



26th February 2024

Half Term Core Value



Dear Parents and Families,

It's only week 2 and we've already seen some fantastic work across the classes; plenty of pen licenses, textiles work, cutting and shaping resistant materials and plenty of quality writing.

We started our week with an exploration of the idea of 'Community' and what roles communities play in our society. We considered communities we opted in to, and some of those we find ourselves part of. Our big question this week around what we contribute to the community we're part of, and discussed how we can be a positive force within the local and school community.

PE Days

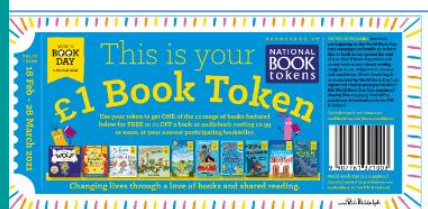
Y3 CL = Monday and Friday	Y5 GO = Monday and Thursday
Y3 GM = Tuesday and Wednesday	Y5 GL = Monday and Tuesday
Y4 KW = Tuesday and Wednesday	Y6 LW/LH = Friday
Y4 MO = Tuesday and Thursday	Y6 JO = Thursday

Book Fair Wednesday 28th – Monday 4th March

We are really excited to welcome the Book Fair to school for 4 days from Wednesday 28th February to Monday 4th March. The book fair will be located outside the Y6 classrooms and will be open from 3.10pm-4pm. Please come in to look at the books on offer through the main entrance. There are lots of ways in which you can buy books. You can

pay easily and securely by using an online payment link at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> and simply selecting Halfway Junior School from the drop-down menu or by scanning the QR code which will be on display. If you are unable to pay online, you will also be able to pay in cash.



Your child will be bringing home their World Book day voucher. You can use the World Book Day voucher to get £1 off the cost of any book costing £2.99 or

more. If you are unable to visit the Book Fair, you can complete the 'wish list' which can be given to you by your class teacher, and pay for the chosen books using the online payment system. Wish lists then need returning to school, so we know which books you have ordered and we will send them home with your child.

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School receives a small proportion of money for each book sold, which we can then use to buy books for our classrooms and library.

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!



Eco Council

Our Eco Council are collecting large glass jars, small glass jars (similar to the GU pudding pots) and newspapers or magazines for a project they are working on so we would be grateful to receive any kind donations.

Winter Weather Alerts

In the event of winter weather conditions our main concern is your child's safety, particularly their arrival at school and at the end of the day. In the unlikely event school has to be closed, parents will be notified by text message as early as possible. We will also send alerts via Sheffield City Council's Twitter account @SheffCouncil and there will be a school closure announcement on BBC Radio Sheffield. We hope this information will allow parents to plan accordingly as extra time may be needed for the journey into school. This will also be the case should school need to close early due to the weather.

In the event of school closing early, children will only be allowed to walk home on their own should we receive permission from their parent once the decision has been made to close school early. This applies to all children, including those who normally walk home on their own. Please ensure you contact school promptly should you wish your child to walk home at the time of closure, rather than the end of the school day.

Dinner Debts

Please take some time this week to check if you have any outstanding amounts on you 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

Wednesday 28 th February	Book Fair (lasting until Monday 4 th March)
Tuesday 5 th March	Choir singing at Crystal Peaks
Monday 4 th March	Launch of the Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dressing up
Thursday 14 th March	Y3 Trip to Magna
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
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

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 = Y4MO & Y4KW – 98.0%

2nd = Y6JO – 97.8%

3rd = Y3CL – 97.3%



Stars of the week

Y3 GM = Sophia H
Y4 KW = Austin W
Y4 MO = Eddison E
Y5 GL = Evie P
Y5 GO = Jayden F
Y6 LW/LH = Lily B
Y6 JO = Jayden D



Learners of the week



Y3 CL = Max H
 Y3 GM = Daisy T
 Y4 KW = James R
 Y4 MO = Freddie M
 Y5 GL = Oliver H
 Y5 GO = Marley H
 Y6 LW/LH = Joshua S
 Y6 JO = Jorja W



Tweet of the week!

Year 4 exploring the structure of multiplication: can $\times 2 \frac{1}{2}$ make sense?



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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