



Halfway Nursery Infant News

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This week's updates...

Nursery – Chinese New Year Dragon Dance

On Wednesday 29th 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 – 31st January

On Friday 31st January 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.

Phonics breakfast

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.

We apologise that we gave out a wrong date last week. The dates for the phonics breakfasts are below:

- Wednesday 5th February ~ Elmers
- Thursday 6th February ~ Gruffalos
- Tuesday 11th February ~ Hungry Caterpillars
- Wednesday 12th 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.

We do hope that lots of you are able to attend this exciting event.

New website

We are excited to share with you that we have been working hard on a new school website, which we are hoping to launch in the next few weeks.

After-school clubs

If you would like your child to attend an after school club as well as Superkids, we can organise for staff to collect your child at the end of the after school club and take them to Superkids where you will collect as normal. Payments for both clubs will remain the same.

Diary dates



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

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 (*more information and payment item to be added to ParentPay soon*)
- **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



Ariana
Reuben

CLASS 1

98.6%

The Crafty Chameleons



Marshall
Scarlett

CLASS 2

98.9%

The Rainbow Fish



Sophie
Chester

CLASS 3

99.4%

ATTENDANCE
WINNERS!

THE HUNGRY CATERPILLARS



Noar
Margot

CLASS 4

94.7%

The Gruffalos



Heidi
Fenja

CLASS 5

95.3%

The Elmers



Leo D
Amber

CLASS 6

94.8%

Overall school attendance = 96.8%

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.