



Halfway Nursery Infant News

Monday 18th November 2024

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This week's updates...

New governors needed!

We sent out a letter last week sharing the exciting news that the federation of our school and Halfway Junior School will be formalised from 1st December. With this development, the schools are creating a new governing body and we would be very interested in speaking with anyone who may be interested in this role. By being part of the governing body you help shape the school and make a huge difference to our community. If you, or someone you know, is considering this then please speak to either Mrs Shepherd or Miss Hughes about it for more information.



Children In Need

Thank you for joining in with our Children In Need activities last week.

The winners of our games were:

- Sophie in year 1, who guessed the rabbit's name was Ralph!
- Poppy in year 1, who guessed that there were 300 sweets in the jar (there were 285 and this guess was the closest).

Congratulations to you both!

Nursery gates

For our children's safety, please make sure you are closing all gates behind you when you are arriving and leaving the nursery building (including when you are accessing wraparound care).

ASDA Rewards

There are only a few weeks left to earn money for our school via the ASDA Rewards. So far you have raised £374! If you haven't already done so, please choose our school.

Snow forecast

Closing the school is not a decision we take lightly, however, in the event that the school should need to shut during the day or before the school day due to snow, we will communicate this decision with families via text as soon as possible. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Halfway Junior School open evening – reminder

Children in year 2 and their families are invited to the Halfway Junior School open evening on 19th November at 4:45pm. Please come to the main entrance. The event will consist of a short talk, aimed at giving parents/ carers key information, followed by a school tour. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

**Halfway Junior School
Year 3 Open Evening**
19th November 2024
4:45pm -5:45pm

Halfway Junior School
Belong Believe Achieve

- Take a tour around our school
- Find out about our curriculum and school approaches
- Meet the Leadership Team
- Find out about transition arrangements
- Ask your questions and find out more

Bauble competition

The South East Local Area Committee are inviting children to design a bauble which celebrates their community, with a chance to win £100 Waterstones vouchers for their class. Only one bauble can be entered per class, therefore if we receive more than one entry per class we will ask the school councillors to pick the winning bauble to represent the class. If your child is interested in entering this competition, bauble templates can either be collected from the school office or printed off via the attached document.

Please hand completed entries to the school office on or before the 26th November.

Please also see the poster sharing information about a special Christmas community event they are running on 3rd December from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

**Schools
Christmas Bauble
Competition**

Decorate a class bauble from the template which celebrates your community.

Winners of the competition will get a £100 Waterstones book voucher for their class!

Waterstones
Local Area Committee

Please write your Class name and school on the back.
Only one entry per Class.

Competition closes on the 27th November 2024, please hand into your school reception.

Winners will be announced on 3rd December at our Community Christmas Event at Westfield Community Centre 3.30-5.30pm, all welcome!

For more information please contact SouthEastLAC@sheffield.gov.uk



Christmas Updates

Christmas performances

Thank you for indicating which performance you would like tickets for. We are busy working through the requests and allocating tickets. Your allocated tickets will be sent out by the end of the week.

If you have forgotten to request tickets, please speak with the school office.

Donations needed

We are asking for donations for our popular Christmas coloured hampers! As before, each year group has been assigned a colour. Please bring in items of this colour for the hampers. Donations can be brought in from now and handed to teachers or the main office. Suggested items to bring in are: biscuits, chocolates, sweets, stationery, Christmas decorations, candles, toiletries, games etc.

- Nursery = yellow
- Foundation Stage 2 = green
- Year 1 = red
- Year 2 = blue



Winter Fair – 2nd December

In preparation for our Winter Fair the HIP Group are asking for donations of:

- Pre-loved books, games and jigsaw puzzles - can be brought in from 25th November.
- Cakes/ biscuits - to be brought into school on the morning of Monday 2nd December (shop-bought and home-made cakes and biscuits are welcome, however please provide a list of ingredients on any items that are home-made).

Our Winter Fair will take place in the School hall. Each class has a time slot to visit the fair. Parents are welcome to come and join their child during the time slot. If you are unable to attend the fair, then your child will still visit it with their class teacher and you are able to send in a small amount of money that they will be able to spend (we suggest no more than £5 in a named envelope/wallet). Time slots for each class are below:

- 9:10am – 9:40am = Nursery
- 9:55am – 10:25am = Elmers
- 10:40am – 11:10am = Gruffalos
- 11:25am – 11:55am = Hungry Caterpillars
- 1:15pm – 1:45pm = Rainbow Fish
- 1:55pm – 2:25pm = Crafty Chameleons
- 2:30pm – 3pm = Enormous Crocodiles

Diary dates



- **Monday 18th November** ~ KS1 Autumn Disco ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm
- **Monday 18th November** ~ Nursery parents' evening
- **Tuesday 19th November** ~ Y3 HJS Open Evening ~ 4:45pm
- **Wednesday 20th November** ~ Nursery parents' evening
- **Monday 25th November** ~ Puzzles, books and games donations from this day
- **Monday 25th November** ~ January Nursery starters welcome evening ~ 4:30pm
- **Monday 2nd December** ~ Winter Fair
- **Thursday 5th December** ~ Family of Schools carol singing at Crystal Peaks (outside Bon Marche) ~ 4:30pm (Y2 choir only, but everyone is welcome to come and watch!)
- **Friday 6th December** ~ Rocksteady Concert at 9:30am

PE DAYS reminder

Please see below for the days when each class will have their PE lessons this half term:

- **Gruffalos and Elmers** ~ Monday (*children come to school in their PE kit*)
- **Rainbow Fish** ~ Wednesday and Thursday
- **Hungry Caterpillars** ~ Tuesday and Thursday
- **Enormous Crocodiles** ~ Tuesday and Friday
- **Crafty Chameleons** ~ Wednesday and Friday

Parking

We are trying to ease congestion outside the school by placing cones in locations that can cause difficulties for the flow of traffic when blocked. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking into school.

Free parking is available in the Supertram car park.

Contact us

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.

Absences

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



Halfway Heroes!



Well done to our learners of the week and our attendance winning class!

THE ENORMOUS CROCODILES



Gemma
Ariana

CLASS 1

97.8%

The Crafty Chameleons



Amelia
Isla

CLASS 2

87.7%

The Rainbow Fish



Joey
Emma

CLASS 3

99%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Lily
Molly-Mae

CLASS 4

98.6%

The Gruffalos



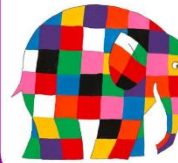
Rex
Fenja

CLASS 5

100%



The Elmers



Bobby
Theo

CLASS 6

97.9%

Overall school attendance = 96.9%

Bramwells Christmas Charity Event

NO ENTRY FEE
BUT DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DOOR
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO

The Children's Hospital Charity*

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024

START TIME 12PM

**MOSBOROUGH MINERS WELFARE CLUB
STATION RD, MOSBOROUGH, SHEFFIELD S20 5AD**

COME ALONG AND JOIN US!

MUSIC

TOMBOLA

FACE PAINTING

RAFFLE

SANTA

BURGER BAR WILL BE

OPEN FOR FOOD

TICKETS TO SEE SANTA CAN BE PURCHASED AT £3
PER CHILD BY CONTACTING 07809154599

