



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...

Children's mental health week – know yourself, grow yourself

This year children's mental health week is working with Here4You and The Walt Disney Company, linked through the characters of Pixar's Inside Out and Inside Out 2. The week is designed to encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. This theme complements our work on the Zones Of Regulation. We have launched the week with an assembly and throughout the week, children will be undertaking activities and discussions around the theme; know yourself, grow yourself.



**KNOW YOURSELF.
GROW YOURSELF**

Food bank collection

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for the S20 food bank. It is great to know that we are helping people in our local community.

Phonics breakfast – reminder

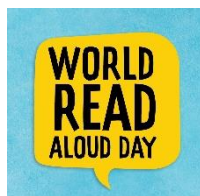
We are looking forward to welcoming our families of children in Foundation Stage 2 to our phonics breakfasts this week (and year 1 families next week).

If you are planning to join us, please make your way straight to the school hall once you have dropped your child off in their classroom. Before children join us in the hall, there will be chance to grab a bite to eat and learn a little bit more about how and why we teach phonics and reading as we do. Around 9:15am children will join us for a phonics lesson, so you can see it action. This will be followed by an opportunity to take part in some phonics and reading activities that you could also do at home with your child. The session will end at 10:15am.

If you haven't already done so, please reply to the text form to let us know if you are planning on attending. This form closes the day before the event.

World Read Aloud Day – 5th February

This Wednesday we will be celebrating 'World Read Aloud Day' by having a special 'Secret Storyteller' story time, where staff will swap classrooms to read stories to a different class. Where staff will go will be a surprise! Why not join in at home by also having a special story time on this day?



Enrichment clubs after half term

After half term, our after-school enrichment clubs for children in Foundation Stage 2, year 1 and year 2 will be:

- **Tuesday** – Striking and fielding with KRS, 3:10pm – 4:10pm = £20 (5 sessions)
- **Wednesday** – Drama with Noodle, 3:10pm – 4:10pm = £15 (5 sessions)
- **Thursday** – Football with KRS, 3:10pm – 4:10pm = £20 (5 sessions)
- **Friday** – Pop song and dance with Jess, 3:10pm – 4pm = £12 (4 sessions due to an INSET day)

All clubs will start during the first week back after half term. Please note that the club on a Friday finishes at 4pm.

The booking link for these clubs will be shared with you during the afternoon of Wednesday 5th February. The deadline to make your bookings is Thursday 13th February at 4pm. Please remember, places at clubs are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Artist visit – Competition!

To help get our pupils excited about our artist visit, we are running a land art competition. Please see the separate poster for more information about this. We hope lots of you get involved!

Half term holiday food vouchers

Sheffield Council have confirmed that a £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the half term holiday:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who receive income-assessed Early Years Support.
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

The voucher letters should arrive with parents w/c 10th February. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher.

Any child/young person that becomes eligible between 24th January and 16th February 2025 will be sent a food voucher letter w/c 24th February 2025.

The Process

- As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their vouchers - www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery
- Enter their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket.
- Edenred gives a choice of 11 supermarkets: Aldi, Asda, B&M, Company Shop, Farmfoods, Iceland McColl's, M&S, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose.
- Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £15 for Aldi and £15 for Asda.
- The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours.

If you think you may qualify for Free School meals you can check your eligibility here:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-meals> alternatively contact the school office who can apply on your behalf.

Diary dates



- **Wednesday 5th February** ~ Elmers phonics breakfast, World Read Aloud Day, after-school enrichment club booking links shared
- **Thursday 6th February** ~ Gruffalos phonics breakfast
- **Monday 10th February** ~ History van visit to school for year 2 (*payment item on ParentPay*)
- **Tuesday 11th February** ~ Hungry Caterpillars phonics breakfast
- **Wednesday 12th February** ~ Rainbow Fish phonics breakfast
- **Thursday 13th February** ~ After-school enrichment club booking deadline

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February ~ Half term (school and nursery closed)

- **Tuesday 25th February** ~ James Brunt land artist working with all children in school (*payment item on ParentPay*)
- **Thursday 6th March** ~ World Book Day
- **Tuesday 11th March and Wednesday 12th March** ~ Parent's Evenings
- **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March** ~ Foundation Stage 2 NHS height and weight screening
- **Friday 21st March** ~ Red Nose Day
- **W/b 24th March** ~ Scholastic Book Fair in school
- **Friday 28th March** ~ INSET day (school and nursery closed to pupils)

Monday 31st March – Friday 11th April ~ Easter holidays (school and nursery closed)

More information about upcoming diary dates will be shared with you nearer the time. Some dates are subject to change and any changes will be shared with you on the newsletter.

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

To try to ease congestion outside of school, please avoid parking in front of the cones, on our neighbour's driveways or double parking along the road. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking into school.

Free parking is available in the Supertram car park.



Halfway Heroes!



Well done to our learners of the week and our attendance winning class!

THE ENORMOUS CROCODILES



Aya-Lee
Ella

CLASS 1

96.5%

The Crafty Chameleons

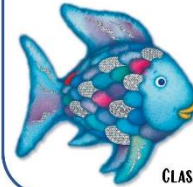


Lucas
Cora

CLASS 2

96.7%

The Rainbow Fish



Taliyah
Olive

CLASS 3

94%

THE HUNGRY CATERPILLARS



Areej
Ferne

CLASS 4

99.5%

The Gruffalos

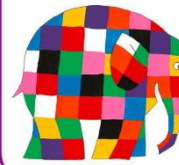


Freddie
Malicah

CLASS 5

97%

The Elmers



Anaiza
Grace

CLASS 6

97.5%

Overall school attendance = 96.9%

Fundraising - Easy Fundraising

Halfway Nursery Infant School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It is completely free and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=368739&invite=Opi4ct&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

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.