



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 13th May 2024

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Attendance figures for week ending 10th May

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	95.7
Mrs Hibberd	94.6
Mrs Thorpe	91.7
Miss White/Mrs Briggs	97.8
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	100
Mrs Timmons	90.5

Whole school attendance = 95.0%

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

Now we are (hopefully) moving into better weather, please ensure that your child is bringing a sun hat and water bottle with them to school, and sun cream 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 = Friday
Year 2 = Thursday

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!

	
Honey and Ida	Evie and Winnie
	
Tharun and Aveah	Heidi and Jessie
	
Bella and Rosa	Noar and Louie

Welcome to Mrs Bird

We would like to introduce you to Mrs Julie Bird who will be working in our school and nursery office every morning from now on, alongside Mrs Tatham. Therefore, when you come into reception, email or call school it may be Mrs Bird who deals with your request. She is presently busy getting to know everyone, and will be a great addition to our admin team.

Year 2 optional SATS

From this year, schools do not have to administer formally the end of KS1 SATs to children in year 2 and publish the results. However, test materials have still been created and delivered to schools by the DfE for those schools who wish to use them as a form of assessment. Our year 2 children will be sitting these tests (the teachers refer to them as 'quizzes') in the final two weeks of this half term, to support our assessment for the final summer half term and aid their transition into KS2. These tests will be carried out in an age-appropriate way, and the results used to inform the children's end of year attainment. If you have any questions about these 'quizzes' then please speak with your child's class teacher.

Phonics screening check - year 1 and some year 2 pupils—reminder

During the week beginning 10th June, children in year 1 (and those children in year 2 who did not pass the check last year) will undertake their phonics screening check. This is a national check. Children will work 1:1 with a known adult to segment and blend 40 real words and alien words. Whilst we do not know the pass rate for this year's check (this is determined after the check has taken place), for the past few years it has been 32. Your child's score will be shared with you alongside their end of year report. Children who do not meet the pass mark in year 1 will be required to sit the check again in year 2. To support your child to achieve their best, please read with them regularly and use the materials shared with you in the pack they brought home last half term. Please also ensure that your child attends school regularly and promptly, particularly in the week of the check. Should you have any further questions about this, then please speak with your child's class teacher.

After school clubs

We know how popular and over-subscribed our after school clubs can be, and so are hoping that we will be able to offer you two further clubs, run by KRS, a sports company with which we work closely. These will take place after half term, along with the club run by Jess. More information about all these clubs will be shared with you soon.

Summer dates

As we approach our final half term we see school life start to get busy. We will share a list of key summer dates with you next week. These dates will include transition information, HIP group events, and any trips or visits the children will be going on. Please note that we are not going on 'end of year' trips this year, but events will be planned for each year group to enhance and add value to their learning. Any events that require a monetary donation will be shared with you in plenty of time, and these costs can be 'chipped away' on ParentPay.

Fundraising—reminder

A group of pupils from our school have 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/4f4f60fb>.

FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY SPRING BANK HOLIDAYS

The Government Household Support Grant aims to assist with rising food and energy costs and Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties due to rising costs of food and energy.

Below are the Council's plans to provide food supplement vouchers once again for 33,000 children and young people across the city for the May Spring Bank holidays.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over May Spring Bank:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM)
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds)
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

The Plan

The Council has chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

The voucher letters should arrive with parents w/c 20 May. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. Parents should contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers.

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, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda. The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If they cannot find this, they should check their Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months of the date of issue (20 May) or they will be cancelled automatically.

Once vouchers have been redeemed on the Edenred website they will be valid for 12 months.

Where can families get further help?

The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.

Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932.

If a parent is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvicesheffield.org.uk or they can call on 0808 278 7820.

Additional support can also be found via Sheffield City Council's Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567 or at www.sheffield.gov.uk/costofliving

If you have any concerns about the plans for the May half-term food supplement vouchers, or would like to discuss the arrangements for your school further, please do not hesitate to get in touch at schoolfood@sheffield.gov.uk

Footway Resurfacing – CA1 – Mosborough Ward

Road name	Sections affected	Duration of works	Hours of work	Traffic Management
Owlthorpe Avenue	Adj number 5	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Owlthorpe Grove	Opposite 2 & 4	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Carlton Close	Various sections	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Bramley Close	Various sections	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
High Street	Sections Duke St – Cadman St	3 days	9.30am – 3.30pm	Traffic lights
Twickenham Crescent	Various even side	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Mosborough Hall Drive	o/s 45 & 45 & junc Twickenham Cres	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Dunedin Glen	Near gennel	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Deepwell Avenue	Adj number 51	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure
Rotherham Road North	Section adj Station Rd	2 days	7am – 7pm	Local closure

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Footway Resurfacing (Mosborough Ward)

We are due to resurface sections of footways in the **Mosborough area**. Please see overleaf for details of durations and times.

This work is due to start **mid-late May 2024**. Although the road will remain open, we may need to restrict access at times to carry out the work safely.

There will be **no on-street parking** and vehicle access to properties may be restricted during working hours. Therefore, please allow extra time for journeys.

As our schedule is heavily dependent on the weather, we are unable to give an exact start date for the work. The temporary road signs displayed five days before work starts, will confirm dates/times of work and parking restrictions. Please be aware that these dates could change at short notice.

To provide us with the access we need, please can you cut back any overhanging vegetation such as hedges, bushes or trees that are encroaching the footway back to the edge line. Please note, any vegetation that is still over growing the footway when we start work may be cut back by our team.

In addition, we are surfacing remote footpaths in the area, therefore, please look out for any signage.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please telephone 0114 273 4567 or email streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk if you have any questions.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (21 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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October (19 Days)						
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November (20 Days)						
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December (15 Days)						
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January (20 days)						
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February (15 days)						
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March (20 Days)						
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April (11 Days)						
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May (16 Days)						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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June (21 Days)						
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July (17 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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- Denotes Bank Holidays
- Denotes School Holidays

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

Denotes INSET day