



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 10th October 2022

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Health and Well Being Day F2 Big PE day Parent's evening (Mrs Briggs's/Mrs Hipkin's class only)	Y1 Big PE day 3pm Pop Song and Dance After School Club	Y2 Big PE day 3pm Football After School Club	9 am Celebration Assembly
And next week ?		F2 Big PE day Parent's evening (all classes)	Fantastic Finish—Fire Engine Visit Y1 Big PE day 3pm Pop Song and Dance After School Club	Y2 Big PE day Parent's evening (NOT Mrs Briggs's/Mrs Hipkin's class) 3pm Football After School Club	S20 Foodbank Donation Day 9 am Celebration Assembly



Attendance for the week ending 7th October 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	96.7
Mrs Hibberd	96.2
Miss Dale	93.2
Mrs Smith	89.3
Miss Briggs/ Mrs Hipkin	91.9
Mrs Timmons	92.0

Whole school attendance = 93%

Dates for the diary

Friends Of Halfway Infants meeting:

9am 11th October

Well Being Day:

11th October

Parents' Evenings:

18th and 20th October

(apart from Mrs Briggs's/Mrs Hipkin's class—11th and 18th October)

Fantastic Finish (Fire Engine Visit):

19th October

S20 Foodbank Donation Day:

21st October

INSET DAYS

A reminder that school and nursery will be closed for staff INSET training days on

Tuesday January 3rd 2023,

Monday February 20th 2023, and

Friday May 26th 2023

Parent's Evening—reminder

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for our first parent's evenings of the year.

Important update: For children in the Gruffalo class (F2 Mrs Briggs/Mrs Hipkin), we have had to change the dates for your parent's evening to **Tuesday 11th October and Tuesday 18th October**. Please note, there will be no available appointments for this class on Thursday 20th October.

For all our other classes, parent's evenings will take place on the **18th and 20th October**. These 10 minute meetings will be face-to-face and a chance to discuss how your child has settled into school this year.

CLASS 1 (Miss Clewes)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-1-miss-clewes-1820-october-tickets-430124131857>

CLASS 2 (Mrs Hibberd)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-2-mrs-hibberd-1820-october-tickets-430126880077>

CLASS 3 (Miss Dale)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-3-miss-dale-1820-october-tickets-430128996407>

CLASS 4 (Mrs Smith)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-4-mrs-smith-1820-october-tickets-430130912137>

CLASS 5 (Mrs Briggs/Mrs Hipkin)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-5-mrs-hipkinmrs-briggs-11-and-18-october-tickets-430140310247>

CLASS 6 (Mrs Timmons)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-6-mrs-timmons-1820-october-tickets-430143730477>

The meetings will be held in your child's classroom. For F2 and year 1 families, please wait in the cloakroom area outside your child's classroom. Please note that these areas are limited in size, and so we ask that you do not arrive too early for your appointment in order to help us to minimise the number of people waiting here. For our year 2 families, please come into the school via the main entrance and wait for your appointment in the school hall.

If you are unable to attend on these days, please speak with your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange a separate appointment.

Wellbeing day

Our Wellbeing Day has been rescheduled to take place tomorrow (Tuesday)! Children in year 1 and year 2 will have received a letter about the plans for this day. Please remember that children in year 1 and year 2 will need to come to school in their PE kits on Tuesday. Children in nursery and F2 will also get the chance to join in with our day, by completing a healthy lunchbox activity.

Friends of Halfway Infants meeting

A meeting will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) of the Friends of Halfway Infants Group, starting at 9am in the school hall. The aim of the Friends Group (formerly known as HIP Group) is to plan events such as the Autumn & Spring Discos. It also organises the Christmas Card scheme, Easter Egg hunts, Photos with Santa and lots of other great activities. However, these lovely events can only take place if enough parents/carers are prepared to volunteer their time to make them happen. If you feel you could be one of those people, please come along tomorrow.

S20 Foodbank

Last Friday two of our school councillors, along with other local schools, visited the S20 Foodbank . They met with Ryan, the manager, and learnt all about the valuable service it provides for our community. The children asked lots of questions and even had a go at putting together a food parcel, although this was difficult as some of the items that are needed by families sadly had not yet been donated.

The children will be talking about their visit in an assembly this week and, following this, there will be a donation day at school on Friday 21st October.

If you are able, please bring donations to school on Friday 21st October. There will be a collection under the shelter on the lower playground. Donations of the following items would ideal:



Soup
Sponge puddings
Custard
UHT/long life milk
Rice pudding
Squash/juice
Biscuits/treats
Crisps
Toiletries (shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant)
Washing powder
Toilet roll
Nappies/wipes
Tinned tomatoes
Beans/spaghetti in sauce

Tinned potatoes
Tinned meat (e.g. pies, corned beef, hot dogs etc.)
Tinned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines)
Tinned fruit/vegetables
Pasta sauces
Curry/chilli sauces
Tea and coffee
Sugar
Rice
Cereal
Preserves (jam, marmalade, chocolate spread)
Bags for life
Pasta

Please note the foodbank are unable to include fresh or chilled foods in the parcels. They welcome dried or tinned foods. The following are the items they need the most:

Superkids

There is now a new email address you will need to use in order to book into Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please email superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk. Due to increasing numbers, it is important that you book your child into any before or after school care as early as possible.

Superkids invoices for September will be emailed later this week—please check your SPAM folder if you used Superkids last month but do not seem to have received an invoice by next week.

Coats

As the weather gets colder and more unpredictable, please send your child to school with a warm and waterproof coat. We do go outside for play times, as well as learning times, regularly, even in cold weather.

Cloakrooms

Our class cloakrooms are limited in size and, as the colder weather sets in, the bigger coats come out, which take up more space! Please only send your child to school with the items that they need and, where possible, without large backpacks. We are finding that there is often not enough room for these to hang on pegs. As a consequence, these expensive items are falling to the floor and are at risk of being damaged.

COVID-19 – Reminders

Can I access the school site if I have tested positive for COVID-19?

We kindly ask that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not come onto school site, so that we avoid the spreading of the virus to other pupils, families and staff. Should this pose difficulties for you with dropping off and collecting your child from school, then please contact the school office.

The guidance below is taken from the government's website and can be found in full at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education - Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should, where they can, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should, if they can, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

NHS website updates

The NHS website has also been updated to reflect common COVID-19 symptoms and advice on what to do if your child is unwell. The link can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19.

ADHD Parent and Carer Information Café Drop-In Mornings

**Help
Support
Advice
Information**

Come along to these informal mornings to have a coffee and chat with other parents and meet staff from Sheffield Children's Hospital, Ryegate, Sheffield City Council and Family Action



**Family Action
Scotia Works**
Leadmill Road
Sheffield
S1 4SE



Monthly sessions from 10-12noon

**Wednesday 19th October 2022
Wednesday 16th November 2022
Wednesday 14th December 2022
Wednesday 11th January 2023**

Diagnosis not needed
Adults only for attendance

For any queries, contact Family Action on 07587633179/07816408019

