



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 1st July 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 28th June

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	98.6
Mrs Hibberd	92.0
Mrs Thorpe	83.3
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	97.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	97.5
Mrs Timmons	86.4

Whole school attendance = 92.7%

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

Summer safety—reminder

Please ensure that your child is bringing a sun hat and water bottle with them to school, and that sunscreen has been applied before school. Please also check that your child's name is in their cardigan/jumper and coat as, at this time of year, they are often taken off during play and lunchtimes, and it makes it much easier for us to ensure lost property is returned to its owner.

PE days

PE days for this half term are:

F2 = Tuesday
Year 1 = Thursday
Year 2 = Friday

Office Opening Hours

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. If you need to contact **nursery** for any reason, then please call the school office number (including if your child will be absent). If you call the nursery number, this will automatically divert to the school office.

Learners of the week

Congratulations to last week's Learners of the Week!

	
Jake and Bluebell	Indy and Millie
	
Esme and Isabella Bu	Lily and Polly
	
Milly and Jessica	Ava and Georgie

Summer Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came and braved the weather this afternoon for our summer picnic! Whilst the weather wasn't what we were hoping for, it was great that so many of you were able to stay and enjoy the games and stalls that we had, to help raise money for our school. A special thank you must be given to Miss Hughes who allowed so many of our pupils to throw wet sponges at her!

A big **thank you** to our HIP group for dedicating their own time to help to organise and run the event so well.

Breakfast club changes from September 2024

Due to our wonderful breakfast club staff moving on to new opportunities, and to avoid any disruption or cancellation of our breakfast club and valued wraparound care service, from September we will be partnering with 'Progressive Kids' to run our breakfast club. Progressive kids is currently providing quality wrap-around care in over 200 schools nationwide, and has been doing so for over 20 years. It will, therefore, be able to continue to provide a welcoming and enjoyable breakfast club for all of our pupils. All its staff are fully trained in the necessary areas (Early Years, First Aid, Food Hygiene, Safeguarding etc.) and will be working closely with our staff team to ensure a seamless handover. The club will continue to run from our Nursery building.

Because of this, there will be a number of changes to how the club runs and can be booked:

- Breakfast club will now start at **7:30am** (*an earlier start we hope will help some families even more*)
- The charge for this club will increase to £4 a session, with a 10% sibling discount.
- Breakfast club needs to be booked directly with Progressive Kids (the link can be found on the accompanying letter). This link will also ask you for your child's emergency contact details and medical information etc. If you are struggling to book via this link, please call Progressive Kids who can help you sign up.
- Communication regarding breakfast club needs to be directly with Progressive Kids.
- Childcare vouchers can continue to be used to pay for sessions.

The flyer is for Progressive Kids, featuring a central logo with the text 'Trusted childcare for your little ones'. It includes a 'Price & Times' section for a breakfast club from 7:30am to 8:40am for £4. A 'Breakfast includes' section lists items like toast, crumpets, cereals, pancakes, cordial, apple juice, orange juice, and milk. A 'Fun Activities' section lists sports, Lego & board games, arts & crafts, role play, and more. It also states the club starts on 4th September 2024 and is located at Halfway Nursery Infants School. Contact information is provided as 0161 478 3511 and Office@progressive-sports.co.uk.

We do understand that this is a new way of working. We shall, therefore, support families in order to make sure that they can book onto the club successfully, and that their wrap-around care is not affected.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Progressive Kids giving further information about the club. Staff from Progressive Kids will also be holding a parent meeting in school on **5th July at 3:15pm** for families who wish to find out more. During this meeting families can be shown how to sign up for breakfast club.

Transition plans

As we approach the summer holidays, and the end of the year, we also start looking forward to what September will bring. Today you will have received a letter telling you who your child's class teacher will be next year. Along with our transition day, we have a range of transition plans in place to support your children as they move into the next year group. Children in Nursery, F2 and year 1 will also welcome a surprise "secret storyteller" to their classroom (who will be their new class teacher!). Additional classroom visits will also take place over the final few weeks during the school day to help children adjust to the changes.

Transition day - Wednesday 10th July

This day will be our whole school transition day, where children will spend the day with their new teachers in their new classrooms. **Children will need to be dropped off and collected from their new classrooms on this day.**

For children transitioning from our nursery to F2, this day will be spent in the F2 building, with children completing their normal nursery sessions there. They will need to be dropped off and collected at their normal session times from the F2 building. Children who do not usually attend nursery on this day, are invited to join us if they would like to. Please speak with the nursery staff about this.

For children transitioning to year 3 at Halfway Junior School, this day will be spent at the Junior School and **children will need to be dropped off (8:40am) and collected (3:10pm) from there.**

Upcoming summer dates

- **Wednesday 3rd July** – Y2s to visit HJS to have a picnic lunch with the Y3s
- **Wednesday 10th July** – Transition day
Children will spend the day in their new classes. Y2 children will spend the day at HJS.
- **Thursday 11th July** – Y2 end of year celebration trip to Rother Valley
- **Thursday 11th July** – *End of year reports home (for children in F2 and KS1)*
- **Tuesday 16th July** – *Nursery Graduation*
⇒ *'Graduation' is just for children who will be leaving us to start school in September. Parents are invited to join us at either 10:30am or 2:15pm (depending on which session your child attends).*
- **Tuesday 16th July** - F2 (Elmers) trip to Crystal Peaks library
- **Wednesday 17th July** – *Nursery end of year 'Teddy Bears Picnic'*
⇒ *Parents do not attend this event.*
⇒ *Morning session at 10am and afternoon session at 1pm.*
⇒ *Children to bring a teddy bear with them to join in the fun!*
⇒ *Children to bring 2 snacks and a drink e.g. small packets of snacks like biscuits or crisps, fruit, babybels, small cakes, sausage rolls etc. No nuts.*
- **Wednesday 17th July** - F2 (Gruffalos) trip to Crystal Peaks library
- **Thursday 18th July** – *Nursery party day*
⇒ *Children can come to nursery in party clothes (suitable for nursery)*
- **Thursday 18th July** – *Y2 Leavers Assembly at 9:10am.*

NEW Breakfast Club from September 2024!



Dear Parents/Guardian,

We're excited to introduce Progressive Kids Wraparound Care, which will be running at Halfway Nursery Infants school from Wednesday 4th September 2024 from 7:30am till 8:40am.

We understand the challenge of balancing a busy work schedule and also finding a convenient and trusted person to take care of your child. So, we'll be providing high-quality breakfast club each school morning throughout next year.

We've worked closely with the school to ensure the successful launch of the wraparound from September 2024. It would be great to see your support by using the wraparound, as we'd love to show you and your child all the enriching activities we have planned.

Here is an idea of some of the activities that the children will take part in:

- 1, Kids-Play** – our inclusive child-led activities are zoned into 4 areas. We have an active zone, wellbeing zone, discovery zone and a creative zone. The children can free flow through the activities and get involved with the ones they enjoy.
- 2, Activities** - you'll find different activities available each morning such as archery, bowling, wake up, shake up – there will be something on offer for everyone!
- 3, One-Off Events** – we'll run seasonal arts and crafts events or unique activities. There will be a series of one-off events each term to provide variety and opportunities to get involved in something different.

All Children will also be provided with breakfast, snacks, fruit and refreshments on a daily basis. Our daily menu includes toast, crumpets, selection of cereals, pancakes, cordial, fruit juice (apple and orange) and milk.

In the new term we'll also be circulating Golden Tickets to all the pupils, which will allow different classes throughout the year try the club free of charge – so look out for this information!

Finally, we believe our comprehensive before school care not only addresses your needs but will provide an enjoyable and nurturing environment for your child at just **£4 per day**. We also offer a **10% sibling discount** on all bookings.

Please book via Class4Kids or using the link: <https://progressive-sports-manchester.classforkids.io/camp/327>

We like to think what we offer is so much more than just childcare!

Kind Regards,

Liam Loynd

Managing Director
Progressive Sports

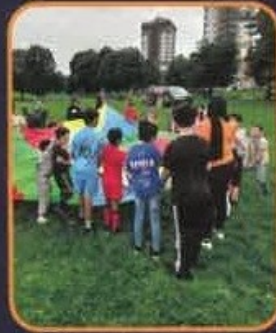
P.S. You may have further questions about the Wraparound and you can find a **comprehensive FAQ section on our website** (progressive-sports.co.uk/South-Manchester/wraparound-care/), alternatively you can give us a call on 0161 478 3511

P.P.S On Friday 5th July at 3:15pm we will be holding a parents assembly whereby Progressive Kids invites you to come along to Halfway Infant Nursery School to give you an introduction to Progressive Kids and answer any questions you may have.



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FREE SPORTS & ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER

COME AND GET INVOLVED!

Heathlands
Fridays, 3pm-5pm

SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES NEAR YOU THIS SUMMER

RUNNING FROM 22ND JULY - 31ST AUGUST

LOCATION	LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE	DAY AND TIME
Hackenthorpe Skate Park, S12 4JA	South East Sheffield	Mondays, 3pm-5pm
Mather Community Park, S9 4JA	East Sheffield	Mondays, 3pm-5pm
Errington Way, S2 2AJ	East Sheffield	Mondays, 6pm-8pm
Skye Edge, S2 5QZ	East Sheffield	Mondays, 6pm-8pm and Fridays, 3pm-5pm
Stannington Park, S6 6BX	North Sheffield	Tuesdays, 3pm-5pm
Brightside Rec, S9 1BH	North East Sheffield	Tuesdays, 3pm-5pm
Nottingham Cliff, S3 9GZ	North East Sheffield	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm
Firth Park, S5 6HH	North East Sheffield	Tuesdays 6pm-8pm and Saturdays, 12pm-2pm
Gleadless Common, S12 2RX	East Sheffield	Wednesdays, 3pm-5pm
Mount Pleasant Park, S7 1BY	South Sheffield	Wednesdays, 3pm-5pm
Deer Park, S6 5LW	North Sheffield	Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm
Ponderosa, S3 7PZ	Central Sheffield	Wednesdays and Fridays, 6pm-8pm
Handsworth Community Park, S13 9AU	South East Sheffield	Thursdays, 3pm-5pm
Woodthorpe Rec, S13 8AP	East Sheffield	Thursdays, 3pm-5pm
Kashmir Gardens, S9 5AF	East Sheffield	Thursdays, 6pm-8pm and Saturdays, 12pm-2pm
Heathlands, S20 BGS	South East Sheffield	Fridays, 3pm-5pm
Scowderons, S12 4TE	South East Sheffield	Fridays, 6pm-8pm
Heeley People's Park, S2 3DJ	South Sheffield	Saturdays, 3pm-5pm
Cookson Park, S5 8LX	North East Sheffield	Saturdays, 3pm-5pm



SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS

Football, Cricket, Hockey, Drawing... there'll be lots of different games and activities taking place for all ages and abilities.



NO SKILLS OR KIT NEEDED

We'll bring all the kit and will have everything you'll need to have a great time.



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Find out more and share your feedback at:
[SHEFFIELDCITYTRUST.ORG/SUMMER-PROGRAMME](https://sheffieldcitytrust.org/summer-programme)

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