



Autumn 2 Newsletter

Message from Mr. Barnes

Welcome back to school for the second half of Autumn Term. I hope everyone had a restful break and is full of energy and festive spirit ready for the next eight weeks of fun, festivity and learning. We have planned many special events for the whole school community, so please cast your eyes on the calendar section of the newsletter (although we have left out the visit from a special visitor!!) I look forward to welcoming all of you into school for our Christmas Nativities and Showcases. At these events we will be once again be raising money for two charities who are close to our school community. The Sheffield Children's Hospital and HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas). There will be festive buckets at all of our events to support these worthy charities.

We are delighted to be taking the whole school to the Lyceum Pantomime on Tuesday 19 December. This year we will be watching Beauty and the Beast. If you are yet to return your permission slip please do this as soon as possible. Thank you to the HSA for supporting this whole school enrichment with a contribution of £1800.

Thank you once again from the school staff for supporting us. Have a brilliant half-term.

Attendance

Our school attendance target is **96.4%** Last half term (Sept-Oct) we achieved **96.88%** which is a positive start. Please do ensure your children are in school everyday.

The helpful guidance below has been released by the NHS to help parents manage absence alongside the usual childhood illnesses.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Christmas Crafternoon

The whole school will be getting in the festive spirit by holding a Christmas Crafternoon on Friday, 1 December in the afternoon.

We would love to have some parent volunteers to help with our Christmas crafts. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to volunteer.

Woodwork

Each year group take part in woodwork sessions as part of our Design & Technology Curriculum. As you can imagine we use quite a lot of wood for our creations. If you have any large pieces of wood you no longer need please bring them in and we will see if they are useful for our projects. Many thanks

Food bank

Thank you for your wonderfully kind donations for the food bank in the last week of last half term. There will be another collection on Tuesday 12 December at the start of the school day.

Litter pick

Thank you to everyone who joined the Autumn 1 litter pick—what a great turn out! Mrs Ellis will be running the next one on Thursday, 7 December straight after school. Meet in the bottom yard if you want to join.



DIARY DATES

Event	Date and Time
Blending Workshop	Friday, 10 November 9.00 am to 9.30 am
Blending Workshop	Monday, 13 November 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 14 November 3.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Children in Need	Thursday, 16 November
Parents' Evening	Thursday, 16 November 3.45 pm to 7.00 pm
Inset day—School Closed to Children	Friday, 17 November
Christmas Crafternoon	Friday, 1 December - pm
Christmas Entrepreneur Sale	Monday, 4 December straight after school
Class 7 Christmas Showcase—in the school hall	Tuesday, 5 December 2.15 pm to 3.00pm
Class 9 Christmas Showcase—in the school hall	Wednesday, 6 December 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm
Class 8 Christmas Showcase—in the school hall	Thursday, 7 December 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm
S6 Foodbank Collection	Tuesday, 12 December 8.40 am in the playground
Class 4 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Tuesday, 12 December 9.15 am to 10.15 am
Class 5 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Wednesday, 13 December 9.15 am to 10.15 am
Class 6 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Thursday, 14 December 9.15 am to 10.15 am
Class 1 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Monday, 18 December 9.15 am to 9.45 am
Whole school trip to the Pantomime	Tuesday, 19 December
Class 2 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Wednesday, 20 December 9.15 am to 9.45 am
Class 3 Christmas performance —in the school hall	Thursday, 21 December 9.15 am to 9.45 am
Last day of School for Christmas Holiday	Friday, 22 December
School Terms Starts	Monday, 8 January 2024



WE LOVE READING



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Book of the Half Term... The Invisible String

The premise of the book is that we are all connected by an invisible string. Even though it is invisible, you can feel it with your heart. Everyone has an invisible string, and it can reach anywhere, even heaven. The book's message is that no one is ever alone, even when their loved one is not physically present.



Secret Reader

We love hearing people read books to us in class, so we are relaunching our Secret Reader! This is where grown-ups, (parents, carers, grandparents, in fact anyone linked to our school), come into class and read a story, poem or non-fiction book to us at the end of the day. We try to keep it a secret from the children so it is a surprise who might be reading that day! We can provide you with a book, or you can bring in your favourite child friendly book to read. If you are interested in doing this, please discuss a date with your child's class teacher. If you are unable to come into school to read to us, please feel free to film yourself reading a child friendly book and send it into school and we can watch it instead.

Magazines

We are in need of children's magazines for our school library and our book areas in the classrooms. If you have any that your children are not using anymore, and you would like to donate them to us, please give them to your child's class teacher or to Miss Allen.



Blending workshop

Miss Allen will be running two phonics workshops for parents focusing on oral blending and blending to read over the next few weeks. They will be held in the school hall and explain how the Little Wandle phonics scheme teaches your child these reading skills. The workshop will also include helpful tips to help you support your child at home to further their reading progression.

A separate letter will be sent out with further details.

Staff interview—Mrs Wilson

When do you do your reading?

Mainly at bedtime but sometimes during a quiet part of the day.

What is your favourite book?

Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. I like the thoughts it creates.

Do you have any advice for young readers to help form good reading habits?

Enjoy it! It's one of the best things you can ever learn to do. Reading gives you the chance to enter another world and let your imagination run free!

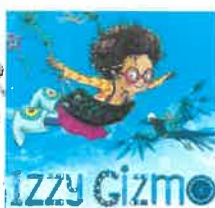


Reading Diary Reminder

Please send your child every day with their reading diary.

Their phonics/fluency book just needs to come to school to be swapped on Fridays!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2

ROSIE REVERE, ENGINEER

