



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 10th June 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 7th June

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	92.4
Mrs Hibberd	91.3
Mrs Thorpe	85.8
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	87.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	93.0
Mrs Timmons	93.9

Whole school attendance = 90.7%

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!

	
Scarlett and Connor	Tyler and Winnie-Cocoa
	
Rosie and Alex	Oliver and Elsie
	
Olive and Beatrice	Harper and Ferne

Parking for school

We are delighted to say that, after communicating with Travel South Yorkshire, families are able to use the Halfway Tram Park and Ride car park to 'walk and stride' to school. There is a safe crossing from the tram stop over Eckington Way, and another safe crossing over Station Road, to lead you directly to our school gates. By using the Park and Ride you will avoid the congestion outside of school and provide a short burst of daily exercise for your child.



There is nothing special that you need to do in order to park here. The car park is free to use and open 24/7. Be aware that there is a 2.1m height restriction in place. Cycle storage is also on offer there.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/Halfway-Park-and-Ride>

PE changes for next year for children moving into Year 1 and Year 2

From September we will be organising our KS1 PE sessions in a different way to ensure that our children are always able to access 2 hours of PE lessons each week (statutory guidance). From September, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have 2 separate PE lessons throughout the week; with lessons being on different days. Children moving into F2 will continue with the current plan of 'Big PE' on one day, coming to school in their PE kit.

Therefore, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will need a PE kit in school to change into on these days rather than coming to school in their sportswear.

Moving forwards, we would like all children (including those in F2) to have a (named) PE kit that consists of:

- Black or navy shorts/ jogging bottoms
- White t shirt
- Pumps or trainers
- Black or navy jumper (optional)

This PE kit is the same as Halfway Juniors, and, therefore, should help families when they transition to Year 3, as children will not need a new PE kit if their kit still fits them.

You may find it easier to leave your child's PE kit on their peg for a whole half term, but you are welcome to send it in on the days of your child's PE lessons (these will be shared with you in the new year). PE kits should be in a small, named bag, that can be left on their peg without taking up too much room.

We know that the cost of living crisis continues. To support you with this change, we do not expect children to have the correct PE kit until **Easter 2025**. We hope that this gives families enough time to organise for these changes. Up until then, children are welcome to bring in their own sportswear (as they would have worn on 'Big PE' days) to change into - children will still be expected to come into school in uniform.

In order to prepare for these changes, it is important that your child is able to undress and dress themselves in a timely manner. Teachers will be using a variety of strategies over the Autumn term to support children with this as well.

As a reminder, for safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear jewellery for PE and long hair should be tied back. If your child wears small stud earrings to school, we advise that they do not wear them on their PE days. Alternatively, they can be covered with tape.

Food bank

Thank you for the donations towards the food bank. It is great to know that our school is supporting families in our community.



Fundraising—reminder

A group of pupils from our school has decided to take part in the Lidl Tough Mudder on 6th July, with the aim of raising money for our school. If you would like to sponsor them please use the link below to access their **gofundme** page.

<https://gofund.me/abbb074a>.

Summer dates

- **Friday 14th June** – School Councillors summer picnic
- **Wednesday 19th June** – Vocabulary Parade
 - ⇒ Parents are invited to watch the parade from 2:15pm (weather dependant)
- **Thursday 20th June** – F2 and KS1 sports morning. All children are to come to school in sports clothes. Parents are invited to watch:
 - ⇒ 9:10am - 9:40am - F2
 - ⇒ 9:50am - 10:50am - Y1
 - ⇒ 11am – 12pm - Y2
- **Tuesday 25th June** – Nursery sports day
 - ⇒ Parents do not attend this event. Children who come to nursery on this day are to come wearing sports clothes.



Phonics screening check

The national phonics screening check will take place next week for all children in year 1, and for those in year 2 who did not pass it last year. Please support your child during this week and next by ensuring they are at school every day and on time. Please also practise their phonics with them through their reading books and the resources shared with you by your child's class teacher.

After-school activity clubs for Summer 2

The texts confirming whether or not your child has a place in any activity clubs have gone out, and the payment option is on ParentPay for Pop Song and Dance.

To pay for Olympics and for Invasion Games, both of which are provided by KRS, please use the following details:

Account Name: KRS Education Ltd

Account Number: 98256595

Sort Code: 608371

Reference: Halfway Infants HT6 (and the clubs name e.g. Invasion Games, Olympics)

Vocabulary parade reminder - Wednesday 19th June

National Writing Day is an annual nation-wide celebration of the power of writing creatively. It aims to inspire people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

The Vocabulary Parade has quickly become one of our favourite yearly events, and so we have decided to celebrate National Writing Day with this event again on Wednesday 19th June. This will be a non-uniform day as we would like you to get creative at home and think of a word that your child can 'dress' as for the day (please see below for examples!).

This school-wide activity is a fun way to encourage children to learn and explore new vocabulary. They will also engage in activities throughout the day to encourage them to develop their vocabulary and apply new words in their play and learning.

How does my child get ready for the parade?

Get creative!

Help your child select a word for the parade, one that would be fun to use to create a costume to represent the word and its meaning. You could design and create your costume using t-shirts, boxes, hats, fabric, etc., or keep it simple with clothes that are already in the wardrobe (there is no expectation to buy anything new or expensive).

Please make sure that your child can see and walk and play safely with the costume on, and is also able to use the toilet independently when wearing it (best to avoid onesies!)

Make a large vocabulary card with your child's word on it so that everyone knows which word they have chosen to represent. Children can carry the card, make it into a headband, or have it as a part of their costume!

Need some inspiration? A few examples:

'Colourful' - Wear as many different coloured items of clothing as you can;

'Thoughtful' - Draw and cut out lots of thought bubbles and question marks to attach to your outfit;

'Sparkly' - How many glittery items of clothing do you have? You could even add glitter to your hair.

These are just a few ideas, and we are sure you can come up with much more original and creative ideas than we have!

In the afternoon, we are inviting you to come and join us at 2:15pm (weather permitting) where children (including nursery children) will gather outside for a Vocabulary Parade to show off their creative outfits. In the event of rain, the parade will take place in the hall and, unfortunately due to numbers, parents will not be able to attend. Morning nursery children will hold their own vocabulary parade up in the nursery yard. Parents are invited to watch this parade at 11am.

We can't wait to see all the fantastic outfits, and, hopefully, learn some new and exciting vocabulary too!