



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 30th October 2023

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.



Attendance figures for week ending 20th October.

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	87.0
Mrs Hibberd	97.3
Mrs Thorpe	92.9
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	91.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	98.0
Mrs Timmons	94.0

Whole school attendance = 93.2%

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.

Girls' Pants and Socks

We are very short of spare pants and socks for girls, so if you have any you could donate we would be very grateful.

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

PE days - changes!

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:

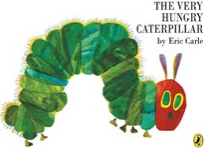



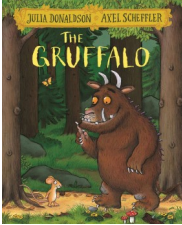
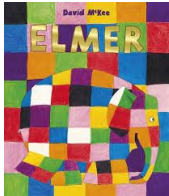
F2 = Tuesday

Year 1 = Thursday

Year 2 = Friday

Learners of the week

Congratulations to the Learners of the Week for week ending 20th October!

	
Honey and Amelia	Amelia and Devon
	
Eden and Alex	Annie and Oscar
	
Chester and Milly	Margo and Harper

Food bank collection

As part of our work with the local community and our local family of schools, we take it in turns to collect donations for our local food bank, **New Hope**. This week it is our turn to collect donations. Please bring any donations to the school office, or hand them into your child's class teacher on **Friday 3rd November**. Below are some ideas of items you could contribute.

Items New Hope Food Bank Need...

Tinned Potatoes	Sugar
Tinned Chicken Curry	Coffee
Fray Bentos Pies	Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Instant Mash	Curry Sauce
Tinned Stew/Mince	Long Life Puddings
Tinned Ravioli	Dilute Juices
Tinned Meatballs	Toilet Rolls
Toiletries Mens/Ladies	Household Cleaning Products

Welcome back

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely week off, and feel rested and ready for this term. As you know, this term is a busy one, with lots of exciting Christmas events. Dates for these events will be shared with you over the coming weeks, and updates published in the newsletter.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality at school are critical for your child's education. One of our targets is to increase our overall attendance to ensure that all pupils are getting the best start in life. Last half term you will have received your child's attendance certificate. We monitor attendance of all children, and are aiming for children to have attendance that is at least 95% or more. Attendance that falls below 90% starts to become a concern. **If your child's attendance last half term was below 90%, you will receive an attendance awareness letter this week.**

Arriving at school on-time is also critical. As you are aware, we prioritise reading, as it is reading that opens the door to other learning. All our phonics lessons start at 9am and, therefore, children arriving regularly after this time are missing out on key learning.

Should you require any further support with your child's attendance or punctuality then please come and speak to us.

Autumn Disco

We are really excited about our Autumn Discos! You will need to buy a ticket for your child via ParentPay for this. If you have yet to set up your ParentPay account, you will need to do this asap. Please speak with the office if you have any queries.



Games!

Autumn Discos

Dancing!

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>F2</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 1</u>
Monday 30 th Oct 3.30pm - 4.15pm	Monday 30 th Oct 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Monday 30 th Oct 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Thursday 2 nd Nov 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to nursery in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.	Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.	Children collected from school as usual at 2.55pm and return for the disco for 4.30pm.	Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.
£3 per ticket (45 minute session)	£3.50 per ticket (1 hour session)	£3.50 per ticket (1 hour session)	£3.50 per ticket (1 hour session)

Tickets available through ParentPay. Ticket prices include entry, a drink and a sweet treat. Children are invited to wear/bring their party outfits or fancy dress. No onesie's though please! Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking your tickets.

Fun!

Poppy design

Congratulations to Ferne and Bradley who have had their poppy designs chosen to be displayed inside one of the FirstBus Poppy bus- es this year! Keep your eyes peeled for their designs if you use the bus!



ParentPay

Lots of you have now activated your ParentPay accounts, and have been booking onto our wrap-around care clubs. As with all new things, it will take a bit of getting used to, so if you have any problems or questions, call in at the School Office, or contact us at superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk or on 0114 2482360, and we will try to help.

Please note that from now on, charges will be applied for wrap-around care should your child not use it when they are booked in, or if you do not cancel it in time. As reminders:

Breakfast club

You are able to book your child into Breakfast Club (or cancel your booking if necessary) **up until 11.59 pm the night before the session.**

Super-kids after-school club

No bookings can be made or cancelled after 11.59 pm two nights before the session.

You will be charged for all sessions booked, whether or not you use them.

Just a note to those of you who get a 10% sibling discount when using Superkids after-school wrap-around care club—any discounts will appear as a Record Adjustment. The discount is only credited to the youngest child's account, and is added after the session at which they were both present. We do not give the sibling discount in advance, as there may be some days when both/all siblings are not present at the club.

To those of you who have not activated your child's account yet, please do so soon. Every child received a paper letter with their activation codes detailed, so please check your child's book bag if you have not seen it. If you already have an account with ParentPay, e.g. with Halfway Junior School, simply click 'Add a child' and follow the guidance.

Book Fair

Next week is the national 'Children's Book Week'. To help promote a love of reading, we are hosting a Scholastic book fair. This is a great chance to top up your bookshelf or buy some Christmas gifts! It is also a great way to help raise funds for school, as we receive a percentage of the money made.

The book fair will be open on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November** in the school hall, from 8:15am - 8:45am, and on **Wednesday 8th** from 3pm - 3:30pm.

Considerate Parking

Please be considerate when you are parking outside of school. We know that it is busy and often congested. However, please be considerate of our neighbours who still require access to their properties at all times. Please do not double park, block driveways or turn around on private ground. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Support for Sheffield Steelers Incident

You may be aware that a tragic accident occurred during the Sheffield Steelers ice hockey match at the Sheffield Arena on Saturday, which resulted in the death of one of the players from the opponents, Nottingham Panthers.

We know that many of our families are keen Steelers supporters and attend the matches regularly. Sheffield City Council has shared the following information with us, signposting a range of sources of support you could access should you or your child have been affected by the incident. These have already been shared by the Sheffield Steelers club via social media.

Under 25s	Over 25s	Parents
 Text YM to 85258 Open 24/7	 Call 0300 123 3393 9am - 6pm, Mon - Fri	 Call 0800 802 5544 9:30am - 4pm, Mon - Fri
 Call 0800 808 4994 3pm - 12am, every day	 Call 116 123 Open 24/7	
 Call 0800 1111 7:30am - 3:30am, every day	 For more advice and information visit: youngminds.org.uk/find-help	

BioFest Discovery Nights

4-8pm, Tues 14 & Wed 15 Nov

Firth Hall, Firth Court, University of Sheffield

Free and open to everyone. No need to book.

Two evenings of science discovery featuring artworks, short films from award winning creative agency **Human**, and hands-on activities suitable for a range of ages. All are designed to explain our science and how it tackles the biggest global challenges facing us today.

Our BioFest night on Wednesday 15th November sees the emphasis on exciting and enticing family friendly science activities with a series of hands-on exhibits especially suited to ages 5-11. These are, though, sufficiently engaging to occupy everyone with a keen and curious mind...so bring along family and friends.

The next generation of Bio Scientists are invited to embark on a captivating journey into the world of cutting-edge bioscience research as the University of Sheffield launches BioFest, a unique new festival designed to illuminate the wonders of life. With hands-on exhibits suited to ages 5-11, information on career pathways and a collaborative film made with pupils from five Sheffield schools, there is plenty to stimulate the innovators of tomorrow at the free 'Discovery' events on **14/15th November**.

14th aimed at secondary schools: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-tuesday>

15th aimed at **primary schools**: <https://player.sheffield.ac.uk/events/biofest-discovery-night-wednesday>



Starting school in September 2024—reminder

If you have a child, and are interested in them starting with us in September 2024, we still have two open evenings planned for you to come and look around the school. The dates for these are:

November 2nd at 4pm

November 16th at 4pm

Please call the school office on 248 2360 to book onto one of the open evenings.

Year 2 children—reminder

Children in year 2 will have received information about applying for their year 3 space for September 2024.

Halfway Junior School will be holding an open evening on 14th November. This event is designed to give you information about this school, and a chance to look around. Children are able to attend with you.





Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE
QUESTIONS YOU
WANT ANSWERS TO

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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