



# Halfway Nursery Infant News

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## This week's updates...

### **Nursery – Chinese New Year Dragon Dance - reminder**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, nursery families of children who attend on a Wednesday are invited to come into nursery to watch a Chinese New Year Dragon Dance. Please see the times below:

11:10am – families of children who come for the morning session.

2:30pm – families of children who come for the afternoon session or the full day.

Please speak with nursery staff if you require any further information.

### **Food bank collection – 31<sup>st</sup> January**

On Friday it is the Halfway school's turn again to collect for the S20 Food Bank. Donations can be handed to class teachers or placed on the collection table by the main entrance in the morning.

Any donation is very welcomed, however, the food bank cannot accept any fresh produce.

### **Phonics breakfast - reminder**

We are inviting parents/ carers of our children in Foundation Stage 2 and year 1 to join us for a phonics breakfast. Each of the sessions will take place in the school hall where you will receive useful information about phonics (including information about the year 1 national phonics screening check), see a lesson in action and join in activities with your child.

The dates for the phonics breakfasts are below:

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February ~ Elmers
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February ~ Gruffalos
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February ~ Hungry Caterpillars
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February ~ Rainbow Fish

Each session will run from when you have dropped off your child until 10:15am. Parents/ carers are invited into the school hall for a light breakfast straight after drop off. A short introduction to our phonics and early reading programme will take place at 9am with children joining you in the hall at 9:15am for a phonics lesson. Afterwards, you will have the chance to take part in phonics and reading activities with your child.

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

### **Artist visit**

Local artist, James Brunt will be visiting us on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. This visit will not only enhance our art curriculum, but will also develop pupil aspirations about what they can be when they grow up. During the day, pupils will get the opportunity to work with him and create a whole-school piece of land art, which families can come and see at the end of the day and for the subsequent days and weeks afterwards. A letter was shared with families last week about this event, along with a voluntary contribution of £3 added to ParentPay accounts to help support the cost of this visit. (Please note, this payment item has only been added to accounts of nursery children who attend on a Tuesday).

## Diary dates



- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Nursery Chinese Dragon Dance
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** ~ Foodbank collection
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** ~ Elmers phonics breakfast
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** ~ Gruffalos phonics breakfast
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** ~ History van visit to school for year 2 (*payment item on ParentPay*)
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** ~ Hungry Caterpillars phonics breakfast
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** ~ Rainbow Fish phonics breakfast

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** ~ Half term (school and nursery closed)

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

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

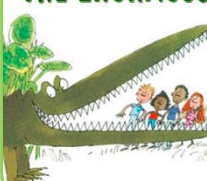


## Halfway Heroes!



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

**THE ENORMOUS CROCODILES**



Arianna  
Reuben

CLASS 1

94.8%

**The Crafty Chameleons**



Owen  
Bluebell

CLASS 2

98.6%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

**The Rainbow Fish**

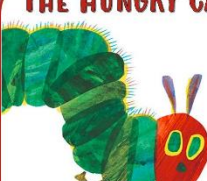


Milly  
Maisie

CLASS 3

94.5%

**THE HUNGRY CATERPILLARS**




Effe  
Jacob

CLASS 4

92.9%

**The Gruffalos**

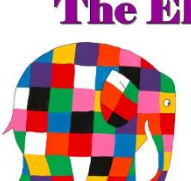


Ruby  
Harley

CLASS 5

95%

**The Elmers**



Eden  
Grayson

CLASS 6

95.7%

Overall school attendance = 95.3%

### 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.