Weekly Newsletter 6 (7th October 2022)

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What's happening in school next week!

- The assembly theme for the week will be Being Grateful
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 10th October.
- Dance Club, Monday 10th October, 2.45-4.00pm.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday morning and Class 2 in the afternoon (11th October).
- The School Nursing Service are in school on Tuesday to administer flu vaccines.
- Miss S Rodgers is teacher Class 1 on Wednesday, Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery & Miss Bennett is teaching Class 7.
- Mrs Townsend in not in school on Wednesday morning.
- Y2 have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 12th, 2.45 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Wednesday morning.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around at 10.30am on Thursday morning.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday to play games with some children.
- Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Barker are not in school on Friday 14th. Mrs. Greenwood is teaching The Nest.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Friday.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.





Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 94%

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 98%

Class 3: 91%

Class 4: 99%

Class 5: 100%

Class 6: 98%

Class 7: 96%

The Nest: 93%

The Orchard: 79%

Well done Class 5



We have been very busy outside this week – examining, sweeping and collecting leaves, gathering acorns and gardening, though the absolute highlight was pulling up the carrots we had planted as seeds last year. Catching Sid the Spider that liked to hide in our toilets was also a favourite activity and we heartily waved him goodbye as he scuttled (probably thankfully), across the playground.

Star of the Week

Harrison Spencer has been doing some fantastic listening. He is thinking hard about answering questions and always shows great manners when others are trying to speak. Well done Harrison.



Looking ahead to the w.b. 17th October

- The assembly theme this week is Harvest.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday.
- Y2 children have drumming on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday 17th 2.45 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday am and Class 2 on Tuesday pm.
- We have our Golden Star assembly on Tuesday at 9.00am for nominated children in Classes 1,2,3,4
 8.5. Parents will be sent an invite. The assembly lasts for around 20 mins.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Tuesday 18th October at 10.00am.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 19th. Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1.
- Steve Cooper, our school photographer, is in school on Wednesday to take individual photos of all the children. He'll be back on parents evening to do family portraits for those who book in. More information to follow nearer the time.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 19th, 2.45 4.00pm.
- It's non-uniform day on Thursday 20th for a fee of £1.00 (towards school funds).
- Golden Star assembly for children in Nursery, The Orchard, The Nest, Classes 6 & 7. It's at 9.15am
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with the children.
- Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Ball Skills Festival at Stocksbridge High School on Thursday 20th 3.00-4.30pm. This is for children in Year One and Two.
- School closes on Thursday 20th for the half term holiday. School reopens on Monday 31st October.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Tomato & basil pasta	Turkey pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken pie with mashed potatoes	Cheese & tomato pizza & chips with tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Veggie hot dog with onions & baked potato wedges	Veggie pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Roast veggie balls with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Veggie chilli with rice	Vegetable nuggets & chips with tomato sauce.
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts	Oaty crunchy biscuit	Fresh fruit salad	Ice cream & banana	Jam sponge & custard	Chocolate brownie

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Evii Schofield made me cry with laughter this week with her off the cuff, honest comments. What is incredible is that she really does not know how funny she is.

Autism

I wanted to make parents aware that we have 12 children in school who have a diagnosis of autism. We have a number of other children who are on a journey to diagnosis too. All our autistic children present in different ways. They have different strengths and things they find tricky. They are all unique and utterly brilliant.

We want all our children to grow up understanding differences and learning that we sometimes need to behave differently with each other depending on our needs.

All our autistic children, in their own ways, find it hard to understand how other people think and feel. School can be a strange, stressful and challenging place for them. I describe it as being a square peg trying to fit into a round shaped school hole. At school we make lots of tweaks to try to make our hole more square and we support our children giving them strategies to fit a little more easily into the square shaped hole. But it's not easy for them and it can be exhausting trying to function every day in an environment that always feels a little bit alien. In school you would see children with ear defenders when the noise is just too painful. You will see children taking breaks so they can distress a little ready for the next bit of the day. We are being honest with all our children when they see children doing things they may not have seen before so that they understand why that child is behaving in that way and so that they can support them. This is a lovely clip to share with children that explains what autism is.

<u>Amazing Things Happen - by Alexander Amelines - YouTube</u>



If your child was born between

1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you need to apply
for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Closing date for applying 15th January 2023

Pupil Admissions can be contacted on

0114 273 5766

It is your responsibility to apply for a school place.

Missing the closing date will mean less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school(s).



Assembly Theme: Being grateful

Harvest Festival

On Monday 17th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival in school for the children. We would like each child to come to the front of our assembly and place an item of food on the display we make. We are busy learning songs about farmers and tractors!

We will donate all our food to the Food Hub in Stocksbridge. They are always very grateful.

On that note, if anyone would like us to pop to the Food Hub before half term, let us know and we'll organize picking up some things for you.

















Supporting Children's Mental Health. Monday 10th October is World Mental

We have lots of story books for loan which support children's understanding of emotions and feelings. They are in a box in the office. Please just pop in and help yourself. If you could sign out any books and tick when they are returned we can just keep a track of them.

Lost Property

Five weeks in and we already have an overflowing lost property bin. We sift through it regularly and return named items to their owners. Most of the items in the bin are not named. We will place it out on tables each morning for the next couple of weeks. Please have a check to see if any of it belongs to your child. We know life is very busy but if you could take a few minutes to just write your child's name on all their belongings over the weekend it would make our lives so much easier. Thank you.

Tweak of the Week: Tidy toilets week! No paper towels on the floor. No turning off taps or breaking seats – STILL!

FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER HALF TERM

We received the following information from Sheffield Local Authority this week.

We are writing to you to confirm our plans to provide food supplement vouchers for 32,500 children and young people across the city for October half term.

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over October half term:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds).
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

Our Plan

We have chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

- We aim for the voucher letters to arrive with parents by **w/c Monday 10 October**. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher, and we are asking parents contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers. We are also providing them with the contact details for Edenred.
 - We will send schools an unredeemed eCodes list via Anycomms on **17**th **October**. This will identify all the children at your school who received a food supplement voucher letter for October half term, enabling you to support any families that you know need some extra help.
 - This list will also include unredeemed eCode information for summer 2022.
 - Any child/young person that becomes eligible for a food voucher between **26 September 2022 and 23**October 2022 will be sent a voucher letter w/c **24 October 2022**.

The Process

- As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their vouchers
- www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery
 - Enter their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket. Edenred give them a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.
 - Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.
 - The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If they cannot find this, they should check their Junk/Spam folder

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will be cancelled. Once they have claimed their voucher on the Edenred website the voucher will be valid for 12 months.







This week's praise board







Alicia Fifi Kiffin for settling into class one and being an amazing member in our class.

Reggie Griggs for working incredibly hard in his writing and for being resilient.

Oliver Collins and Nathaniel Tym for tidving Class 2 even when they haven't been asked.

Zac-Riley Evison for listening carefully during carpet time and tackling his learning more independently.

Evil Schofield for having a great sense of humour and making the grown-ups laugh.

Jenson Turner-Jones was spotted showing amazing kindness towards his friends. He also brought in some lollipop sticks from home for our craft area.

Wrenn Bowden-Roebuck for being brave after her little accident last week.

Lola Wall for being a kind friend and helping someone when they were upset.

Pippa Guy for her fabulous dance moves during Go Noodle.

Alisha - Rose Barrott-Young for enjoying our walk around the hills and woods of Stocksbridge so much that she wanted to go again the next day!

James Smedley also enjoyed ticking off all the geographical words that we could see as we walked round. looking very important with his clipboard!

Corey Brookes for dazzling us with his writing and his enjoyment of sharing it afterwards.

Thank you Lottie Moore for being so reliable and helpful!

Leo Bailey had such enthusiasm in maths this week, fantastic sorting and matching of the buttons.

Rowan Wild is always so patient and polite - what a lovely member of our class you are.

Seb Spriggs has been so very brave this week, thank you for coming in each day and trying your best.

Kodi Dobson blew our socks off this week with his persevering in maths!

India Briggs is always sharing her beautiful artwork she does at home, it brightens our day.

It has been lovely to see Rayne Chambers playing games and making sure others are included- what a lovely

Evie Foster has made the grown-ups lots of collages this week, talking about the colours she has used.

Seth Hirst created an amazing Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork with natural objects in Welly Wednesday-Super.

Vinnie Gibson showed how very independent he was during our trip.

Kamryn Bradley-Dixon has such amazing manners, it really makes everyone proud!

Jack Hopkins was spotted sharing treats with a friend which made grown-ups smile.

Roman Chambers overcame a tricky situation which made the grown-ups really proud.

Ada Shaw was brave and made the right choice in order to sort out a tricky situation

Thank you to Rosalie Roberts, Oscar Hardcastle and Teddy Eady who did a wonderful gardening job in Nursery.

Ariane Brown has done some very careful, patient mark-making.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped with our walks and trips this week. Your support has been very much appreciated.



