



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 5th June 2023

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Attendance for the week ending 26th May 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	94.3
Mrs Hibberd	96.7
Mrs Thorpe	100
Miss White	99.2
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	92.8
Mrs Timmons	87.0

Whole school attendance = 95.3%

Learners of the week

The names of this week's Learners of the Week will appear in next Monday's newsletter.

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.

The **nursery office** closes at 3.45 pm.

The **Superkids mobile number** is 07925197530 and should be used from 3.45pm - 6.00pm.

Nursery News

Nursery would be very grateful for any donations yoghurt pots, plastic/ cardboard tubes, plastic lids or other items which can be used in nursery for children to make musical instruments. Please remember that these items will be used by very young children, so should be of a suitable material and size.

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

Please remember:

Every day, your child needs to bring:

- A **sun hat**
- A bottle filled with **fresh water**
- A **rain jacket** (as this is England!)

Please also:

- Dress your child in **clothes that cover and protect the skin**
- Apply **sunscreen** before school

Toilet Training Coffee Morning

Attached to this newsletter are details of a toilet training coffee morning, which will be held in the nursery/Superkids building on **Wednesday 19th July**, starting at 9.15 a.m.

Welcome Back!

We hope that you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the sunshine! We can't believe that we are now in the final summer term of this year. This term is always busy, with lots going on, so please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates around key diary dates for the term.

Year 2 classrooms updates and school meal options update

You will have received information on Friday 26th June about problems we are having with the ceilings in the year 2 classrooms. We are working closely with, and acting under the guidance of, the Local Authority Health and Safety Team, to ensure that everyone is kept safe. For the time being, this means that the school hall is being used as a temporary classroom for the year 2 classes. Whilst this plan is in place, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have to eat their lunches in their classrooms, meaning the school kitchen will only be able to offer a sandwich option. Children in Nursery are not affected by this. They will still receive a hot lunch as they do not eat in the school hall.

Alternatively, you are welcome to send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch. However, please note that these must not contain nuts. A reminder about foods which are not allowed in school was also sent home on Friday 26th June.

We are hoping that we can work with the Local Authority to fix the problem in the year 2 classrooms as quickly as possible so that we can return to normal. We shall continue to keep you updated on this.

PE days for this term

Big PE days for this half term are:

Reception (Gruffalos and Elmers) - **Tuesday**

Year 1 (Rainbow Fish and Hungry Caterpillars) - Athletics on **Thursday**

Year 2 (Enormous Crocodiles and Crafty Chameleons) - Dance on **Wednesday**

Class photographs

Class photographs will be taking place on **Thursday 15th June** for all children.

Year 1 phonics screening check

Children in year 1 will be sitting their phonics screening check next week. Please use the packs sent home last term to support school by making sure your child is ready for their check. Should you have any questions about the phonics screening check, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Children who are in year 2 and did not pass the screening check in year 1 will also be re-sitting their check this week.

Please ensure that your child is at school every day during this week to enable them to complete their check.

New phonics scheme

After much research and close working with the English Hub, we are moving to a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. We feel that the new scheme will build upon our delivery of phonics, but will give us a lot more than we have with our current phonics scheme provider Bug Club. In preparation for this change, staff have had extensive training on implementing the new scheme, and a careful and systematic plan has been created to ensure over time a smooth roll out to all children in school.

You will receive a letter detailing more information this week. As well as the letter, the school website is also being updated with key information (<https://www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org/phonics>), and you can also access the parent section of the Little Wandle website, which is packed with information on how to support your child with their learning in phonics.

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/



Educational Visits

We are looking forward to taking the children out on their trips this half term. Further reminders about your child's trip, and what they need to bring with them on the day, will be shared with you over the coming weeks. Payments for the trips can continue to be paid at www.hnipay.co.uk, where you are able to pay the full amount, or instalments towards the full amount.

As always, we encourage you to come to speak to us to let us know of any problems you may have regarding the trips.

After-school activity clubs (Football and Disney Song & Dance)

As you know, currently Y2 are using the hall as a classroom, and we are waiting to hear from the Local Authority Health and Safety Team as to how long this situation is likely to last. Therefore, our after-school activity clubs may be affected. If your child has applied for a place in a club, we will let you know as soon as we can whether your child has been allocated a place, and when the clubs are likely to start.

Nursery children who will be starting school with us in September

You should have received a text form to complete with your child's details, and an information pack including some paper forms. Please complete and return all the forms as soon as you can, and certainly by **Wednesday 14 June** (the day of the Welcome to F2 meeting).

If you have any problems completing the forms, or haven't received your information pack or text form, please get in touch with the School or Nursery offices.

Sun safety

As the weather is now warmer, to help us keep your child safe in the sun at school, we ask you please to support us by:

- Applying a high factor sunscreen/sunblock (with a high UVA and UVB rating – the higher the rating, the better) to your child before nursery/school. Whilst we take precautions to limit sun exposure and offer shady spaces, much of the children's learning takes place both inside and outside. In addition to this, you may also wish to provide additional sunscreen for your child to apply during the day (which should be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to their teacher please), as we can encourage children to re-apply this over the course of the day when the weather requires it;
- Bringing a sun hat for your child to wear (a wider brim protects their neck/ears), with his/her name inside;
- Providing your child with a bottle filled with fresh water each day to keep him/her hydrated;
- Dressing your child in clothes that cover and protect the skin e.g. covering shoulders and legs etc.

Please can we take this opportunity to share a few simple but important sun safety steps, as recommended by the NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>.

Sun safety tips

- Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm, from March to October
- Never burn
- Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- Take extra care with children
- Wear a high factor sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection
- Wear suitable clothing, and spend time in the shade when the sun is at its hottest.

Vocabulary parade - 21st June

National Writing Day is an annual nation-wide celebration of the power of writing creatively, and it aims to inspire people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

After the success of last year's event we have decided to celebrate National Writing Day with another Vocabulary Parade on 21st June. This will be a non-uniform day as we would like you to get creative at home and think of a word that your child can 'dress' as for the day (please see below for examples!).

This school-wide activity is a fun way to encourage children to learn and explore new vocabulary. They will also engage in activities throughout the day to encourage them to develop their vocabulary and apply new words in their play and learning.

How does my child get ready for the parade?

Get creative!

Help your child select a word for the parade, one that would be fun to use to create a costume to represent the word and its meaning. You could design and create your costume using t-shirts, boxes, hats, fabric, etc. or keep it simple with clothes that are already in their wardrobe (there is no expectation to buy anything new or expensive).

Please make sure that your child can see and walk and play safely with the costume on, and is also able to use the toilet independently when wearing it (best to avoid onesies!)

Make a large vocabulary card with your child's word on it so everyone knows which word they have chosen to represent. Children can carry the card, make it into a headband, or have it as a part of their costume!

Need some inspiration? A few examples.....

'Colourful' - Wear as many different coloured items of clothing as you can;

'Thoughtful' - Draw and cut out lots of thought bubbles and question marks to attach to your outfit;

'Sparkly' - How many glittery items of clothing do you have? You could even add glitter to your hair.

These are just a few ideas, and we are sure you can come up with much more original and creative ideas than we have!

In the afternoon, we are inviting you to come and join us at 2:15pm (weather permitting) where children (including nursery children) will gather outside for a Vocabulary Parade to show off their creative outfits. In the event of rain, the parade will take place in the hall and unfortunately, due to numbers, parents will not be able to attend. Morning nursery children will hold their own vocabulary parade up in the nursery yard. Parents are invited to watch this parade at 11am.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic outfits, and hopefully learn some new and exciting vocabulary too!

School Uniform

Some of the suppliers of our logoed school uniform have suggested that orders for September be placed soon. Please see their websites or visit their shops for details.

Supplier:	Order via:
Branded Uniform	Shop at: Hunsley St, Sheffield S4 8DY www.branded-uniform.com
Pinders	Shop at Crystal Peaks
School Trends	www.schooltrendsonline.com
My Clothing (<i>was Tesco</i>)	www.myclothing.com



Toilet Training Coffee

Morning

Wednesday 19th July 2023

9.15am - 11.00am

A coffee morning held by NHS
Continence Support Workers, Debbie
and Courtney.



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (20 Days)							October (17 Days)							November (22 Days)						
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Denotes Bank Holidays

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195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Denotes INSET day