



22nd April 2024

Half Term Core Value



Dear Parents and Families,

Yet again we begin a week with another wet and drizzly morning; we hope you managed to enjoy the weekend's more summer-like weather! Our theme this week is 'natural consequences', particularly looking at how our decisions affect responses and outcomes. We considered our expectations within obvious situations such as 'choosing not to wear a coat at playtime', and 'choosing to climb a tree', predicting the logical and possible outcomes, before relating this to our social behaviours. We considered what consequences we're likely when choosing games like rough play, active games, particular friendship group choices and reflecting on our own behaviour choices, each time considering whether we would be comfortable with the consequence. This week's challenge is to reflect on our choices, ensuring we have been able to consider the outcomes and consequences before we act, and *owning our actions* when the consequence is not quite as positive as we'd like.

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

Hollowford – Place Available

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.

Hollowford – Payment Reminder

The payment deadline for Hollowford is Friday 31st May. Please can you ensure the full amount due is paid via your Parent Pay account before this date.

Smoothie Bike

On Thursday 25th April, we have a Smoothie Bike coming into School. Children will all have a turn to cycle to make their own smoothies; everyone gets active and refreshed. This is an exciting way to promote healthy lifestyles to children.

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Food Bank Collection

Foodbank Collection – Friday 26th April. As you are aware, as a school we support the S20 Foodbank. There will be a donation collection day at school on Friday 26th April. Please note the foodbank are unable to include fresh or chilled foods in the parcels, they welcome dried or tinned foods.

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.

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.

Community Support

Many of you will be aware that over the weekend one of our families suffered a house fire causing significant damage and loss. Lots of our school and extended community have already kindly been offering donations and help. To help them start to rebuild their lives, the family has set up a Go Fund Me page. We know lots of you are aware of this, however, with permission from the family, we are sharing the link for those of you who may wish to donate.

The donation page can be found at: <https://gofund.me/2694bc2a>

The family are very appreciative of all the donations and support they are receiving,

Carnages to Sheffield Authority Absence Policy

Penalty Notice fines for School Attendance are changing

Please take some time to look at the 'Changes to penalty notice fines for school attendance' letter which will come into force from 19th August 2024. It is important that you have a look at this communication as there are a number of changes, including the fine amount and the introduction of fining for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. Please note that these changes are city-wide and not just for our school; they will be applied to all schools in Sheffield. Our attendance policy will be updated for September 2024 in-line with these changes.

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: Reminder

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

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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.

Diary & calendar dates

Monday 22 nd April	Network Games at EIS
Thursday 25 th April	Smoothie Bike
Friday 26 th April	Food Bank Collection
Wednesday 1 st May	Class Photographs

Monday 6th May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 10 th May	Y5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Wk Com Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs
Friday 24 th May	Y4/5 Rounders Festival
Friday 24 th May	Halfway Heroes Assembly

May Half-Term: Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May Monday 3rd June School Re-opens

Thursday 6 th June	Y6 Trip to Curzon
Friday 7 th June	Curriculum Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers to go home
Friday 7 th June	Athletics Competition
Monday 10 th June	Y6 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th June	Hollowford Residential
Wednesday 12 th June	Y6 Transition Meeting at Eckington 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 14 th June	School Council Trip – Summer Picnic
Tuesday 18 th June	Y6 Transition Meeting at Eckington 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 19 th June	Y6 Transition Meeting at Westfield
Thursday 20 th June	Y6 Transition Meeting at Westfield
Friday 21 st June	Kwick Cricket Competition
Wk Com. Monday 24 th June	Science Week
Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th June	Jessica Steele Recording with Choir
Thursday 4 th July	Choir Trip to the Theatre
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day (afternoon)
Monday 8 th & Tuesday 9 th July	Eckington Transition Days
Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th	Westfield Transition Days
Tuesday 9 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Thursday 11 th July	Reports go home
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 Trip Crucial Crew
Tuesday 16 th July	Rocksteady Summer Concert
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 th July	Last Day of School

Summer Holidays

Kind regards,
Peter Walker & Debbie Shepherd

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WEEKLY WONDERS!

Attendance - Whole school target = 97%

Top 3 classes:

1st = Y6 JO – 98.7%

2nd = Y4 KW – 96.5%

3rd = Y5 GO – 96.3%



Stars of the week

Y3 CL = Harry G
Y3 GM = Harrison M-R
Y4 MO = Esther P
Y4 KW = Erin C
Y5 GL = Lexi S
Y5 GO = Evie W
Y6 LW/LH = Evie F
Y6 JO = Leo J



Learners of the week



Y3 CL = Harry G
Y3 GM = Amelia S
Y4 MO = Caitlin F
Y4 KW = Molly D & Annie M
Y5 GL = Isabel H
Y5 GO = Ashley R
Y6LW/LH = William W
Y6 JO = Jenson M

Tweet of the week!



Games Club- what a great way to spend a lunchtime!





FREE Webinar For Parents / Carers

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance - How to Eat Well AND Save Money'

Wednesday 1st May
9.30am – 10.30am
Via Zoom

Would you like some tips on how to eat healthier on a budget?

Want to know how to get the most out of your supermarket shop?

Want some ideas & inspiration on how to feed your family whilst not breaking the bank?

Then why not join us for our webinar:

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance – How to Eat Well AND Save Money'!

Part of our '10 Top Tips' Webinar Series, this session includes how to be savvy at the supermarket, tips on shopping and cooking on a budget, and how to reduce food waste.

Presented via Zoom and delivered by nutrition professionals, the session will be informative but fun, with time throughout to answer any of your questions.

[BOOK HERE!](#)

For more information, please contact:

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DO YOU KNOW A STAR IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The SE Local Area Committee are hosting an awards evening to celebrate the people who volunteer in South East Sheffield and have made a big difference to their local community

If you know someone who has gone the extra mile and you wish to nominate them for an award then contact us on:

SouthEastLAC@Sheffield.Gov.UK

or ring us on:

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Let us know who they are and why you think they deserve an award



**Closing date for nominations:
Monday May 13th**