

"You always have the right to be happy, not always sad and miserable. To be happy you look like this 😊 not this ☹️ Marcus (Y4)



Introduction

Hello SJF! We hope you are enjoying school life and learning lots of interesting things. Our fourth newsletter aims to stress how important good attendance is for us, the children. After all, evidence tells us that children who attend regularly do better, achieve more, and have better chances of success than those who don't. The information has been shared by the local authority. Thanks to all our HMCs and Mrs Smith for producing this newsletter.

Attendance

School Attendance & Absence

Why is attendance important?

Well, going to school regularly is important for every child's future.

Parents/carers are responsible for making sure their children receive a full education. They have to make sure that their children go to school otherwise they can be fined or even prosecuted.

Benefits of Good Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is linked, directly, to improved exam performance which can in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- friendships
- social skills
- team values
- life skills
- cultural awareness
- career pathways

Important

You can help your child by:

- having a good routine from an early age and sticking it to it
- helping your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- asking your child about school work and encouraging them to join in with school activities
- sharing any problems or concerns they may have with their teacher or the headteacher
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments or holidays during term time

Attendance Ladder



To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange (as far as possible), appointments and outings:

- *after school hours*
- *at weekends*
- *during school holidays*

Term-Time Holidays

Term time holidays have been increasing in schools across Sheffield, over the last number of years. The advice is that parents/carers should make every effort to make sure that their child does not miss school due to holiday plans. Schools are not obliged to agree to you taking your child on holiday during term time.

Issues that can Impact on Attendance

A child's school attendance can be affected if there are problems with:

- *bullying*
- *housing or care arrangements*
- *transport to and from school*
- *work and money*
- *other problems at home*

If your child starts missing school, you might not know there is a problem. When you find out, ask your child and then approach their teacher.

Advice & Support

Advice is available via this [link](#) and further support is available from the Sheffield Attendance and Inclusion Team [here](#). Thank you

Competition

It takes just one poem...

Congratulations to all the children who submitted entries for this year's poetry competition in support of National Poetry Day. A reminder that this year's themes was '**The Environment**'. Our entries came from

Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renae • Jack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel • Jai • Olivia • Roman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aalia • Arya • Bella • Diion • Jacob • Willow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavani • Edie • Katy • Oscar

Poems will be displayed in the school playground to be enjoyed and appreciated. They will also be presented within a special anthology available for you to purchase at a small price later in the month.

Road Safety Week 2022: 14 to 20 November

Any parent or carer will tell you that keeping their child safe around roads is a constant worry. Whether travelling on foot, by car, by bike, or with a buggy or pushchair, it is vital that children are kept as safe as possible when they are near roads. Tragically, six children are killed or seriously injured on roads, in the UK, every day and road traffic injuries are the biggest cause of death among young people worldwide.

The good news is there are lots of things that can be done to improve road safety at a local level and 'Road Safety Week' is an ideal opportunity to bring people together to work towards safer travel for everyone. You can click [here](#) to register for activities to do with your children or resources to campaign for safer roads in your neighbourhoods.



The HMC Interview



Every month, we will interview one member of our school community to help us find out a little bit more about them. This week we are talking to **Mrs J Goodband**.

How do you help people when they are sad? I think very deeply about why they are sad and what they need to help them feel better, then try to supply that if I can.

Which University did you study at? I went to the University of Sheffield.

What job did you have before teaching? As a student, I worked in a bakery, selling delicious bread and cakes.

Did you always know that you wanted to be a teacher? Yes, right from being in primary school. I used to come home after school and collect my teddies and dollies together, sit them in rows and do a register!

What are your favourite subjects to teach? Music, and then Art. I love singing!

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to see my two grandchildren and have them over to my house for sleep-overs! We have lots of FUN!

What is your favourite season? All of them, but probably summer the most because I love being in my garden, growing flowers.

What song would you be and why? I really like Abba's, 'Thank you for the Music'!

Have you ever met anybody famous? If so, who? Yes, Sheffield's singer/songwriter, Paul Carrack.

Do you have a secret passion? Yes, going yachting around the Islands of Greece, which I've done several times now. Fab!

What's your favourite film? Walt Disney's 'Lion King' because I love the music in it, and it reminds me of very happy times when my own children were young.

Thank you, Mrs Goodband.



Our Joke of the Month

Why did the banana go to the doctor's?
Because he wasn't peeling very well.



Film of the Month Pinocchio (Rating: PG)

In an Italian village, the wooden puppet Pinocchio is brought to life by the Blue Fairy and seeks the life of adventure while striving to be a real boy. Pinocchio's life is turned upside down when he leaves his father to follow the circus...

November Fact: 'Sandwich Day' is on 3rd November. On that date in 1718, John Montague, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, was born. He is credited with creating the first sandwich in 1778. When he was playing cards with his friends, he did not want to leave the table during a long game. He asked his servants to bring him some meat placed between two slices of bread so he could eat and continue to play with the other. He was also the First Lord of Admiralty and the man after whom Captain Cook named the Sandwich Islands in 1778.

