



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 7 March 2022

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

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



Attendance for the week ending 4th March 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Mrs Jordan	92.9
Mrs Hibberd	93.3
Miss Dale	96.8
Mrs Bettinson/Mrs Briggs	94.2
Miss Hughes/ Mrs Hipkin	93.1
Mrs Timmons	97.9

Overall attendance for the week was 94.7%

A Polite Request

We have been made aware of a number of concerns regarding parking/driving outside school which have been passed onto our local Police Community Support Officer to monitor.

Thank you for bringing these to our attention and for continuing to park responsibly outside school to keep our children safe as they arrive at/leave school and nursery each day.



Nursery News

Could parents/carers please bring in a **photograph of their child as a baby** for use in our topic this term. Could you also please write your child's name clearly on the back of the photo.

Thank you

Premises news

The scaffolding arrived at the end of last week and the contractors will be completing the upper block work ahead of the roof joists arriving on the 16th March. The new building really is taking shape!



Sharing information with parents and carers

Now the COVID measures are easing, schools are gradually returning to 'business as usual' in terms of how they operate.

The children are receiving their full, broad and balanced curriculum (after schools were asked to implement a Recovery Curriculum for a period of time to address the impact of lockdowns and school closures etc.) and we have recently been working hard behind the scenes to review our curriculum again to ensure that it is still relevant and meaningful for our children in today's world.

We would like to share more regular information about teaching and learning and the curriculum in school with you. Therefore, in addition to Parents' Consultations and general Tapestry posts from staff etc., teachers will be sharing half termly curriculum plans with you via Tapestry (these will also be posted on our website for your reference). We hope these documents help you to find out more about the current learning taking place, the objectives they will be covering in class and also give you an overview of how staff will be implementing the curriculum. If you have any more questions about teaching and learning, please speak to classroom staff who will be happy to help.

Parents' Consultations - Wed 23rd and Thurs 31st March

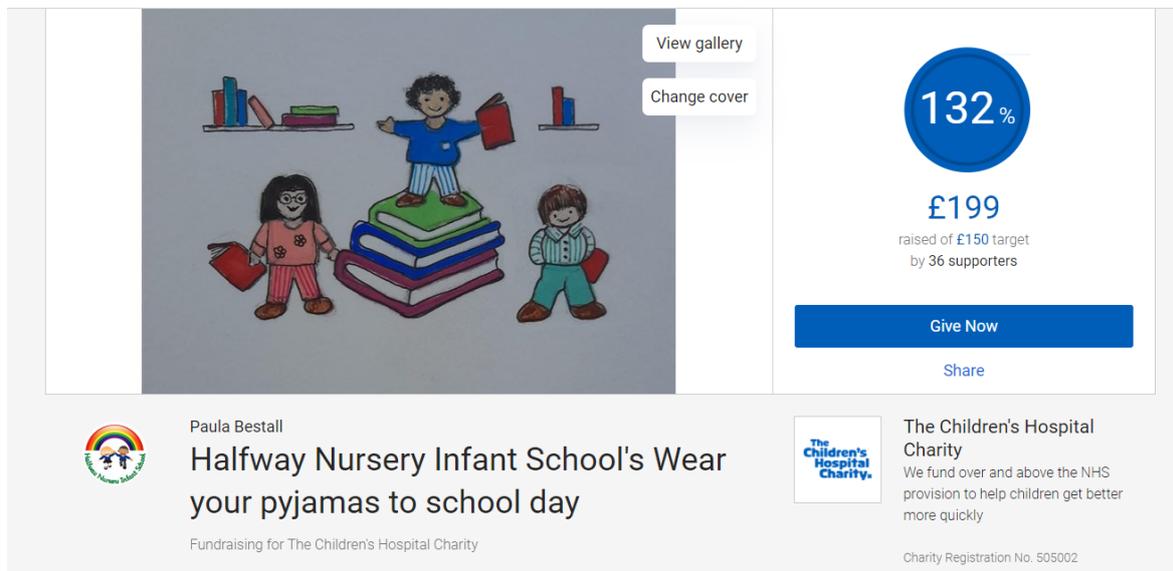
We will continue to host our consultations on Zoom so it is more convenient for you to join from work/home etc. rather than come back out to school in an evening. However, please speak to your child's class teacher directly should you prefer a face to face meeting once you have booked an appointment time on Eventbrite (the links will be shared with you in the next week or so). In addition to the meeting to discuss your child's progress, attainment and share their targets and next steps, we would love to incorporate an opportunity for the children to share their books with you on the day of their Parents' Consultation. Therefore, there will be an opportunity for parents/carers of KS1 children to request that their child's English/Maths books are sent home overnight to share them together at home and so you ask staff any questions you may have about learning during your appointment with the class teacher. Our children are really proud of their books, and rightly so, and will love sharing their learning with you. Please take great care of them overnight and return them the next day :-)

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, is communicating with parents/carers on Tapestry to tell you what is happening around school, and also be sending out a post full of ideas for exciting, simple science experiments you may wish to try together at home!

Work Book Day thanks

Thanks to your kind donations, the school raised £199 for the Wear Your Pyjamas To School Day appeal for The Sheffield Children's Hospital. **Well done—and many thanks.**



The screenshot shows a fundraising page for 'Halfway Nursery Infant School's Wear your pyjamas to school day'. The page features a central illustration of three children with books. On the right, a blue circular progress indicator shows '132%' raised, with '£199' below it, and 'raised of £150 target by 36 supporters'. A blue 'Give Now' button and a 'Share' link are visible. The page is for Paula Bestall, fundraising for The Children's Hospital Charity. The charity's logo and name are on the right, along with their mission statement and registration number (505002).

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>

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=IwAR1E7UcPmn3TaoTsVYOpUjaiH66DjpFIwJJeUCT1_trwzNGKkcoiYIYMoYg

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.

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.

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. **Our staff team will be following the advice from the government and not attending school, should they test positive, in order to protect our school community. We thank parents/carers for also following the government advice to help us to minimise spread and impact to others in our school.**

Kind regards,

Paula Bestall