



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 22nd January 2024

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.



Attendance figures for week ending 19th January

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	96.6
Mrs Hibberd	100
Mrs Thorpe	87.1
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	96.5
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	93.3
Mrs Timmons	95.5

Whole school attendance = 95.1%

Amazing attendance!

A HUGE well done to the children in Crafty Chameleons who have managed to have 2 consecutive weeks of 100% attendance!

PE days—reminder

Big PE days for this half term are as follows.

F2 = Tuesday
Year 1 = Friday
Year 2 = Thursday

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

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Harshadh and Lucas	Sofia and Rory
	
Julia and Esme	Harper and Elsie
	
Bella and Ivy	Bryn and Molly-Maye

Halfway's art gallery!

To celebrate the culmination of all our art work this half term, we are inviting you to our art gallery! Each year group will take it in turns to showcase its art learning journey and final pieces in the final week. A letter about this is attached to this newsletter. We hope you can join us!

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:

- **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.



Our Amazing Art

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You are invited to The Halfway Nursery Infant School 'Our Amazing Art' Gallery!

To showcase the amazing art work that the children have worked hard to produce this half term, each year group will present their masterpieces in an art gallery. The art gallery will be a great opportunity to celebrate how hard the children have worked during their art lessons throughout this half term.

Art Gallery information

Year group	Date and Time	Location
Nursery	Tuesday 6 th February-Thursday 8 th February at 11:15am for children attending morning sessions. Tuesday 6 th February-Thursday 8 th February at 3:30pm for children attending afternoon sessions.	Nursery
F2	Wednesday 7 th February at 2:30pm	School hall
Y1	Monday 5 th February at 2:30pm	School hall
Y2	Tuesday 6 th February at 2:30pm	School hall

Additional information for F2-Y2:

It would be wonderful for your child to talk you through their learning and present their art to you, like a real artist! To enable this to happen, you are able to collect your child from their classroom on the day of their art gallery at 2:30pm and take them to the hall to visit the gallery. Once you have visited the gallery, you are then able to take them home.

We ask that no more than 2 people attend your child's art gallery session, due to fire restrictions and ,unfortunately, we ask that siblings within school are not collected to visit their sibling's art gallery. All children will get the chance to see everyone's art when we have a whole-school art gallery during school time on Thursday 8th February.

To enable collection for the art gallery to run smoothly, we are asking that you complete a text form to tell us whether you are intending to visit the art gallery so that we know to get your child ready to be collected early.

If you are unable to attend your child's art gallery, art work will be displayed in class for you to view after school on Thursday 8th February once children have been collected.

If you have any further questions, please speak with your child's class teacher,

Kind regards,

Mrs Thorpe



How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:

■ Why do you want to get a phone?

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

▲ What do you like about using your phone?

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their phone for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

● What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

◆ How can we do more online together?

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

Useful websites:

www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.internetmatters.org
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

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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