



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...

We have had a great first full week back at school. In particular, it has been wonderful to welcome our new children in Reception and Nursery, and their families. Across school, children have been enjoying settling into new routines and taking part in new learning experiences.

Whilst everyone adjusts to routines, it may mean that you have to wait a little longer at the end of the day to collect your child whilst staff get used to new faces. Please bear with us – we will get faster! Also, should a new adult be collecting your child, please make sure they know the password so we can ensure they are sent home with the correct person.

Phonics and reading books

We follow the Letters and Sounds Little Wandle phonics programme. This programme ensures that all children receive daily phonics sessions, and children in Reception and KS1 receive three reading sessions per week. Once your child has read their phonetically decodable book in school three times this is then sent home for them to read with you. We like to say this is a chance for them to 'show off' their reading! Children will also bring home a 'love of reading' book, which they have chosen from their class book corner to share at home. Please fill in your child's reading record when you have read their phonetically decodable book, as well as shared their 'love of reading' book.

Children in Reception started their phonics lessons and reading sessions today. However, for the next few weeks, the reading sessions are story sharing sessions. Children in Reception will be bringing their first book to read at home in a few weeks' time – this is also when they will be given their new book bag (if they didn't attend our nursery).

Diary Dates

Please check the diary dates on the last page as we will update these each week as necessary.

Job vacancies

Halfway Infants is currently advertising for a new full-time caretaker and Halfway Juniors is advertising for a part-time cleaner. Both job descriptions and personal specifications are available on the Council and DFE school vacancies websites.

Enrichment and after school clubs

You will have received confirmation of which after school enrichment club your child has been given a place on. As always, our clubs are very popular. Every child who applied for a club has been given at least one place at one club. Clubs run by KRS finish at 4:10pm, but the club on a Friday, run by Jess, finishes at 4pm.

Children can also sign up for a RockSteady lesson, which takes place in school on a Friday morning. This is open to all children from Reception to Year 2. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer containing more information about this.

Names in coats and lunchboxes

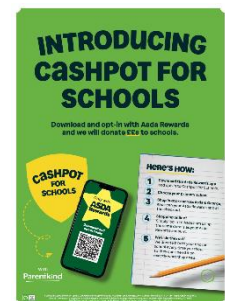
It is really important that children's names are in their coats and uniform, as well as lunch boxes. At lunch time, children very often take off their coats and forget to collect them when the bell goes. We will always return named items to their owner and anything unnamed will be placed in the lost property box in the main entrance.

Menu Options

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our current menu.

ASDA Rewards

If you shop at ASDA, then please choose our school!
Any money raised will be incredibly useful in helping to improve our school.



ParentPay and Superkids after-school wrap-around care

All our new starters should have received their new ParentPay activation codes. It is important that you use this system as this will allow you to book and pay for after-school wraparound care, and pay for any additional events. If you need help using the platform, please speak with the school office.

For those using Superkids, sessions can now be viewed and booked (if places) up to October half term. Please remember that any changes to a session need to be made 48 hours before the session. After this, you will need to contact the office to make any changes. Any sessions which are not cancelled in advance and are not used will still be charged for, unless the child is ill.

Superkids is very busy and places are sought after, so please cancel sessions if you no longer need them.

Attached to the newsletter are our terms and conditions of using Superkids.

Should you be running late and anticipate not being able to collect before 6pm then please let staff know by calling the Superkids mobile phone: 07925197530.

Diary dates



- **Tuesday 1st October** ~ Individual photographs.
- **Wednesday 2nd October** ~ Y2 trip to Sheffield city centre ([further information to follow](#))
- **Wednesday 2nd October 2pm** ~ Elmer Class family afternoon tea ([further information to follow](#))
- **Thursday 3rd October 2pm** ~ Gruffalo Class family afternoon tea ([further information to follow](#))
- **Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October** ~ F2 and KS1 parent's evenings.
- **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** ~ Half term
- **Monday 4th November** ~ INSET day (Nursery and school closed)

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 Friday
- **Hungry Caterpillars** ~ Tuesday and Friday
- **Enormous Crocodiles** ~ Tuesday and Thursday
- **Crafty Chameleons** ~ Wednesday and Thursday

Parking

Please do not park in front of our neighbours drives as they need access to them at all times. Please also be mindful of where you do park, to ensure you have not blocked in anyone and have allowed enough space for other cars to pass you.

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



Ella
Sofia

CLASS 1

99.2%

The Crafty Chameleons



Skyla
Honey

CLASS 2

96.2%

The Rainbow Fish




Chester
Milly

CLASS 3

96%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



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Noar

CLASS 4

97.7%

The Gruffalos




Jacob
Elsie

CLASS 5

96.8%

The Elmers



Avea
Freddie

CLASS 6

100%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

100% ATTENDANCE

Overall school attendance = 97.7%