



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 9th March 2020

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Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	1-3 pm F2 Big PE 3pm Karate After School Club 3pm Choir After School Club	3pm Gardening After School Club	1-3 pm Y2 Big PE 3pm Disney Ballet After School Club	1-3 pm Y1 Big PE 3pm Football After School Club	3pm Pop Song and Dance After School Club
And Next Week ?	1-3 pm F2 Big PE 3pm Karate After School Club 3pm Choir After School Club	3pm Gardening After School Club	1-3 pm Y2 Big PE 3pm Disney Ballet After School Club	Rescheduled visit by local poet and author Conrad Burdekin 1-3 pm Y1 Big PE 3pm Football After School Club	3pm Pop Song and Dance After School Club



Attendance for the week ending 6th March 2020

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	91.1
Crafty Chameleons	94.3
Rainbow Fish	94.4
Hungry Caterpillars	94.2
Gruffalos	98.5
Elmers	94.8

Overall attendance for the week was 94.5%

Upcoming Diary Dates



Thursday 19th March	Rescheduled visit by local poet and author Conrad Burdekin
9.15 am Tuesday 24th March	Miss Maloney's class assembly
9.15 am Wednesday 25th March	Miss Dale's class assembly
2.30pm Thursday 26th March	Whole School Fantastic Finish — poetry reading sessions



Next Friends Group Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30 April, starting at 5pm in the staff room.



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Keeping clean and healthy in school

Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or more remains the best method of cleaning hands. The Department for Education has issued a poster from Public Health England which includes advice on hand-washing, including opportunities when, ideally, children should wash their hands. These are relatively easy to implement and include -

- At home before they set off to school
- When having used the toilet
- Before eating
- After sporting activities

In addition to this, Public Health England also suggests hand-washing after every break, and also on arrival at school.

As well as regular handwashing, the “catch it, bin it, kill it” posters are also displayed around school to remind children how to deal with coughs and sneezes.

Parking and road safety

There have been concerns raised about a small number of parents/carers parking and driving over pavements outside school at school drop off/collection times. We understand that parking can be difficult, but it is very important that the footpaths are kept clear so that our young children are able to walk to/from school safely each day. As this area is outside the school property, the local PCSOs are aware of these concerns, and will continue to monitor and police the parking around school. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sponsored Reading Challenge

To celebrate World Book Day and promote the love of reading with our children, our Friends of HNIS Group held a 'Sponsored Read' last week to encourage the children to enjoy extra time reading each day to help us to raise money to buy new reading and phonic books in school. We hope you had lots of fun doing this and have had great reports about how much the children loved being book worms last week! Please keep up your great reading at home even though this sponsored read week is now over, and return sponsor forms and any sponsor money raised by Monday 16th March.

Please see copies of the school reading logs for each class (attached), and do not forget to add this to your Home Reading Logs before bringing this back to school. (If your child wasn't here on any of the days last week, please alter the class total accordingly). This will help us to calculate a grand total of minutes for both at home and school reading. When we have collected all sponsor forms all children who have taken part will receive a certificate and a badge to thank them for joining in. This is in addition to other rewards such as book marks, pencils and medals for specific amounts raised. Thank you again to everyone for taking part and supporting our school to renew our reading resources in school!



What a winning team!

After school last Thursday, some of our Year 2 children attended a Mini Athletics event at Westfield School where they put their athletics skills to the test and competed against other local schools. Miss Maloney and Miss Dale were so impressed with how well they worked as a team and supported one another. As a result of this amazing team spirit and skill, they achieved 1st place! A massive well done to the Y2s who represented our school, and thank you to the adults who supported us to make this possible.





Latest Public Health England advice on coronavirus

Department for Education (DfE) Coronavirus helpline

The DfE launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

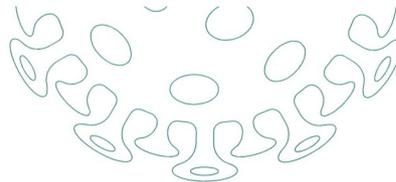
Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately





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World Book Day 2020

What an amazing day we had in school last Thursday! The children (and staff as you can see below!) had a fantastic time learning about stories and characters on World Book Day, and losing themselves in the magical world of books.

A big thank you to you for your support by organising really creative costumes for your children, and also to Helen Stokes, Headteacher from Waterthorpe Infant School and also budding author, for visiting school to lead an assembly about being an author and about her lovely stories. See The Urban Fox and Friends website for more information - <https://www.littleurbanfoxandfriends.co.uk>



HALFWAYNI @HalfwayNI · 16h
The question was more 'Who's Wally?' rather than 'Where's Wally?' around school today...!

@WorldBookDayUK



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HALFWAYNI @HalfwayNI · 23h
Nursery enjoyed reading stories in the dark, we had torches to help us read (not very) spooky stories about 'Funnybones' and a 'monstersaurus'.



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HALFWAYNI @HalfwayNI · 23h
Look at F2 and their amazing costumes! They spent their time doing lots of learning about different story book characters.



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HALFWAYNI @HalfwayNI · 5 Mar
Year 2 had a fantastic World Book Day doing lots of lovely learning! Trying to work out which Wally was their teacher was tricky, where's Mrs Hibberd?



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HALFWAYNI @HalfwayNI · 23h
Look at our wonderful Y1 children reading on World Book Day, they are superstar readers!



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British Science Week 6th -15th March

British Science Week, run by the British Science Association, is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, and it features entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

British Science Week provides a platform to stimulate and support teachers, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) professionals, science communicators and the general public to produce and participate in STEM events and activities.

Anyone can organise an event or activity, and the British Science Association helps organisers plan by providing free activity and support resources to any type of organiser, from schools to community groups, from parents to large organisations. The resulting programme of events is therefore a really varied mix, with something to interest everyone!

Find out more: <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>

This year the theme for our Science Week is 'Our Diverse World'. Children across school will take part in a range of activities and investigations to develop their scientific knowledge, understanding and enquiry skills, and Science Week will finish with a KS1 assembly for children to share what they have learned with their peers. A special thanks to Mrs Hibberd, our Science Lead, for arranging this.

Events happening in the local area include....

Science Week at Sheffield Hallam

From the 9th to 21st March 2020, Sheffield Hallam University is offering a programme of inspiring and free events to schools, colleges and the public as part of British Science Week to celebrate science and engineering and more, through a diverse programme that will fascinate, entertain and engage children, young people and adults.

Events include talks, masterclasses, events and community activity, led by experts. Science Week at Sheffield Hallam isn't just for Schools and Colleges - a number of events during Science Week 2020 will be open to the public. Please follow the link to the website to have a look at the programme and find out more – www.shu.ac.uk/scienceweek

Friday 13th March - Discovery Night at The University of Sheffield, Firth Court and the Alfred Denny Building, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

Visit the University of Sheffield's laboratories and lecture theatre for an evening of hands-on science for the whole family. There will be talks, exciting Science demonstrations and interactive activities for visitors of all ages.

The event is free and no booking is required. Find out more on the website.

Saturday 14th March - Geology walks with Peter Kennett

Where on Earth did that come from?

10.30 – 12.00, Sheffield Peace Gardens

Geological walkabout in Sheffield City Centre. The natural stone in the buildings of the city centre can tell a fascinating story. Sheffield was once on the Equator, and much of England was once a hot desert. The route runs from the Peace Gardens to the Cathedral forecourt.



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Rock around Ecclesall Churchyard

14:30 - 15:30, Ringinglow Road Sheffield

No, not another pop festival among the tombs, but a peaceful walk around the other sorts of rock! Discover how the great and the good of Sheffield are commemorated and how well their memorials have stood up to the weather since.

Free tickets for the walks can be booked at Eventbrite

Saturday 14th March - Think Moor Eco

10:00 - 14:00, Sheffield Moor Market

Come and join locally based scientists in Science Week. Learn about environmental chemistry with hands on demonstrations; understand more about the climate change effects on our oceans, and discover how chemistry can help to solve the problems our planet faces.

Saturday 21st March - Explore! Interactive family event in Science, Engineering and More

11:00 - 16:00, City Campus, Sheffield Hallam University

This fantastic exhibition showcases research in biology, chemistry, forensic science, engineering and health. There will be plenty to capture the imagination of all ages from hands-on activities to demonstrations, crafts and competitions. Please see the website for details as some events need to be booked in advance.

The University Of Sheffield.

Discovery Night

An evening of science activities, talks and demonstrations. Come and meet our scientists and engineers.
www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight

Friday 13th March 2020
4pm-8pm
The University of Sheffield
Firth Court, Western Bank
Sheffield S10 2TN

Discovery Night

Discovery Night opens the University's laboratories and lecture theatres to the public for an evening of science for the whole family. There'll be talks, exciting science demonstrations and hands on activities for visitors of all ages.

Find out about everything from your blood cells to artificial intelligence, the magic of maths and the chemistry of bubbles. There will be plenty of opportunities to put on a lab coat and have a go yourself.

Everyone is welcome and the event is free. No booking required
Recommended age 5+.

- Meet the skeletons in the Alfred Denry zoology museum
- Find out how your brain works
- See liquid nitrogen demonstrations
- Learn about the universe and how we could find alien life
- See our robots in action

www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight



NURSERY NEWS

Donations please!

We would be very grateful for all donations of items for the children to use in making junk models.

Voluntary contribution pot

A pot for collecting £1.50 voluntary termly contributions is available this week in nursery. These funds help us to buy special snacks to support our learning, make playdough for the children and also buy baking ingredients for them etc. Thank you for your support :-)



Friends of HNIS

Sponsored Reading Challenge

The Friends Group Sponsored Reading Challenge is now over! (But do carry on reading at home.)

Please add the total reading done at school, from the School Reading Logs attached to this newsletter, to the total you read at home. Then collect up your sponsor money and bring it into school as soon as you can.

Next Friends Group Meeting

Thursday 30 April, 5pm, Staffroom

Summer Event Questionnaire

Soon, we will be sending out a questionnaire to ask for your ideas about a possible event in the Summer. Please complete this and return as soon as possible so that we can get some plans into place.

Friends Group: What is it?

Every parent\carer of a child attending our Nursery and School are automatically members of the Friends Group. It is a friendly and accessible meeting place for parents\carers, staff and others who are interested in our children, as well as a fund-raising vehicle. Our meetings are very informal, and everyone is welcome.

The Group (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, visits from 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)



Sports Relief – Friday 13th March – Reminder

In order to raise money for Sports Relief, we are going to be working as a team to see if we can walk all the way up the UK's highest mountain – Mount Snowdon! As a school we will need to walk 49, 570 steps! We are asking children to come to school wearing a sports kit and bring in £1 donation. We are also selling the official 'Sports Relief' wristbands on Thursday and Friday, children can purchase these at break or lunchtime from the school office. (Please note we have a limited number of wristbands for sale). Due to the Y3 trip, we are asking Y3 children to come to school in sports kit, with their £1 donation, on Thursday 12th March, when they will begin our challenge of walking up Mount Snowdon.

British Science Week

The theme for British Science Week this year is 'Our Diverse Planet'. As a school our focus will be on the diverse job roles within the STEM sector. We are looking to develop children's awareness of these roles and nurture their aspirations for careers within the STEM sector. Alongside this we will look to celebrate the achievements of women within the sector and the pivotal roles they have played in scientific discoveries and advancements. Over the week, the children will be involved in a range of activities, including career talks from guest speakers working or studying within the STEM sector, super science sessions and a whole school poster competition.

Y3 – Moorlands Discovery Trip – Friday 13th March

The Y3 trip to the Moorlands Discovery Centre is currently going ahead on Friday 13th March as planned. As you are aware, this trip is weather dependant and if for any reason the Discovery Centre feel the conditions are not suitable we will of course keep you informed. On the day children will need to wear school uniform, along with sensible wellies or walking shoes. We would strongly recommend they wear, two layers of thick socks and bring a hat, scarf, gloves, and a warm, waterproof coat.

Westfield Family of Schools

We are delighted to announce that our entries for the Westfield Family of Schools Awards this year are:

- Friendship Award Eadie B (Y4)
- Positive Contribution Hannah S (Y6)
- Most improved Aleisha B (Y6)
- Talent Abigail C (Y3)
- Attitude to Learning Adam E (Y5)
- Schools Choice Charlie E (Y3)

Congratulations to our nominees, we look forward to celebrating with you at the awards ceremony on 23rd March.

Parents Group Meeting

Our next Parents Group meeting will be on Monday 23rd March at 3.10pm in Mr Hick's classroom. Children are welcome to stay at school while you attend the meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Parent Consultation Bookings – Reminder

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March between 3.30pm-5.30pm and 3.30pm-6.30pm, respectively. Please make sure you have a booked a slot via ParentMail. If you do not have access to the internet to book an appointment, please contact the school office.

S20 Foodbank Collection – Friday 13th March – Reminder

Once again we are supporting our local community by collecting donations of dried or packet food to donate to the S20 Foodbank Service, (no fresh produce please). Donations can be handed in at any time to your child's class teacher or to the school office. All of your generous donations will then collected by the S20 Foodbank service. Thank you for your support.

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Nursery morning

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	15
Tuesday 3 March	20
Wednesday 4 March	10
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	100
Friday 6 March	30
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	175

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Nursery afternoon

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	20
Tuesday 3 March	25
Wednesday 4 March	25
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	100
Friday 6 March	30
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	200

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Class 1 Mrs Jordan

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	10 mins morning work 15 mins guided reading 15 mins story time TOTAL: 40 MINS
Tuesday 3 March	10 mins morning work. 15 mins guided reading TOTAL 25 MINS
Wednesday 4 March	10 mins morning work. TOTAL 10 MINS
<p>WORLD BOOK DAY</p> <p>Thursday 5 March</p>	10 mins morning work 30 mins reading to FS2 15 min story time 155 mins TOTAL
Friday 6 March	10 mins morning work.
<p>TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL</p>	140 minutes

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: 2 MRS HIBBERD

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	Reading IWB Story 30m
Tuesday 3 March	Class story 30m
Wednesday 4 March	Reading paragraphs in literacy to our partners 30m
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	class story 30m Reading to FS2 30m
Friday 6 March	class story 30m
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	180

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Miss Dale

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	- Guided reading 25 m. - Story 15m
Tuesday 3 March	Story time 20m
Wednesday 4 March	- Guided reading 25 m - Story time 15m.
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	- Story 20m - Independent 15m. Reading in Nursery 30m.
Friday 6 March	- Guided reading 25m - Story time 20m Independent 10m
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	220m

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Miss Maloney's class.

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	Guided reading 25min Story time 15min
Tuesday 3 March	Guided reading 25min Story time 15min
Wednesday 4 March	Guided reading 25min Story time 15min
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	Guided reading 25min Nursery story 30min Independent - 20.
Friday 6 March	Guided reading 25min Story time 15. Independent reading 15min
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	250 mins

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: Gruffalo Class

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to
Monday 2 March	$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ \hline 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 10 \\ \hline 32 \text{ mins} \end{array}$
Tuesday 3 March	$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ 11 \\ \hline 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 10 \\ \hline 50 \end{array}$
Wednesday 4 March	$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ \hline 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 10 \\ \hline 25 \end{array}$
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 10 \\ 5 \\ 50 \\ \hline 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 10 \\ \hline 70 \end{array}$
Friday 6 March	$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 7 \\ 10 \\ \hline 15 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 15 \\ \hline 37 \end{array}$
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	214

SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE!

F2
class 6

SCHOOL READING LOG

Class: The Elmers

+5 red
blue

Date	Minutes spent reading or being read to	
Monday 2 March	35 +10	45
Tuesday 3 March	20+10 4+10	40
Wednesday 4 March	10+25+20	55
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 5 March	1 hr 5 mins	
Friday 6 March	50 mins	
TOTAL MINUTES SPENT READING IN SCHOOL	255	