



Halfway Nursery Infant News

Monday 21st October 2024

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This week's updates...

Parent's Evening

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our parents' evenings this week. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Food bank

Thank you for all the food bank donations that you brought into school. The donations will make a big difference to the lives of families in our community.



Flu nasal spray – Thursday

If you have given permission for your child to have their flu nasal spray, these will be happening in school on Thursday afternoon.

Change of menu - Thursday

On Thursday 24th October the amended menu will be as follows:

- Choice of Chicken or Beef burger.
- Vegetarian option is Quorn burger.

Jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be available as usual.

Fire Engine visit - Friday

On Friday morning we are looking forward to welcoming the fire engine onto site. All children will have an opportunity to visit the fire engine, speak with the firefighters and learn about the importance of fire safety; this is particularly important at this time of the year as we are approaching bonfire night. Please note that the crew visiting us are 'on call', so should an emergency come in they will need to leave site quickly and may not be able to return.

After school enrichment clubs

Last week we sent out a letter sharing the after school enrichment clubs we are running after half term. Bookings for these clubs can be made on ParentPay. Unlike previously, once you have booked via ParentPay, this will secure your child's place – you do not need to wait for confirmation. Please note the different payment requests depending on which company is running the club. For clubs run by Jess or Noodle, you will need to pay for these when you book. For clubs run by KRS, you will need to pay a 1p booking fee to secure your place and then pay the remaining amount directly to KRS. Their bank details are on the letter shared with you last week.

Superkids bookings

Due to a technical issue with ParentPay, booking for Superkids are currently unavailable to view. We are working on this problem and are hoping to have this problem fixed as soon as possible. For any queries regarding your bookings, or to cancel or change them, please ring the school office. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Autumn Disco! – reminder

Games!

Autumn Discos

Dancing!

F2 - Elmer and Gruffalo Classes
Monday 11th November
3.15pm-4pm
Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.
or
4.15pm – 5pm
Children are collected from school as usual and return for the disco at 4.15pm

KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 Classes
Monday 18th November
3.15pm – 4pm
Children are invited to bring their disco outfit to school in a named bag. They will get changed before the disco.
or
4.15pm – 5pm
Children are collected from school as usual and return for the disco at 4.15pm

£3 per ticket

Tickets will be available through ParentPay. Ticket prices include entry, a drink and a sweet treat. Children are invited to wear/bring their party outfits or fancy dress. No onesie's though please! Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking your tickets.

Fun!

Each disco will be limited in capacity, but there will be enough capacity for all children who want to attend over the two discos. Tickets for the discos will be available to buy on ParentPay **from tomorrow at 2pm**.

Nursery hours and offers for January

The deadline for applying for a nursery place in January, or to change current nursery hours has now passed. Miss Hughes is busy working through the applications and will be in touch to discuss requests with families this week.

Attendance

It is really important that children are attending school as often as possible. Regular attendance that is above 95% increases academic achievement. Our school target is 95%. We are really proud that by the end of last week our attendance was 95.9%. 99 children had attendance above 95% and 52 children had 100% attendance! Well done!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.





Message from Mrs Thorpe

I wanted to let you know that I've recently completed National Numeracy's training programme and I am now a fully CPD accredited Numeracy Champion. This means that if you don't feel confident with numbers or would like to improve your everyday maths, I can support you. So, please get in touch if you'd like to:

- learn about resources you can access to improve your confidence with numbers as an adult,
- simply talk about how you feel about numbers or maths,
- find out about locally available free courses and provision.

Why not have a go at the National Numeracy Challenge? It's a free website or app designed for adults who don't always feel confident with numbers – have a go today using this link

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge

Diary Dates

Don't forget that we finish for half term on Friday. School and nursery will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 5th November**.

PE days after half term

Please see changes for PE days for some classes for after 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

Book fair

After half term we will be hosting our first Book Fair of the year. This is a great chance to purchase new books and you could even start prepping for Christmas! We will share more information about this after half term.

Diary dates



- **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** ~ Half term
- **Monday 4th November** ~ INSET day (Nursery and school closed)
- **Monday 11th November** ~ F2 Autumn Disco ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm
- **W/b 11th November** ~ Books Fair (*times and days to be confirmed*)
- **Tuesday 12th November** ~ Odd Socks Days (for anti-bullying week)
- **Friday 15th November** ~ Children In Need
- **Monday 18th November** ~ KS1 Autumn Disco ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm
- **Tuesday 19th November** ~ Y3 HJS Open Evening ~ 4:45pm

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.

PE DAYS reminder

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

- **Gruffalos and Elmers** ~ Monday (*children come to school in their PE kit*)
- **Rainbow Fish** ~ Wednesday and Thursday
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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



Winnie
Harry

CLASS 1

90.9%

The Crafty Chameleons



Harshadh
Ava P

CLASS 2

90.9%

The Rainbow Fish



Emma
Finn

CLASS 3

94.5%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Georgie
Madison

CLASS 4

95.2%

The Gruffalos

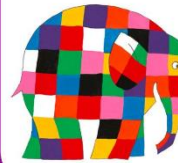


Eddie
Millie

CLASS 5

97.7%

The Elmers



Arthur
Malicah

CLASS 6

98.2%

Overall school attendance = 94.8%



Time to start School?

If your child was born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021, you need to apply
 for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at
www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Closing date for applying **15th January 2025**

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on
0114 273 5766

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place. Missing the closing date will mean less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).

