



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25th November 2019

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	Nursery Play and Stay sessions for January starters 1pm to 3 pm F2 Big PE 3pm-4pm Karate After School Club	Nursery Play and Stay sessions for January starters 3pm-3.45pm Choir After School Club	Nursery Play and Stay sessions for January starters 1pm to 3 pm Y2 Big PE 3pm-4pm Street Dance After School Club	1pm to 3 pm Y1 Big PE 3pm -4pm Football After School Club	3pm -3.45pm Christmas Song and Dance After School Club
And Next Week ?	Santa's Grotto (F2, Y1 and Y2) 1pm to 3 pm F2 Big PE 3pm-4pm Karate After School Club	3pm-3.45pm Choir After School Club	1pm to 3 pm Y2 Big PE 3pm-4pm Street Dance After School Club	1pm to 3 pm Y1 Big PE 3pm -4pm Football After School Club	9 am Birthday Assembly for December born children 3pm -3.45pm Christmas Song and Dance After School Club



Attendance for the week ending 22nd November:

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	98.6
Crafty Chameleons	98.6
Rainbow Fish	97.1
Hungry Caterpillars	98.3
Gruffalos	90.8
Elmers	98.3

Overall attendance for the week was 96.9%

Upcoming Diary Dates



Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th November

Nursery Play and Stay sessions for January starters

DECEMBER DIARY DATES ARE ATTACHED



Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea we ask you to keep him/her at home for 48 hours to reduce the risk of the illness spreading.



Friends of HNIS (Our school's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association)

Photos with Santa

Santa is visiting the school (not the nursery) on 2nd December. The Friends group provides a mini chocolate Santa for every child. It also usually provides a free photo, funded from the Winter Fayre proceeds. However, as we haven't been able to have the Winter Fayre, if parents/carers would like a photo of their child with Santa, please give the child £1 in a named envelope on the day.

Nursery children will have the chance to meet Santa in the nursery unit on Party Day.

Presents

Santa and his elves are very busy wrapping a present for every child in school and nursery. The Friends group helps him to buy these.

Party Day

The Friends group will be paying for the entertainer at the Christmas Parties.

Next Meeting

Staffroom, 5pm, Thursday 16 January 2020

***The Friends of HNIS** (formerly known as **HIP Group**) plans **events** such as the **Beach Party Summer Fayre**, the **Winter Fayre** and the **Autumn & Spring Discos**. It also organises the **Christmas Card scheme**, **Easter Egg hunts**, **Photos with Santa** and lots of other great activities.*



*Since its creation, the group has raised in excess of **£50,000**, which has been used to provide, amongst other things, new playground markings, classroom equipment and new technologies, as well as book bags, Christmas gifts and entertainers. It also paid for the trim trail and story telling area.*



*All our events are listed on our **PTA Social** page. PTA Social is a simple way for the whole school community to plan school events together online, and get to know each other. For all the latest updates, and to volunteer to help out, just **click the link** below. (if you aren't a member yet, you will be emailed an invitation to join once you've clicked on the link).*

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/friends-hnis>

*If you need more **help**, please contact any member of the Friends of HNIS committee:*

Chair: Jenny Thorne

(mother of children in Nursery F1 and F2)

Treasurer: Joanne Clare

(can be contacted through PTA Social)

Secretary & School Contact: Lindsay Tatham

(works in the School Office)



Operation Encompass Project



Our School has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and South Yorkshire Police. This project is known as Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day. Operation Encompass will ensure that a specifically trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the young person and their family.

Our school is keen to offer the best support possible to all of our young people and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. For more information go to <https://www.operationencompass.org/#>

Making a difference to our own community this Christmas time

Each class in school is creating a shared gift box to include non-perishable items such as toiletries, small toys and items of warm winter clothing that we will send to a local family in need this Christmas time.

Sign up sheets are still available in classrooms as we would love each child to donate one item, if possible, to help create a class box that will be delivered to a family in need in our local area in preparation for Christmas. These boxes will be collected directly from school, and will be delivered to a local family as part of a 'Christmas gift box distribution' project (organised by the S20 Food Bank). We are also hoping that the project organisers will be able to visit us in an assembly to come and collect these boxes from each class and explain more to the children about how they are helping make a difference to local families this Christmas time.

As this charity is able to collect these boxes directly from school this does not incur any postage costs, so if you are interested in creating your own family gift box at home, in addition to the whole class boxes we are organising, they would be delighted to collect these from school too! Please see Mrs Tatham in the School Office for more information.

Christmas Hampers

Each year, the members of staff organise a hamper raffle. The prizes take the form of food hampers and there are lists in each classroom and the Nursery Unit of the items needed. Please look out for these, and sign up for something as soon as you can. You can bring your donations for the hampers any time during this week.

As you can imagine, the hampers are gorgeous, and well worth winning. **The draw takes place on Tuesday 17 December.**

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please note that the Health Protection Agency now advises that the recommended period for a child to be kept away from school is **48 hours** from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. For this reason, **if your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea we ask you to keep them at home for 48 hours to reduce the risk of the illness spreading.**



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are happening soon!

Tuesday 10 December, 9.15am and 2pm Nursery (F1) Songs Around the Christmas Tree

Tuesday 10 December, 9.15am and 2pm F2 Songs Around the Christmas Tree

Wednesday 11 December, 9.15am and 2pm Y2's Wiggly Nativity

Thursday 12 December, 9.15am and 2 pm Y1's Christmas Musical

Nursery's performances will take place in the Nursery building, and each child is entitled to TWO audience tickets.

In school, the performances take place in the hall, and each child is entitled to **three** audience tickets (usually they can only have two tickets, which may be the case next year).

Sign-up sheets will be in the classrooms from tomorrow, Tuesday 26 November.

Due to fire regulations, **everyone who attends MUST have a ticket, even babies and toddlers**, even if they are sitting on your knee.

Fun and Festive fundraising—ideas please

Although we were really sad to have to cancel our Winter Fayre this year due to insufficient numbers of volunteers to run this event, we are getting our heads together to try and plan an alternative fun and festive fundraising event that is manageable for our small group of volunteers. If you have any great ideas that may be easy and quick to organise, please share them! One idea received so far — a Sponsored Sing with Santa.

Children in Need

We raised a total of £175.97 from our 'Get Together' dressing up day. Thank you very much for your support.

Breakfast Club

We have a great Superkids Breakfast Club which runs from 8am every morning. Children can enjoy a variety of breakfast foods from fruit and yoghurt to cereal, toast, muffins and pancakes.

There is no need to book – you can just turn up.

Children will be delivered safely to their classrooms after breakfast club.

NURSERY NEWS

The sign up sheet for our Christmas Songs Around The Tree will be available from this Tuesday (26 November).

Please can parents/carers of Nursery aged children ask older siblings to stay with them when they collect younger siblings from Nursery and do not leave them unattended on the yard. Staff have raised concerns about Junior aged children climbing on top of equipment when unattended which has raised concerns re their safety. Thank you for your understanding.

Could you please ensure that children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather at this time of year—remembering that some of the activities take place outdoors. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

We would also be grateful if you could please encourage your children to practice putting their coats on and zipping them up unaided. Children earn a sticker on their badge if they are able to do this without help.

It is Meg's and Mog's birthday and we are having a party for them on Wednesday 27th November. Children can come dressed in party clothes on that day.

We would appreciate donations of old greetings cards—birthday, anniversary etc.

Halfway Nursery Infant School – December Diary Dates

w\b Monday 25 November	Donations for Hamper Raffle to School Office	Sign-up sheets are in the classrooms
Monday 2 December	Santa's Grotto	For F2, Y1 and Y2 children. Children will be taken with their classmates by their teacher (no parent/carer involvement).
Friday 6 December 9am	Birthday Assembly	For school children with a birthday in December; parents\carers invited into the classroom for some cake and a drink.
w\b Monday 9 December	No after-school activity clubs	EXCEPT Choir after-school activity club. Usual club session on Tuesday 10 December, 3-4pm. Performance at Crystal Peaks, 12 December.
w\b 9 December	No Big PE	Big PE will not be taking place for any year group this week. Please send your child to school in their uniform every day.
Tuesday 10 December	F1\Nursery & F2 Songs around the Christmas Tree	Entry is by <u>ticket only</u> - everyone must have a ticket, however old they are! Tickets for hamper raffle will be on sale.
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Wednesday 11 December	Y2 Nativity play	Entry is by <u>ticket only</u> - everyone must have a ticket, however old they are! Tickets for hamper raffle will be on sale.
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Thursday 12 December	Y1 Christmas performance	Entry is by <u>ticket only</u> - everyone must have a ticket, however old they are! Tickets for hamper raffle will be on sale.
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w\b Monday 16 December	No after-school activity clubs	
Monday 16 December	Talent Assembly	Please bring any badges, certificates, trophies, etc that your child has achieved outside of school (parents\carers don't attend)
Tuesday 17 December	Hamper Raffle draw	Winning tickets will be displayed around school and F1\Nursery - please check to see if you are a winner!

Tuesday 17 December	Y1 Panto trip	<p>Be at school by 8.40am</p> <p>Wear school uniform</p> <p>Bring a coat and a water bottle (separate from packed lunch)</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch (unless ordered one from school)</p> <p>No money needed</p>
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner day	See attached poster
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Children may wear a Christmas or brightly coloured jumper, or an outfit of their choice. We ask for a donation of £1, in aid of Save the Children.
Thursday 19 December	No Big PE	Big PE is cancelled today as it is Party Day. Children can wear their party clothes all day.
Thursday 19 December	Party Day	<p>Food to be provided by parents\carers please - we'll let you know what!</p> <p>Children can wear their party clothes all day</p>
Friday 20 December	Well Done Assembly	Parents\carers of chosen school children will be invited closer to the time.
Friday 20 December	Last day of term	Superkids after-school care will close at 5pm today, as normal.
Monday 6 January	School and F1\Nursery reopen for Spring term	

**TURKEY
& TINSEL**



Join the Fab 4
for a yummy
Christmas
lunch

TURKEY & TINSEL

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage
Quorn Roast with Chipolata Sausage

Roast Potatoes
Stuffing

Peas and Carrots

Christmas Biscuit

See below for details on each workshop.
Go from one to the next and fill your
afternoon with activity!

Venue 1:

Yorkshire Artspace

Persistence Works,
21 Brown Street, S1 2BS

Concrete Crafts with Bright Box

Join Kisha Bradley from Bright Box Makerspace to get hands-on with concrete – an essential material in Bauhaus architecture. Suitable for ages 8+.

Bauhaus Bags with Craft Lab

Based on Bauhaus principles of colour theory, you will be playing with colours, shapes and composition to block print tote bags.

Giant Dolls' House Project:

At Home in Sheffield

Join in this collaborative community art project led by architect Catja de Haas, creating a community of dolls' houses made out of shoeboxes.

Venue 2:

Site Gallery

Project Space,
1–5 Brown Street, S1 2BS

Talking Buildings

Join artists Peter Martin and Jon Cannon to bring some of Sheffield's landmarks to life. You'll turn buildings into animated characters through collage, green screen visual effects, and voiceover recording.

Fantastical Cities

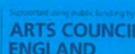
Fantastical Cities is aimed at inspiring the architects of the future. Let your imagination run wild and help construct a fantasy cityscape made out of cardboard and Lego.



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Book Fair Bus – Monday 2nd December

The Book Bus will be with us next Monday, 2nd December. The bus is expected to arrive early and be set up in the car park by 8.15am, it will be here until approximately 4.15pm. There are over 250 books on board as well as gifts and stationary. Parents and families are welcome to visit the Book Bus before and after school with their children. All our children will visit the Book Bus with their class teacher during the school day. They can bring cash with them and purchase books during the day, alternatively, we will jot down the name of the book they like and keep a record so you can purchase the book with them after school. On average, books cost between £3-£6, some are a little more than this. If your child is bringing money to school, please place this in a wallet/purse, labelled with their name and the amount they have brought to school. Please be aware that there will be restricted parking all day in the car park.

Winter weather preparations

In preparation for winter it is important we have your up to date mobile numbers and email addresses. In the event of adverse weather, we will inform you of any disruption to school opening times by text and email. We will also update the school website and Twitter pages. Please contact the school office with any updates.

Westfield Sports Hall Athletics – The final!

Our Y5/6 children, made it through to the finals of the Westfield Sports Hall athletics competition. They travelled to Concord sports Centre on Friday afternoon to compete against other schools across the city. Unfortunately, we didn't get through to the next stage, however we couldn't be prouder of the perseverance, collaboration and great team spirit our pupils showed. Thank you to everyone who took part, you were a credit to our school.

Festive Film Night – Reminder

Do you want a bit of extra time to do your Christmas shopping or wrap your presents?

We will be holding a Festive Film Night on Thursday 5th December from 3:10pm – 5:30pm. Tickets are £3 each and include a drink and popcorn. The festive film will be chosen by the children that evening. Children are welcome to bring up to £3 to spend at the tuck shop. The cost for this event has been added to your ParentPay accounts and a consent form shared with you. ALL the money raised on this evening will go directly back to improving the provision for your children.

Parent Group News – Reminder

The next parent's group meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday 26th November at 3:10pm. We will meet in Mr Hick's classroom and children will be looked after by school staff in Miss Marklew's classroom. We will be making final preparations for the Festive Film Night, as well as the Christmas Market, so please do join us!

Parking around school

We have been approached by parents and families about parking around school at the beginning and the end of the day. The main concerns are that vehicles are parking on pavements, making it unsafe for children walking to school as they are having to step in to the road to pass the cars. Please can we ask that everyone parks safely and considerately around our school. Thank you for your support.



Time to start School?

If your child was born between
1st September 2015 and
31st August 2016, you need to apply
for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at
www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare

Closing date for applying **15th January 2020**

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on

0114 273 5766

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place.
Missing the closing date will mean less chance of
obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).

