



Halfway Nursery Infant News

Monday 14th October 2024

Telephone: 0114 2482360

Email: enquiries@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Website: www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org

This week's updates...

HIP Group

After the meeting on Friday morning, our HIP group (Halfway Infant Parent Group) are still looking for new volunteers to join them to help to make a difference to our school. Being part of the group doesn't have to take up much of your time and lots of the organisation and planning is done via Whatsapp!

Without this group, lots of our enrichment and community events would be unable to happen (such as discos, winter fair, summer picnic etc.).

If you are interested in supporting this group you can get in touch with them by emailing: hipgroup@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Year 1 and Year 2 Wellbeing afternoons

Thank you to the families who came along for our wellbeing afternoons last week in KS1. We hope you enjoyed spending some time with your children in school, seeing a modelled lesson about the Zones of Regulation and joining us afterwards in the hall for a special message, treat and hot drink.

We were really pleased with how well attended these sessions were.

Friday 18th October – Show racism the red card

On Friday 18th, children are invited to wear something red to school to show support for 'Show Racism the red card' day. This can be something as simple as a red scrunchie or a full outfit of red. During the day children will take part in learning activities about this topic, linking to work they have been doing during October's Black History Month

Parent's Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our parent's evenings this week. Your child should have brought home their allocated appointment time. If you need to check or change your appointment, or if you need to book a slot then please contact the school office.

Food bank – Friday 18th October

As part of the Westfield Family of Schools, we work together to collect donations for our local food bank. Over the past few years, as a group, we have supported hundreds of local families through our collections. On Friday it is the Halfway Schools turn. Both we and the Junior School will be collecting donations for the food bank. Below is a list of some examples of items the food bank would be grateful for. Please do not send in any fresh food.

We will put a collection table by the gates of the main entrance for you to leave your donations on. Alternatively, you can hand these to staff in nursery/ classrooms or the main office. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Shopping List

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ Long-life Milk | ✓ Tea Bags |
| ✓ Powdered Milk | ✓ Coffee |
| ✓ Fruit Juice (carton) | ✓ Tinned Vegetables |
| ✓ Canned Soup | ✓ Canned Fruit |
| ✓ Packet Soup | ✓ Rice |
| ✓ Tinned Tomatoes | ✓ Peanuts |
| ✓ Breakfast Cereal | ✓ Flour |
| ✓ Tuna (canned) | ✓ Sugar |
| ✓ Pasta | ✓ Salt |
| ✓ Noodles | ✓ Jams and spreads |
| ✓ Biscuits | ✓ Soap |
| ✓ Chocolates | ✓ Sanitary Products |
| ✓ Crisps | |

Superkids bookings

You should now be able to see Superkids after school club bookings for next half term on ParentPay, where you will be able to book sessions, pay for sessions and amend sessions.

Diary Dates

Attached to the newsletter are our Christmas Diary Dates. More information about the events and how to request tickets for ticketed events will be shared nearer the time. We will continue to update this list and share with you any changes.

Autumn Disco! - reminder

We are excited to share with you our Autumn disco dates!

- **Monday 11th November ~ F2 ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm**
- **Monday 18th November ~ KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm**

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 will cost £3. More information about how to buy a ticket will be shared nearer the time.

Foundation 2 reading books home

If you have a child in foundation 2 you may find that they start bringing a reading book home from this week. This book will already have been read 3 times in school and so we hope that they can 'show off' their reading to you. Please read this book with them as often as you can and record this in their home reading diary, which also has lots of other phonics information in it that you may find useful.

We have invested a lot of money into our reading books and so we ask that you look after your child's book and return it to us each Wednesday. Any lost or ruined reading books will be charged for.

Some children who are not yet ready for reading books will instead bring home an extra reading for pleasure book.

Childcare Survey:

As part of its statutory childcare duty the Local Authority must report to Council Members the findings of its' annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA). Part of this Assessment involves consulting with parents and carers to gather their feedback on demand and requirements for childcare places. You can complete the parent/carer survey

here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/f9f4c511-f31c-4da6-9142-e71cbfb78853>

Information from Sheffield Parent Hub team

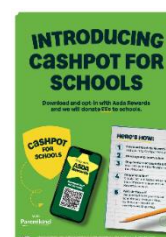
We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new event booking system for seminars and discussion groups offered by Sheffield Parent Hub. This platform is designed to streamline your booking experience, replacing Eventbrite and making it easier than ever to browse and reserve your spot for upcoming events.

To get started, simply visit <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parent-hub-events/>, choose your session and book your place today.

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.



School/ Nursery applications reminder

Applying for a Nursery place for January 2025 - reminder

The deadline to apply for a nursery place for January 2025 at our nursery is Friday 18th October. If you would like to come to look around our nursery, please contact the school office to book in for a tour on one of the following days:

- Thursday 7th November at 3:45pm
- Thursday 14th November at 3:45pm

Applying for a reception place for September 2025 - reminder

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can now apply for their school place. You can do this online at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

If you would like to come to look around our school, please contact the school office to book in for a tour on one of the following days:

- Tuesday 12th November at 3:45pm

Applying for a year 3 place for September 2025 - reminder

Children in year 2 will need to apply for a year 3 place for September 2025. If you live in Sheffield, you can do this online at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

Please see below for information about the upcoming open evening:



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

- 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

The banner also includes a circular logo for Halfway Junior School with the motto 'Belong Believe Achieve' and several photographs showing students in a classroom and a student holding a trophy.

Diary dates



- **Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October** ~ Parent's evenings
- **Friday 18th October** ~ Show racism the red card – wear something red
- **Friday 18th October** ~ Food Bank Collection (joint with Halfway Junior School)
- **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
- **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

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 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

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



Frazer
Rory

CLASS 1

98.6%

The Crafty Chameleons



Audrey
Luke

CLASS 2

98.9%

The Rainbow Fish



Xander
Olive

CLASS 3

99.4%

THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Ferne
Jodie

CLASS 4

94.7%

The Gruffalos

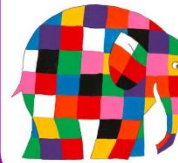


Maya
Albie

CLASS 5

95.3%

The Elmers



Daisy
Oscar

CLASS 6

94.8%

Overall school attendance = 96.8%



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).

