



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 13th March 2023

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Attendance for the week ending 10th March 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	91.1
Mrs Hibberd	90.9
Miss Dale	91.7
Mr Folmer	93.9
Mrs Stanton/ Mrs Hipkin	84.6
Mrs Timmons	92.4

Whole school attendance = 90.8%

Learners of the week

Due to the school closure we did not get the chance to come together for our celebration assembly on Friday to find out who had filled their sticker badge, which class had won extra playtime for the best attendance, or who our learners of the week were.

We can't wait until this Friday to find out...!

Strikes

Just a reminder that there are two further proposed teacher strike dates of the 15th and 16th March 2023. A letter was sent out last week informing you of how this may affect your child, with **Nursery and Y2 Crafty Chameleons being closed on both days**. Full attendance is expected from everyone else.

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

Snow

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding last week when we decided to close early on Thursday, and completely on Friday. We hope that you all managed to enjoy the snow, and have some snow-fun on both days!

Due to the school closure on Friday, the planned Year 1 SEND reviews could not go ahead. Mrs Lomas will be in touch with the relevant families to rearrange these meetings.

Parent's Evenings - reminder (Y2, Y1 and Reception)

Our next set of parent's evenings will take place on Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March. This is a chance to meet with your child's teacher in school to discuss their progress and next steps. You have already been emailed the link to the online booking system. If you have not already done so, please book your slot as soon as possible. Should you be unable to make these evenings, please speak with your child's teacher about arranging an alternative meeting.

The online booking links for each class as shown below:

Class 1

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-1-enormous-crocodiles-tickets-577768540257>

Class 2

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-2-crafty-chameleons-tickets-578584530907>

Class 3

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-3-rainbow-fish-tickets-578595373337>

Class 4

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-4-hungry-caterpillars-tickets-578735341987>

Class 5

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-5-gruffalos-tickets-578740878547>

Class 6

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evenings-28-and-29-march-class-6-elmers-tickets-578752543437>

Red Nose Day - March 17th

All children are invited to wear something red on Friday 17th for Red Nose Day, and can donate to the cause at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-halfway-nursery-infant-school>

Spring Discos

On Tuesday it is our Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Disco. Please bring children to the main entrance in time for their disco. At the end of the disco, in order for a smooth and quick collection, please see below where to collect your child:

Y1 Rainbow Fish - double doors at back of school, opposite the Nursery steps

Y1 Hungry Caterpillars - double doors at side of school, opposite MUGA\football court

Y2 Enormous Crocodiles - double doors at back of school, opposite the Nursery steps

Y2 Crafty Chameleons - double doors at side of school, opposite MUGA\football court

Scholastic Book Fair

Next Monday and Tuesday we are holding a Scholastic book fair! The book fair is a great way for your child to top-up their bookshelf whilst raising funds for school. Information about opening times, and how to pay for the books will be sent out later this week.

World Autism Acceptance Week – 27th March – 2nd April

The National Autistic Society helps around 700,000 people who are autistic and their families in the UK; from running specialist schools, campaigning for improved rights, or training companies on being more autism-friendly. It is dedicated to transforming lives and changing attitudes. During this week, we will be learning more about this society in assembly and class sessions. We are also inviting children to 'dress down' (wear non-uniform) on **Friday 31st March**, and to donate £1. You can get involved at home too by taking part in a quiz. The quiz sheets (attached below) can be completed and returned with a £1 donation to school before Friday 31st March. All funds raised from this day will be donated directly to the National Autistic Society.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

If you would like a game to support Maths learning at home, White Rose Maths have designed 1 Minute Maths to support learning, and it's free!

The app was designed for KS1 children, however the subitising section is great for EYFS too!

The sections include:

- Subitising
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

Children will be awarded a sticker for their badge for playing 1 Minute Maths!

Just add a photo of your child playing the game to Tapestry.

What is subitising?

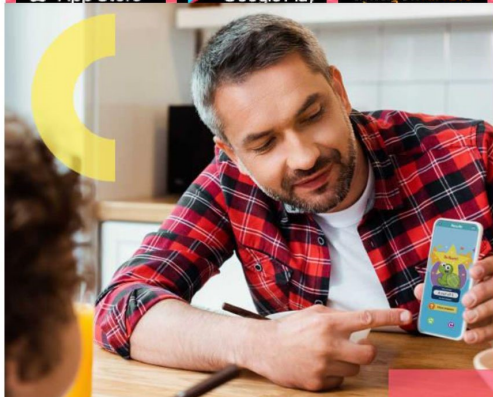
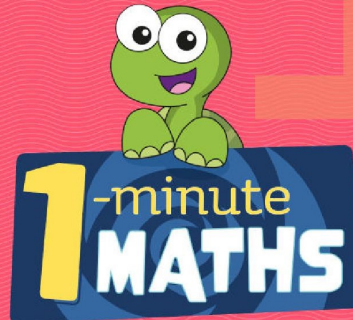
Subitising is the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them. Subitising is important for children's mathematical development for many reasons: it helps children to understand what numbers mean or how many 'things' a number refers to.

See the information below or visit their website:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!



What's the app about?

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils (ie. age 5-6 years). Individual one-minute tasks focus on adding and subtracting — and on 'Subitising', the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting. Multiplication and division will be added soon!

How do we use it?

Your child can choose any topic they want to try. They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done.

Designed in-house for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

 **Download the 1-Minute Maths app**
Free to download for teachers, parents and pupils

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate the end of Science Week, and also link with the current theme the children are learning, 'Time and Change', we have booked The Mini Farm to visit school on Monday 20th March. Whilst we would have loved to have taken all of the children to the farm for the day, we felt that with rising costs of coaches and admissions this would have been too expensive to do during Spring and Summer terms. We are, therefore, saving the school visits for Summer term - more information on these to follow soon.

However, in order still to create exciting experiences for the children, we have an amazing opportunity for a farm to visit us in school for the day. The Mini Farm will bring animals into school for the children to see, feed, touch and learn about through fun group sessions.

Children from Nursery through to Year 2 will have a group session during the day, so all will get chance to get up close and interact with:

- Goats
- Sheep
- Rabbits
- Ponies
- Pigs
- Chickens

In order for the visit to take place we ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child. This is essential for the event to take place and lack of contribution could lead to cancellation of the farm's visit. We also require consent for children to take part. The link for paying online and giving consent will be sent out via Teachers 2 Parents today.

We hope you agree this will be an exciting day for the children of Halfway Nursery Infant School. For further information, feel free to come and speak to me at the beginning or end of school.

With best wishes,
Mrs Timmons

Play Cricket this summer at Eckington Cricket Club

Below is information on two fantastic projects that will be running at Eckington Cricket Club during the summer.

They are designed to engage children in activity and team sports, which is hugely beneficial at a young age for mental, physical and social well being and development!

All Stars Cricket



Do you have a child aged between 5-8 years old who would like to learn a new sport, get active and become part of a great team?

New for 2023— ECB Dynamos Cricket Training



Following on from the successful development of its Women & Girls team, Eckington Cricket Club will now run Dynamos cricket sessions which provides girls only training from ages 8-11 years old.

For more information check out [@eckingtoncricket](#) on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter.

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Saturday 18th March

10:00 - 16:00

*Join us for our popular interactive family event as
part of Science Week at Sheffield Hallam.*

This fantastic event delivered by staff and students showcases research in biology, computing, engineering, health and much more! There will be plenty to capture the imagination of all ages and abilities, from hands-on activities to demonstrations, crafts and competitions. Throughout the day there will also be short talks celebrating women in STEM in the Peak Lecture Theatre, tours of our fantastic facilities and mini discovery sessions to get involved with.

Venue: Owen Building, Sheffield Hallam University, Howard Street,
S1 1WB

Audience: This event is suitable for all ages!

Booking: To avoid queues and long wait times, we recommend pre-booking using the QR below. Booking for free tours and discovery sessions will be available on arrival.

Scan the QR code to beat the queues and gain fast track entry!



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The Spectrum Colour Quiz

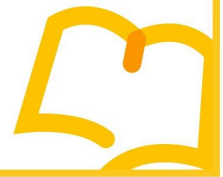
Why not hold a quiz for some fundraising fun in **World Autism Acceptance Week 27 March - 2 April 2023**? Get your workmates or friends to pay to enter (in teams or individually).



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Literature

1. Who is the author of the 2003 bestselling novel, *The Da Vinci Code*?
2. Who published the story of *Snow White* in 1812?
3. What is the name of Harry Potter's godfather?
4. Complete the title of this Dr Seuss classic, ____ *Eggs and Ham*.
5. Who froze Narnia in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?



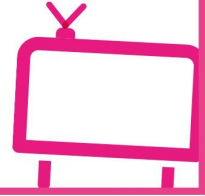
Music

1. What year did Prince release his album *Purple Rain*?
2. Which singer named her daughter Blue Ivy in 2012?
3. Which rock band sang *American Idiot*?
4. What is singer P!nk's real name?
5. Whose current farewell tour is named *Farewell Yellow Brick Road*?



Film and TV

1. Oprah Winfrey was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in which 1985 film?
2. Green is the colour of which famous mermaid's tail?
3. What colours are the Teletubbies?
4. What is the name of the Netflix series set in a women's prison?
5. What colour are Dorothy's slippers in the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*?



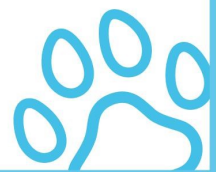
Sports

1. How many points is a yellow ball worth in snooker?
2. The Olympic flag features five interlaced rings in blue, black, red and which two other colours?
3. What colours are the football shirts of the 2022 FIFA World Cup winners, Argentina?
4. What colour are the tennis courts at the US Open?
5. In Formula 1, what are the colours of the flag waved at the end of the race?



Animals

1. Roughly what percentage of ginger or orange cats are female? **a)** 20% **b)** 50% or **c)** 80%
2. What colour are a zebra's stripes during its first six months of life?
3. What type of animal is a blue tang?
4. What colour is a polar bear's skin?
5. What is the largest animal known to have ever existed?



History

1. What were the three main colours of the British suffragette movement in the 20th century?
2. King William III, who reigned from 1650-1702, also went by the name William of _____.
3. In what century did the first Trooping the Colour ceremony take place?
4. Who developed the first colour wheel in the 17th century?
5. What are the main two colours of the Tudor rose?



Bonus round!

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1

Which is the world's largest turquoise mineral/gemstone producing region?

2

What colour are the cheapest streets on the Monopoly board?

3

The first ever Green Party MP, Caroline Lucas, was elected in which city at the 2010 British general election?

4

Approximately what percentage of the world's population has green eyes?
a) 2% b) 12% or c) 22%

5

What is the name for a fear of, or aversion to, certain colours?

6

What country is known as the Emerald Isle?

Tie-breaker!



We can get thrown about in the car



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right for our age, height and weight.
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