



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...

Anti-bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week, where the theme of the week is 'Choose Respect':

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

During the week children will take part in discussions and learning activities focusing on respect.

One way we started the week off by showing respect was taking part in a 2 minute silence at 11am today across school to mark Remembrance Day.

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th November

On Tuesday we will be joining in with 'Odd Socks Day', where children are invited to wear odd socks to school to symbolise the beauty of diversity and the importance of accepting people for who they are. It sends a powerful message that everyone is unique in their own way, and that diversity should be celebrated rather than shunned.

Book fair

Come and join us for our first Book Fair of the year. This is a great chance to raise money for school, purchase new books and you could even start prepping for Christmas by coming to the book fair before you collect your child on the days it is open before the end of the school day. Our book fair will take place in our school hall and library on the following days:

- Wednesday 13th November at 8:20am – 8:40am
- Thursday 14th November at 8:20am – 8:40am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Children In Need – Friday 15th November

To support Children In Need, children are invited to leave their uniform at home and come to school in their favourite clothes. Donations for this will be collected via ParentPay, which you can do using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15230>

The school council will also be running two games to raise money. See the poster for more information.

Autumn Disco! – reminder

Autumn Discos

Games! **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!

Children will need to be collected from the main school doors at the end of each disco, and those attending the later disco will also need dropping off at these doors.

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



Christmas Updates

Christmas performances

Every year group will be taking part in a special Christmas performance. For fire regulations, our school hall/ nursery classroom has a limited capacity. Therefore, each child (or family if there are siblings in the same year group) has been allocated 3 tickets for their performances. Any toddler or baby attending the performance must be allocated a ticket. Families are able to use these tickets across multiple performances or for the same one. We will send out information later this week about how to book your tickets.

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 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 11th November** ~ F2 Autumn Disco ~ 3.15pm - 4pm and 4.15pm - 5pm
- **Tuesday 12th November** ~ Odd Socks Days (for anti-bullying week)
- **Wednesday 13th November** ~ Book Fair at 8:20am – 8:40am
- **Thursday 14th November** ~ Book Fair at 8:20am – 8:40am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm
- **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

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



Harmony
Devon

CLASS 1

94%

The Crafty Chameleons

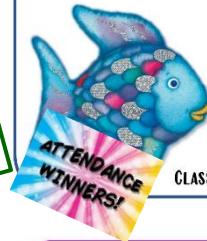


Ava G
Connor

CLASS 2

84.1%

The Rainbow Fish



Storm
Zoe

CLASS 3

100%



THE HUNGRY CATERpillARS



Harper
Elena

CLASS 4

97%

The Gruffalos



Cora
Violet

CLASS 5

97.1%

The Elmers



Jackson
Leo S

CLASS 6

99.1%

Overall school attendance = 95.4%

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

