



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 28 February 2022

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	F2 Big PE Day		Y2 Big PE Day	World Book Day Y1 Big PE Day	
And Next Week ?	F2 Big PE Day		Y2 Big PE Day	Y1 Big PE Day	Science Week Begins



Attendance for the week ending 25th February 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Mrs Jordan	98.0
Mrs Hibberd	90.6
Miss Dale	93.8
Mrs Bettinson/Mrs Briggs	97.9
Miss Hughes/ Mrs Hipkin	90.9
Mrs Timmons	96.6

Overall attendance for the week was 94.6%

Pretty Muddy Race For Life Appeal

A former pupil at our school, Harley Jo, is taking part in this year's Pretty Muddy Race For Life to raise funds for cancer research. This is something that is very close to the family's hearts after Harley Jo sadly lost her aunt to cancer 4 weeks ago at the age of 25. Harley Jo, therefore, wants to raise as much money as she can for this cause and the family have asked us to put this in our newsletter.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so at:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/harleys-race-for-life-5906?feed=0465dc39-d74e-412b-b143-be59b93e506b&fbclid=IwAR1E7UcPmn3TaoTsVYOpJaiH66DjpF>



Nursery News

World Book Day for nursery - children can come in PJ's (no onesies) and bring their favourite story book. Please ensure your child's name is in the story book.

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Could parents/carers please bring in a **photograph of their child as a baby** for use in our topic this term.

Premises news

The blockwork for the new entrance/office/toilet block is going really well and we are excited that we can now see where the external windows and door will be positioned! The nursery children are keeping a close eye on the progress too, and here is a photograph to show you how the project looks this week...



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 2022

This year's World Book Day theme is 'You Are a Reader'. We have decided to have a Pyjama day to celebrate.

Children can come to school wearing their PJs and bring their favourite story along with them (please make sure their book has their name clearly written inside). Children will be given time in class to share their stories with their friends and complete lots of reading and book themed activities throughout the day. This year we will be combining Book Day with the Sheffield Children's Hospital Pyjama Day to help others in our city. If you are able, we would be grateful if you would make a donation to the Sheffield Children's Hospital Pyjama Day fundraiser. This is raising some funds to improve the experience of the many children and families who need to stay overnight at Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/wear-your-pyjamas-to-school-day>

May we please ask that children refrain from attending in 'onesies'/all in ones as these can be difficult when it comes to toileting throughout the day.

In addition to our PJ day, we are also holding an 'Extreme Reading Challenge' for all children in school and nursery.

To enter, all children need to do is find somewhere new, fun and interesting to read and get someone to take a photograph of them reading there. Now be sure to think carefully and make sure the extreme reading location is not only interesting but also a safe place to read!

All entries should be uploaded to Tapestry by no later than 11am this Thursday, 3rd March 2022, with the title "Extreme Reading Challenge". We will share the photographs in class so the children can see all the creative places they found to read.

A winner from each class will be selected and will win a £5 gift voucher! In addition there will be an overall winner who will receive a £15 voucher! All prizes have been kindly funded by our Friends Group. We can't wait to see all your extreme reading photos!

Red Nose Day - 18th March

For Red Nose Day 2022, the School Councillors have met and have decided they would like children in school and nursery to wear red clothes on 18th March, and they are busy organising a Red Nose Day themed competition that will take place in the school day, presenting prizes for 2 children from each class.

Voluntary contributions of £1, or whatever you feel able to give, can be donated online at <https://www.justgiving.com/HNISRedNoseDay2022>

After school clubs

If you have registered interest in an after school for your child this half term, you will get a notification today or tomorrow to confirm whether your child has/has not secured a place at Disney Song and Dance (Y1) or Multi-skills (Y2). **Please note that, due to staff absence, the Multi-skills club will now be starting next week.**

Science Week - 11-20th March 2022

The theme for the 2022 British Science Week is 'Growth'! Growth links with multiple areas across science, technology, engineering and maths. Our Science Curriculum Lead, Mrs Bettinson, will be communicating with parents/carers on Tapestry to tell you what is happening around school, and she will also be sending out a post full of ideas for exciting, simple science experiments you may wish to try together at home!

Eat Them to Defeat Them

Our school is one of many across the UK taking part in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' programme.

The programme begins this week, starting with the much loved carrot, and then runs for 5 weeks.

There is a 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' guide for parents/carers which can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/prepare-for-victory>.



Covid-19 Guidance update to 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus outbreak'

On 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response.

COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

The government's priority is for schools, colleges, childminders and nurseries to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education and care to all children and young people to support educational attainment, life chances, as well as mental and physical health.

Some of the main messages from the most up to date guidance are:

- nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory (for schools) and strongly encouraged (at childminders, nurseries and colleges);
- the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only;
- updates have been made to tracing close contacts and isolation guidance to reflect new public health guidance (see below);
- update to the testing section to reflect that twice weekly testing in mainstream schools is no longer advised;
- if the number of positive cases substantially increases in our nursery or school (or if a nursery, school, or college is in an enhanced response area) we might be advised that additional measures should be introduced;
- all children aged 12 and over are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations;
- the guidance states that 'children and young people previously considered CEV should attend school and should follow the same COVID-19 guidance as the rest of the population';
- face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms and communal areas;
- education recovery programmes will continue to be delivered.

If you would like to read the full guidance that has been updated for parents/carers, you can find this at -

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a735646b-1b59-4f49-8e2a-37242068576c&utm_content=daily

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, but adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised by the government to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. **In line with this, we, therefore, still request that children and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 take a PCR test and, should this be positive, isolate for at least 5 days and until they have received 2 negative LFD test results on consecutive days.**

Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate by the government or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual should they be a contact.

Kind regards,

Paula Bestall