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What's happening in school next week?

- It's Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th. We will be learning about it in an age appropriate way in school and observing a minutes silence at 11.00am.
- Chris Standley will be in school on Thursday playing board games with Class 4.
- It's World Kindness Day on Friday (we're celebrating it on Thursday)
- Class 5 have Forest School on Friday.
- It's Children in Need on Friday. Please see separate information re what we plan to do.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 16th November

- It's Anti-bullying week in school. The title/theme this year is United Against Bullying.
- Staff will be holding 'parents' evening' appointments via telephone. You can book a slot via eschools. If you have any problems, please let us know.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 1 on Monday.
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Attendance

Class 1:	100%
Class 2:	98%
Class 4:	98%
Class 5:	100%
Class 6:	99%
Class 7:	99%
Class 8:	99%

Our target attendance is 96%

This week's attendance is

99%

Amazing.

Well done Classes 1 & 5!

Attendance & Punctuality

Every half term I monitor attendance and punctuality.

Attendance at school, through this pandemic, is much better than during normal times. All this hand washing is keeping the normal bugs at bay if nothing else.

Punctuality is still causing us one or two glitches in terms of making sure bubbles don't mix. 8.30, 8.45 and 9.00am are the times classes start learning so arriving 5-10 mins before these times is perfect.

Reminder: If you haven't sent your child with a pair of wellies, please do so. This week the children have been taking their wellies off at the main doors to try to save the carpets! This virus has a lot to answer for.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week.....

Isla Hughes because she has been an absolute delight since the day she started and we will miss her enormously when she moves on to pastures new. Good luck lovely Isla

Nursery News

We have been working our finger muscles hard this week – threading Autumn necklaces, using tweezers to find the seeds in pumpkins, creating cute little hedgehogs and using screwdrivers with lots of success. All these fiddly fingers will help us with our writing and drawing as we practise more and more.

Superstar of the Week

Nathan Glaves: A lovely smile each and every day and what fantastic progress he has made this half term. He's really trying hard.

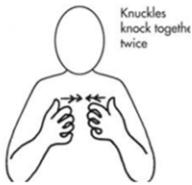



Who has celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter?

Kira Fulcher, Holly-Mae Galloway, Kitty Albinson, Dollie Bowskill, Bella Harkness, Thomas Turner, Alfie Kaine, Ruby Donoghue, Harlow Long, Marcie Anderson, Emily Merryman and Charlie Cleaver,

Happy birthday to all these lovely children.

Miss Cowley's Weekly Makaton Lesson (they are getting trickier)

<p>How</p>	 <p>Knuckles knock together twice</p>	
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<p>When</p>	 <p>Flutter fingertips against cheek</p>	
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Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Traditional sausage & mash with gravy	Winter chicken casserole	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Homemade beef & onion pie with mashed potato & gravy	Battered fish fillet & chips with tomato ketchup
Dish of the day 2	Vegetable sausage & mash	Cheese & tomato pizza with ½ jacket potato	Quorn roast with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy.	Macaroni cheese	Vegetable curry & wholegrain rice.
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	Ham on bread cake	Ham sandwich	Ham on bread cake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on bread cake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on bread cake	Tuna sandwich
	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on bread cake	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on bread cake	(V) Cheese sandwich
Vegetables	Cauliflower & mixed veg	Broccoli & winter coleslaw	Savoy cabbage & sweetcorn	Green beans & carrots	Garden peas & baked beans
Desserts	Ginger sponge & custard	Fruity flapjack & apple slices	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce.	Vanilla sponge & custard	Shortbread biscuit & fruit wedges



This week's praise board



The grown-ups are spotting the children doing something positive and sharing it each week.

George Swales has been so enthusiastic arriving at school this week after our holiday. He brings lots of enthusiasm to the class too.

Nylah-Rose Biggin Brown made Miss Rogers day when she stopped her on the corridor to tell her it was good to see her.

Ella Cunningham always checks Miss Rogers is OK throughout the day.

Maxwell Smith helped to tidy up without being asked. He saw that the trains needed picking up whilst he was waiting to go home and had put them all away before his mummy had time to get to the classroom.

Mason Hill for trying porridge in the Welly Wednesday session.

Harriet Tibbles for coming into school every day this week with a beaming smile. It has been lovely to see.

Aria Boudabouza helped her friend put her coat on when she was struggling. She is always such a kind little lady.

Kit Parsons has wonderful manners that he always remembers to use.

Daisy-Anne Todd Greenfield is always so thrilled to see her classmates in the morning. Her enthusiasm cheers everyone up.

William Machin for some excellent writing this week.



Coronavirus

The National lockdown started at 12.01am on Thursday. [Guidance](#) was sent into schools on Wednesday afternoon! Whilst waiting for the guidance we have reviewed our risk assessment. There is very little else we can do additionally in school to reduce risk. Reminders to staff have been issued re the protective procedures we have in place for the children and each other. We just want to keep it at the forefront of our minds and not become complacent.

For the next month, we cannot accept visits from parents to look around school with a view to their child starting with us. We cannot accept help from any parent volunteers for the next month either.

We have bought additional hand sanitising stations and placed them outside all external doors. It has certainly shortened the queues at the sinks this week.

I joined a headteacher zoom meeting on Monday with Greg Fell, director of Public Health. It was very interesting and informative and he gave the Sheffield perspective. We have been lucky at school. We have had no positive cases. Where there have been cases in Sheffield schools it has been with the virus being brought in rather than transmitted within the school. The virus continues to spread within households and where it does spread in schools, it is mainly between staff. We are doing our utmost to adhere to 2m distancing between adults acknowledging that the children don't even know what 2m is, never mind adhere to it. We ask that you continue to support us by maintaining a 2m distance between yourselves in the playground and from staff. We want to keep this virus away from our doors for as long as we possibly can, forever would be nice but perhaps that is wishful thinking. Please help us by sticking to the rules out in the community and within your own households and families. It's hard, we know, but closing bubbles and having to educate children at home will be harder for you and for us.

Greg Fell has sent written a letter to parents that has been sent to you. There is also a useful, clear document from Sheffield City Council re when children need to isolate, for how long etc. Our Family of Schools issued something similar whilst we waited for the council to produce citywide guidance for schools.

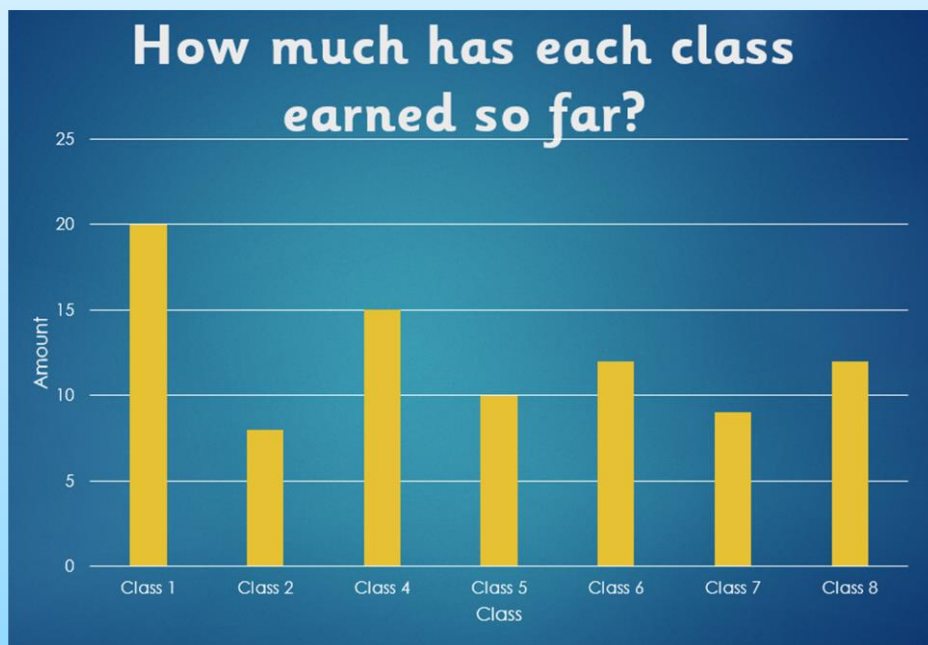
Schools, academies, nurseries and childminders receive an email twice each week from Andrew Jones, interim Director of Education and Skills, at Sheffield City Council. In the early days we received one a day and on some days, 3, 4, 5, or 6. They have been invaluable in keeping us all together and well informed. Here is how he started today's messages:

'Yesterday saw the first day of the new national lockdown. Truly, we appreciate that this is a worrying time and as we enter our 9th month of COVID restrictions, it is very wearing too. In these circumstances, it would be easy to drop our guard or to relax too soon. **But, being resilient and vigilant – both in and out of work – are crucial to keeping COVID at bay.**'

Version 10 of the Risk Assessment has also landed. They are such a joy (?) to fill in (I let out a big sigh as I type), so you can imagine how thrilled I am at having to do another one. However, needs must. I will work through this and send it to you as before once complete.

Survey for parents of children with SEND: The Local Authority are seeking the view of parents whose children have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Here is the [link](#) to the survey.

Each week classes are awarded money for their class bank account dependent on their attendance. Keen eyed Mr. Barker, noticed a slight problem with Class 1's figures. We've rectified it so you will see their bank account is now super healthy. Not that Mr. B is competitive!



Reporting Absences:

We have 49 parents registered now. It's creeping up. The app alerts the office re the reasons for absence. It's quick and easy to use and you don't have to wait for the phone line to be free!

Get the app or register <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



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PPA cover is changing slightly for some classes after half term.

Class 4 will be taught by Mrs. Marsh on Wednesdays (all day) and Thursday mornings. Mrs. Heavens is teaching the remainder of the time.

Mrs. Marsh will teach Class 5 on Thursday afternoons.

Mr. Barker will continue to teach Class 6 on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. Heavens will teach Class 7 on Thursday mornings.

Organising cover in this way means no member of staff is working in more than two bubbles.

Free School Meals over October Half Term

Over the holiday Sheffield City Council organised free school meal vouchers for 22, 700 children. The Local Authority used Edenred who had provided the vouchers when school was closed over the summer. The website address sent to parents has caused some problems so Edenred have issued a new address which is easier to navigate. Here is the new address.

<https://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk>

New Governors

I'd like to welcome three new governors to our board.

Mrs. Caroline England-Woodcock is a new parent governor. She has two children in Reception at the moment.

Mrs. Charlotte Proctor has been co-opted onto the board. She is also a parent of a Year One child at school.

Mr. Eric Wright has also been co-opted back onto the Governing Board. Eric is grandparent of child in Nursery. He was a governor at the school for many years prior to resigning and taking a break. But we've got him back!

As a reminder our other governors are:

Mr. Matt Collins (parent), Mrs. Sarah Briggs (parent), Mrs. Joanne Wilkinson (co-opted), Mrs. Anne North (Local Authority), Ms. Kath Clark (co-opted and Chair person), Mrs. Tamsin Bond (co-opted), Mrs. Alison Priest (staff), Mrs. Jane Townsend (Headteacher)

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