



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 11th November 2019

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	Anti Bullying week starts 3pm-4pm Karate After School Club	Nursery Classes in Action – 8.30-11.30am and 12.30-3.30pm 1pm to 3 pm F2 Big PE 3pm-3.45pm Choir After School Club 5pm SATS Workshop for Y2	1pm to 3 pm Y2 Big PE 3pm-4pm Street Dance After School Club	Whole School Super starter – Launching the S20 Family Gift Box Appeal 1pm to 3 pm Y1 Big PE 3pm –4pm Football After School Club	9am Birthday Assembly 3pm –3.45pm Christmas Song and Dance After School Club
And Next Week ?	Road Safety Week 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	3pm –3.45pm Christmas Song and Dance After School Club



Attendance for the week ending 8th November:

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	92.1
Crafty Chameleons	97.9
Rainbow Fish	97.1
Hungry Caterpillars	93.8
Gruffalos	93.2
Elmers	99.2

Overall attendance for the week was 95.5%

Upcoming Diary Dates



- Tuesday 12th November Flu immunisations today—Reception, Y1, Y2
- Tuesday 12th November Nursery Classes in Action – 8.30-11.30am and 12.30-3.30pm
- Tuesday 12th November 5pm SATS Workshop for Y2 parents
- Thursday 14th November Whole School Super starter – Launching the S20 Family Gift Box Appeal – Box for a family this Christmas time
- Friday 15th November 9am Birthday Assembly
- Week beginning Monday 18th November Road Safety Week

DECEMBER DIARY DATES ARE ATTACHED



CHANGE TO F2 (RECEPTION) BIG PE DAY

From **NEXT WEEK**, F2's BIG PE will take place on **MONDAYS**.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Flu immunisations for F2, Y1 and Y2 children will take place this Tuesday.



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

Unfortunately, as we did not get enough volunteers, we have had to cancel the Winter Fayre.

iPod

Has anyone got an iPod in the back of a drawer that they don't need any more? We'd like one for Nursery, as we plan to buy them a docking station.

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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

To help launch our new 'Let's Celebrate!' topic (through our 'Community and Culture' work and the subject drivers of RE, PSHE and History/Geography), each class in school will be creating a shared gift box over the next few weeks. This will 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 displayed 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 at the end of term 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 will be 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 the week beginning 25th November.

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

BIG PE – Days and Sports Coaching

Every week in school each year group will take part in a 'BIG PE' session. This is a whole afternoon of wonderful physical activity, both indoors and out. **Please note that, FROM NEXT WEEK, F2's BIG PE day will be MONDAY.** We would like all year groups to work with both of our Sports Coaches, Jess and Rich, to develop a range of skills, working towards taking part in local sporting events and festivals.

Year group Big PE sessions will take place as follows during this half term:

FS2 - Monday afternoons (**from NEXT week**)

Year 2 - Wednesday afternoons

Year 1 - Thursday afternoons.

On your child's BIG PE day, he/she should come to school dressed in sports kit. This kit is likely to be the school PE kit, and should include sensible footwear that can be used indoors and outside i.e. trainers. With colder weather approaching, children should come wearing tracksuit bottoms and a sweater or zip-up jacket, as PE will still be held outdoors (unless exceptionally cold, or snowy/icy!). Please also remember to bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water every day.



Anti-Bullying Week: What is bullying?

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as "repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online".

There are four key elements to this definition:

- hurtful
- repetition
- power imbalance
- intentional

The theme: Change Starts With Us

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood.

Respect is extremely important to us at Halfway Nursery Infant School and we do not tolerate bullying behaviour of any kind. On the rare occasion a concern may arise, we work closely with parents and children to ensure concerns are addressed fully and all children supported.

Anti-bullying week also reinforces that by making small, simple changes, our school team can break this cycle where it happens and looks at ways we can maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with working together. Change starts here. Change starts now. Change starts with us!

This year the goal of Anti Bullying Week is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We want to help share this empowering, positive message and address the fact that when it comes to bullying 'CHANGE STARTS WITH US!'. Our children will be taking part in anti-bullying themed activities over the course of the week to help them learn how they can work together to be the change we want to see!

Visits for parents of children due to start in reception in September 2020

If your child is due to start in reception year (F2) in September 2020 and you would like to arrange to tour the school, we have visits scheduled for the following days/times. If you would like to book a place on the following day, please ring the school office on 0114 248 2360.

10am on Wednesday 20th November.

National Child Measurement Programme

National Child Measurement programme is offered to children in Reception and year 6. Reception children are also offered vision and hearing tests. The vision tests are carried out by Orthoptic Staff from the Sheffield Children's Hospital.

F2/Reception parents/carers should have received an information pack from school - if not, please call the Hospital's central admin team who will arrange for you to receive a second pack (0114 3053224). This is very important as parents are given the opportunity to opt out if they wish, or seek further information.





Y2 SATs Parent Workshop

TOMORROW at 5 pm we will be holding an information event for Y2 parents about the Y2 SATs that children will be undertaking later in the academic year. It will be an excellent opportunity to find out about the tests and their content but, more importantly, how we tackle them as a school to ensure children achieve the best possible outcomes, without being worried or unsettled.

Children in Need

Children in Need Day will take place on Friday 15th November. The theme this year is 'Get Together' so, on the day, children can come dressed as a member of a team. For example, this could be a member of a sporting team, a Strictly Dancing couple, a Superhero pair, Comic/cartoon characters, and so on. To raise money for the Children in Need cause, we are asking each child to bring a £1 voluntary donation.

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.

Superkids—changes to Friday hours

Superkids now closes at 5pm on Fridays. The closing time for the other 4 days remains unchanged i.e. 6pm, Monday—Thursday.

NURSERY NEWS

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.

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A pot for collecting the £1.50 voluntary termly contributions will be available this week in nursery. If anyone would like to contribute £1.50 towards special snacks etc. we would very much appreciate your support. Thank you :-)



If your child is being bullied or you think they might be, here are some tips on how to talk to them and prevent further bullying.

- ▶ If your child is being bullied, **don't panic**. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.
- ▶ **Bullying is never acceptable**; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- ▶ Try and **establish the facts**. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- ▶ **Find out what your child wants to happen**. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- ▶ You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have **unpredictable results**. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather – role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop."); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.
- ▶ Encourage your child to **get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem**, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place)

Access our free anti-bullying online information tool at
www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool





Get some advice

There are many organisations that can give you some advice. Contact them if you are worried about bullying and want to talk to someone. <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parentadvice>

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
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.
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.
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	Be at school by 8.40am Wear school uniform Bring a coat and a water bottle (separate from packed lunch) Bring a packed lunch (unless ordered one from school) No money needed
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner day	
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	Food to be provided by parents\carers please - we'll let you know what! Children can wear their party clothes all day
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 4pm today.
Monday 6 January	School and F1\Nursery reopen for Spring term	



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Colours in the left column represent the brand colour your child should choose for the meal that day

WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Traditional Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Winter Chicken Casserole	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Beef & Onion Pie with Mashed potato & Gravy	Fish Fingers and Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Course	Vegetable Sausage & Mash	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Half Jacket Potato	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Curry & Wholegrain Rice
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salmon Mayo
Sandwiches	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwiches	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
Vegetables	Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli & Winter Coleslaw	Savoy Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Dessert	Ginger Sponge Custard	Flapjack & Apple Slices	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Shortbread Biscuit & Fruit Wedges

WEEKS COMMENCING:
4/11/19 : 25/11/19 : 16/12/19 : 6/1/20 : 27/1/20 : 17/2/20 : 9/3/20

WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers and Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Course	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Cheese Flan with Homemade Potato Wedges	Vegetable Sausage Fajita and Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo
Sandwiches	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwiches	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
Vegetables	Garden Peas & Fresh Salad	Carrots & Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage & Mixed Vegetables	Cauliflower & Sliced Green Beans	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Dessert	Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake with Custard	Shortbread & Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Sponge & Custard	Ginger Muffin

WEEKS COMMENCING:
11/11/19 : 2/12/19 : 23/12/19 : 13/1/20 : 3/2/20 : 24/2/20 : 16/3/20

WEEK THREE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Wedges	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Chicken Pie & Mash	Fish Fingers and Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Course	Veggie Burger in a bun Homemade Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with 1/2 Jacket Potato	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Tomato, Vegetable Sausage & Macaroni Bake	Bean Bake and Chips with Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans & Salmon Mayo
Sandwiches	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Sandwiches	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Broccoli & Fresh Salad	Cauliflower & Carrots	Mixed Vegetables & Savoy Cabbage	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Dessert	Apple Crumble served with Custard	Lemon Slice with Custard	Chocolate Crunch Served with Custard	Marble Sponge served with Custard	Crunchy Biscuit served with Apple Slices

WEEKS COMMENCING:
18/11/19 : 9/12/19 : 30/12/19 : 20/1/20 : 10/2/20 : 2/3/20 : 23/3/20

Yoghurt and fruit will also be available each day as an alternative to dessert. A selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water will be available daily.



Children in Need – Reminder

On Friday we are supporting Children in Need by wearing something spotty! If your child is taking part, please send them with a £1 donation, alternatively, you can make a £1 donation via ParentPay. As always, we do not expect anyone to buy anything new, you can get creative with fabric pens or stickers to decorate an existing t-shirt. Children not taking part should wear school uniform as normal. Each class has a timeslot throughout the day where they will be invited to take part in our other fundraising activities, these include, decorate a biscuit (50p), guess the sweets in the jar (£1) and 'name the dog' competition (£1). Children will need cash in small change to take part in these activities. All monies raised will be donated directly to Children in Need.

Friendship Week – Reminder

This week is 'Friendship Week'. Tomorrow we are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Parents' Group Meeting – Reminder

Our next parents' group meeting is being held in Mr Hick's classroom on Tuesday November 12th straight after school. Whilst you meet, children are welcome to join us to watch a film or do some colouring. We hope you can join us!

The Sun – Books for Schools

We have registered our school for the Sun newspaper Books for Schools campaign. The vouchers are available from 23rd November – 18th January. If we collect 3,500 vouchers to be able to claim a fantastic box of books from the Collins Big Cat reading scheme, containing 106 amazing titles! Thank you to Mrs Jarvis for letting us know about the campaign.

Y3 Fire Safety Talk

South Yorkshire Fire Service are visiting our Y3 children this week to help them learn about fire safety. They will discuss safety messages on smoke alarms, fire safety in the home, escape plans, fire drills, hazards in the home as well as road safety.

Lost Property

One of our children has misplaced a book which they brought from home. The book is from Crystal Peaks library and is a copy of Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone. Please check at home in case your child may have brought this home by mistake.



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).

