



4th March 2024

Half Term Core Value



Dear Parents and Families,

Week 3 and with that a little more spring-like after the threat of snow. We start with our Monday assembly theme of collaboration to kick start the week; this week looking closely at our role within a community and how we interact with one another. Today, we explored how we deal with social problems, looking at those problems which are 'normal' everyday problems which we can learn to accept, change or solve. We also considered bigger problems, ones which may require support to solve and how we go about seeking support and solving, and finally critical problems, which need quick action and a mature approach. This week's challenge is to recognise the severity of the problems we face each day and choose the right approach for the problem.

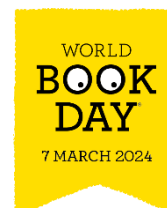
PE Days

Y3 CL = Monday and Friday	Y5 GO = Monday and Thursday
Y3 GM = Tuesday and Wednesday	Y5 GL = Monday and Tuesday
Y4 KW = Tuesday and Wednesday	Y6 LW/LH = Friday
Y4 MO = Tuesday and Thursday	Y6 JO = Thursday

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2023 – Theme 'Reading your Way'

We are inviting everyone to come to school dressed as their favourite comic book character for the day. As always, we do not expect you to buy anything new and we love to see your home-made costumes. During the day, there will be tasks and teaching geared around fiction and characterisation, and lots of fun to be had!

Full details of our World Book Day plans were shared with you on a separate letter last week.



Sustrans – Big Walk and Wheel!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too. This year the challenge will run from 11th – 22nd March. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. We will compete against other similar sized junior school's nationally and our best five days will determine our final position on the leader board!



Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

On Friday, staff and children are invited to come to school looking funny. This could be an outfit that doesn't match, things on the wrong way around, odd shoes or even a crazy shirt for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. Please use the following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14754>

The week prior to red nose day the school council will be selling red noses. A red nose can be paid for via Parent Pay and children will have their nose handed out during the school day.

We are running a funny face competition so pull your funniest face, get your grown up to take a picture of it and then email it to enquiries@halfway-jun.sheffield.sch.uk. All entries need to be sent in by the 14th March.

We will be having a cake sale at the end of the school day in the school hall. Donations for this would be greatly appreciated and need to be brought into school on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March. Please can a list of ingredients be attached to homemade cakes so we can check for allergies and intolerance.

You can also take part in our 'How many sweets in a jar?' competition, the link is on parent pay for £1 and your child will get to guess during class on Friday 15th March. The winner will win the jar of sweets.



Parent Consultation Evening

Our next set of Parent Consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March. This is your chance to talk to your child's class teacher about your child's progress. We will be using Parent's Evening Manager on ParentMail – so you can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer. You will be alerted once the appointment booking goes live on Monday 4th March at 3.30pm. You will be able to select appointment times that are convenient to you. Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments – if you haven't received a registration email or text, please contact the school office. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Please note there will be no after school clubs on these days.

Y6 SATS Revision Guides

A form on Parent Mail has been sent out regarding purchasing a revision guide for your child. We will be placing an order on Friday 15th March. If you would like your child to receive a revision guide to supplement their learning at home, please could you complete the form so we can then add it to your Parent Pay account.

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Social Media and Internet Safety

It is becoming and increasing concern across the year groups that children are more regularly exposed to social media and video content which is regarded as unsuitable for primary school age. Though our filtering system, Smoothwall, ensures Youtube, Vero and other video platforms, along with all social media sites are inaccessible to students, it is clear that these sites are accessed by many pupils regularly outside of school. We ask that parents undertake a regular check on social media and internet use to ensure access to undesirable and unsuitable content is restricted as much as possible.

Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure you book your child(ren) onto breakfast club each time they attend please.

Dinner Debts

Please take some time this week to check if you have any outstanding amounts on your ParentPay account.

If you have a dinner debt of £20 or over, please provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

Easter Egg Competition

It is nearly the time of year again when we are amazed by the creativity of our children through our Easter egg competition where we ask you to get creative to turn an egg into something egg-stra special! A winner will be chosen from each year group. Entries can be brought into school from Monday 18th March, with the last date for them to be brought into school for judging on Friday 22nd. Winners will be announced in assembly on Monday 25th. Please make sure all entries are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. See below for some ideas to get you started...



Diary & calendar dates

We will be populating our yearly calendar dates as the term goes on so please keep checking for key dates

Tuesday 5 th March	Choir singing at Crystal Peaks
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dressing up
Monday 11 th March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge begins (finishes Friday 22 nd March)
Thursday 14 th March	Y3 Trip to Magna
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	Launch of the Easter Egg Competition
Monday 18 th March	Road Safety Week
Friday 22 nd March	Easter Egg Competition Judging
Tuesday 26 th March	Rocksteady Easter Concert 10-11am
Tuesday 26 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 27 th March	Mad Hatters Tea Party at Rose Cottage for Y3 in choir

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Easter School Holiday: Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

Monday 15th April SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Kind regards,
Peter Walker & Debbie Shepherd

WEEKLY WONDERS!

Community Celebrations: It was lovely to see Sofia help us celebrate Martisor this month and share some fantastic bracelets with her class. Wonderful to hear about the traditions and be part of it.



Attendance - Whole school target = 97%

Top 3 classes:

1st = Y4 KW – 99.5%

2nd = Y3 CL – 97.3%

3rd = Y5 GO – 96.4%



Stars of the week



Y3 CL = Neia A

Y3 GM = Amber B

Y4 KW = Archie P

Y4 MO = Skylar H

Y5 GL = Lachlan H

Y5 GO = Ellie B

Y6 LW/LH = Jack G

Y6 JO = Leo J and Morgan B

Learners of the week

Y3 CL = Georgie T and Sam P

Y3 GM = Jacob R

Y4 KW = Aaniyah M

Y4 MO = Savannah D-P

Y5 GO = Joshua B

Y6 LW/LH = William C

Y6 JO = Jenson M



Tweet of the week!



Our Librarians have done a fantastic job or raising money in our book fair- I hope we can use the funds to buy exciting new stock for our classrooms and library.



Follow the White Rabbit into our Easter Extravaganza. Join us for an enchanting Alice in Wonderland themed event.



Meet Alice and the Mad Hatter in person!



Enjoy an exciting Easter egg hunt, where every child will receive a chocolate egg.



Take part in a live animal petting experience



Enjoy our tombola stall and indulge at our delightful cake & drink stall.



Take part in our Easter Bonnet Parade and competition. Prizes for best under 5s, under 10s and under 16s.



Don't be late for this extraordinary adventure!
Saturday 30th March on the Westfield shops.

1.00-3.00pm



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