the trim trail near Year 1).



Land Art Competition - winners

Well done to everyone who joined in with our land-art competition; James Brunt enjoyed looking at all the entries. Congratulations to our winners:

				
Nursery - Ida	F2 - Reggie	Year 1 - Hudson	Year 2 - Polly	Staff—Mrs Tatham

Attendance

The government is committed to raising attendance in schools. Our attendance target for this year is 94%. Every child that achieved this, or better, attendance at the end of the Autumn term received a certificate.

Our whole school attendance at the end of Autumn term was 94.1%, meaning that we are just above target—which is fantastic news!



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



New Nursery Starters

We hope that our new nursery starters have enjoyed their 'stay and plays'. We are really looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families. We know that starting someone new can be daunting, so please keep asking questions and talking to us, to make sure that we are getting it right for you and your child.

Curling

Some children in year 2 joined with pupils from Halfway Junior School and others from across Sheffield, to take part in a curling event today. They had great fun and enjoyed experiencing a different sport.

The Family Action ADHD Project Drop in Café mornings and Information sessions to all families affected by ADHD.

Drop-in Café mornings will take place on the following days:

- **TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY – LOWEDGES DROP IN CAFÉ (9:30AM – 12 NOON)**
- **FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY – SHARROW COMMUNITY FORUM DROP IN CAFÉ (9:30AM – 12 NOON)**
- **FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – SCOTIA WORKS DROP IN CAFÉ (9:30AM – 12 NOON)**
- **TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – LOWEDGES DROP IN CAFÉ (9:30AM – 12 NOON)**
- **TUESDAY 12TH MARCH – LOWEDGES DROP IN CAFÉ (9:30AM – 12 NOON)**

The following Information sessions will be held at Lowedges. These sessions provide an introduction to ADHD, the dates are as follows:

- **TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 10-11:30am LOWEDGES INFORMATION SESSION**
- **TUESDAY 19th MARCH 10-11:30am LOWEDGES INFORMATION SESSION**

Attached are leaflets containing more information about each of the sessions listed above.



PEGI VIDEO GAME AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

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The content of games with a PEGI 3 rating is considered suitable for all age groups. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to frighten young children. A very mild form of violence (in a comical context or a childlike setting) is acceptable. No bad language should be heard.

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Game content with scenes or sounds that can possibly be frightening to younger children should fall in this category. Very mild forms of violence (implied, non-detailed, or non-realistic violence) are acceptable for a game with a PEGI 7 rating.

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Video games that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters would fall in this age category. Sexual innuendo or sexual posturing can be present, while any bad language in this category must be mild. Gambling as it is normally carried out in real life in casinos or gambling halls can also be present (e.g. card games that in real life would be played for money).

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This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. The use of bad language in games with a PEGI 16 rating can be more extreme, while games of chance, and the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs can also be present.

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The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters. The glamorisation of the use of illegal drugs and explicit sexual activity should also fall into this age category.

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Useful websites:

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.internetmatters.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Baby and Us
Starting Monday 19th February 2024
10.00am - 12.00pm
Shortbrook Family Hub

This is a 9 week programme for parents/carers of babies from birth to 8 months and up to 1 year, if not yet walking

Baby and Us covers topics such as:

- Following your baby's cues
- How to recognise some of the early signs of communication before your baby cries
- How to feel more confident in your role as a parent
- Learning to communicate responsively with your baby
- Building a good attachment between you and your baby
- An opportunity to develop friendships with other parents
- Games, singing, physical touch and play to have fun with your baby
- Understanding your baby's behaviour
- Thinking about your relationships within the family and how these affect you and your baby
- Getting to know your baby's patterns such as sleeping and feeding, and how these change as they grow



For more information or to book, please contact Sheffield Parenting



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ADHD Parent/Carer Mental health Drop-In

Delivered by Family Action & the Adult Mental Health team supported by partners from Sheffield City Council.

The Sheffield ADHD Project are partnering with the Adult Mental Health team to celebrate the Parent Mental Health Day.

Come along to this informal drop in coffee morning and have a chat with other parents and meet staff from:

Sheffield ADHD Project, Sheffield Family HUBS, Ryegate, CAMHS and other agencies who support families affected by ADHD.

Friday 26th January 9:30am-12noon

Sharrow Community Forum, South View Road, Sheffield, S7 1DB

For more information, get in touch with the Sheffield ADHD Project



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ADHD Information Session

Delivered by the Family Action ADHD Project - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Come along to our Information session at the Lowedges Community Centre to learn more about how to support your child with ADHD.

In our information sessions, we discuss the basics of ADHD and provide advice for managing ADHD. Following the session materials will be provided as well as signposting to other services.

Please arrive on time for the session, and please note children cannot attend these sessions.

Tuesday 30th January: 10am-11:30am

Tuesday 19th March: 10am-11:30am

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For HELP, SUPPORT, ADVICE and INFORMATION....

Come along to this informal drop in coffee morning and have a chat with other parents and meet staff from:

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Friday 9th February 9:30am-12noon

Scotia Works, Leadmill Rd, Sheffield S1 4SE

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