



11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half Term Core Value



Dear Parents and Families,

Yet another rainy Monday, but that won't dampen our spirits this week as we enter a busy period in our DT learning across school. Classes have been challenged to solve a problem by creating a product, ensuring it meets the brief: something, for someone, for some purpose. We have some really interesting solutions; time now to make them a reality!

At the end of the week, we hope to see as many families as possible support our bake sale for Red Nose Day. Coupling the event, we invite families to our art gallery which will be in the hall. Children will be tasked to show families around the gallery and present the work

**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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!



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### **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](mailto:enquiries@halfway-jun.sheffield.sch.uk). All entries need to be sent in by the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March. The winner will win the jar of sweets.



### **Parent Consultation Evening**

Our next set of Parent Consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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, Vevo 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.

### **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.**

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## Choir

A huge congratulations to our choir last week, who took their talents to the public at Crystal Peaks. The event was to support the S20 Food Bank in their work, by raising some much needed money. Our vocalists didn't disappoint, and in just under 2 hours, managed to raise a staggering £150. Thank you to all who attended and supported on the day.



## Book Fair

Ellie and Jess headed up our book fair this year and did a brilliant job of managing the sales and recommending books to our classes. Their hard work has raised the school £320 for new class books. Congratulations to both of our librarians for a brilliant week's work and all who came to support us. Well done!



## Easter Extravaganza

We have attached a poster at the end of this newsletter with information about an Alice in Wonderland Easter Extravaganza Event, 1.00-3.00pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Westfield shops.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> March, with the last date for them to be brought into school for judging on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Winners will be announced in assembly on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. 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

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

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Easter School Holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 15th April SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Kind regards,  
Peter Walker & Debbie Shepherd

**WEEKLY WONDERS!**

Attendance - Whole school target = 97%

Top 3 classes:

1<sup>st</sup> = Y3GM and YGO – 97.6%

2<sup>nd</sup> = Y5GL – 96.7%

3<sup>rd</sup> = Y3CL – 96.2%



Stars of the week

Y3 CL = Jonny-Valentine R

Y3 GM = Amelia S

Y4 MO = Charlie D

Y4 KW = Olivia J

Y5 GL = Nevaeh L

Y5 GO = Bonnie P

Y6 JO = Kohen M



Learners of the week

Y3 CL = Adam T

Y3 GM = Jackson D-P

Y4 MO = Skyla H

Y4 KW = Frankie G

Y5 GL = Max S

Y5 GO = Isaac N

Y6 LW/LH = Riley F & Bill M

Y6 JO = Isobel M



Tweet of the week!



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There's a workshop feel around Halfway this week, with classes learning new skills in order to create their designs and meet their brief. All fingers remained firmly attached, and some very impressive accuracy in marking and cutting. Well done guys 🙌👏



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# 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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