



25th March 2024

Half Term Core Value



Dear Parents and Families,

The final week of term is upon us, and a busy one at that! This week we have our Rocksteady Music Festival to look forward to, with parents invited and the whole show live streamed to our classrooms. In the afternoons, our house teams go head-to-head once again in an engineering challenge! With up to 100 points up for grabs, our teams must create a rigid structure, using what they have learned about triangles and joins; whose will be the strongest!

We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening this week, also. We have developed a few systems, procedures and ways of working in school and would like your feedback on how you feel the school is running. At parents' evening, there will be several laptops in the hall with an electronic feedback form. Please leave your views and help us shape the summer term and beyond.

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

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.

After School Clubs – Summer Term

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There are no after school clubs on Tuesday or Wednesday this week, due to our Parent consultation evenings this week.

A form for next half terms after school clubs was sent out last Wednesday. If your child would like to participate in any of our clubs, please complete the form on Parent Mail before Tuesday 26th March. Places will then be allocated and you will receive an email to inform you which club(s) your child has been allocated.

Hollowford

A place has become available for our Y5/6 Residential to Hollowford. Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th June. If your child is interested please either call or come into the school office.

Easter Hamper Raffle

Tickets for our Easter raffle are available now, via ParentPay. Tickets are £1 a strip and are on sale until Thursday 28th March, 8am. The raffle will be drawn in school on the last day of half term, Thursday 28th.

Easter Egg Competition Winners

Well, what an incredible response to the competition! It was a very, very difficult decision for our judging panel this year, but looking at independence, quality of build, creativity and individuality, they agreed on 4 winners.

Y3 Sophia H, Y4 April M, Y5 Ellie B, Y6 Joseph S

Congratulations, and a huge well done from us all. All our entrants have received a small Easter egg to take away. Thank you all for your efforts- it has been a pleasure displaying them.

Social Media and Internet Safety- Reminder

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.

Mobile Phones

Recently, we have had several incidents of mobile phone not being handed into the office as per our policy. We understand and encourage mobile phones for those walking home alone as a safety tool, however, due to the technology they now possess, we cannot allow children to have phones on their person during school time. The access to cameras and video, social media access, unfiltered internet access and an ability to share between students in and outside of school, phones present a safeguarding risk for both the adults and children in our school community, and therefore they must be locked away during school time. We hope you appreciate the risk associated with the technology and support us with managing phone use in school.

Jonathan Dixon

As you may be aware, Mr Dixon has been unable to be with us in school over the last year due to illness. Despite wanting to return and hoping this would be the case, unfortunately Mr Dixon is unable to return to school and therefore will be leaving us at the end of term. Mr Dixon has been a huge part of the school's growth over recent years, and active in the school lives of all our children. We are very sorry to say

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goodbye, and hope when he is able to, he can visit school again in the near future so we can give him a proper Halfway send off. For now, thank you for all your hard work over the years Mr Dixon; we'll really miss you.

Water Bottles

Now the weather is getting warmer, please could you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. We have water fountains to provide cool water in various locations to top up bottles throughout the day to keep hydrated.

Dinner Debts

We would be grateful if all outstanding amounts on your ParentPay account could get cleared over the Easter Holidays. **Please remember, if you have a dinner debt of £20 or over, we ask you to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.**

The Sheffield Parent Hub

The Spring 2024 What's on Guide is now available on the Sheffield Directory:
<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

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

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

Monday 15th April SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Kind regards,
Peter Walker & Debbie Shepherd

WEEKLY WONDERS!

Attendance - Whole school target = 97%

Top 3 classes:

1st = Y3 GM

2nd = Y4 MO

3rd = Y4 KW



Stars of the week

Y3 CL = Neia A
Y3 GM = Tayla B
Y4 MO = Ava T
Y4 KW = Aoife G
Y5 GL = Isabelle P
Y5 GO = Isabel H



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Y6 LW/LH = Miya B
Y6 JO = Ellie D

Learners of the week



Y3 CL = Harvey G
Y3 GM = Sophia P
Y4 MO = Laila B
Y4 KW = Alfie G
Y5 GL = Harry S
Y5 GO = Marley H
Y6 LW/LH = Olly G
Y6 JO = Athena C-R



Tweet of the week!

A huge congratulations to our Tag Rugby team, who won the Westfield Tournament on Friday. Team A were unbeaten and were only pushed to a 0-0 draw with Halfway Team B. Only one team could progress, but what a final that would have been- Halfway A Vs Halfway B! Team A won 2-0 in the final against Shortbrook. A full squad effort- well done all!



**Our Laser Tag after school club will be running this term for all children.
Please complete the Parent Mail After School Club form to book your child's place.**



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