



# February 2010

# Newsletter



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## Safeguarding of our children is our number 1 priority.

**Parents using the car for the school run** - are you careful of the safety of pupils at Hunters Bar Junior and Infant Schools?

Last week a child was hit by a car on the way to school.....

I know that parking around school is difficult but I am asking you to avoid having to do this. I am shocked at some of the driving I have witnessed and am extremely concerned for all our children's safety on their way to and from school. I want to send a very clear message to all parents who drop their child off by car near to school and ask you to make arrangements to drop off and collect your child at a safe distance from school so a) they can walk a distance to school and b) it reduces the traffic near to school.

It should be obvious.....

- Do not use Kirkstall Road as this blocks access to and from school. It is not acceptable to drive onto Kirkstall Road which causes chaos when cars have to manoeuvre and reverse and also even reverse onto Cowlishaw Road!
- Do not wait or double park on Sharrow Vale Road.
- Do not park or wait on a junction.
- Do not park or wait on zig -zag lines

Future newsletters will name the registration numbers of cars that continue to cause a problem.

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2 (6 weeks)

Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April  
Easter Holiday: Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April

### Summer Term 1 (6 weeks)

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May  
Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May  
Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

### Summer Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July

**The final inset day has been arranged for Friday 23 July**

**For more information on school terms and holidays see:**

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays)

## Class Assemblies

### Spring term

Parents welcome

J8: Thursday 4 March

J10: Thursday 11 March

J7: Thursday 25 March

Assemblies start at 9:00 am and last 20—30 minutes. Please remember to sign in at the office before going to the Hall.



## Cross Country

Due to the snowy weather we have only run two races this term. The first was on a cold day, on hard ground, at Bolehills Park. The second was a very muddy affair at Limpsfield School. The following children raced at both events: - Emma Godden, Ben Singleton, Joe Fleischmann, Rory Wilson, Ben Naisbitt and Henry Lloyd Hughes. Well done super sustained effort! Others:- Nancy Hookham, Natasha Boydell Smith, Jas Smith, Max Boydell Smith, Tom Blacksell, George Mount and Finn Hunter came to one of the races. Again:- **Well done great effort!** What a fantastic way to keep fit, work towards a goal and be part of a team!



Emma Godden and  
Ruby Downing

We have a long tradition of cross country running at Hunter's Bar Junior and many children carry on at Secondary school. The following ex pupils qualified to represent Sheffield in the recent South Yorkshire Championships;- James Godden, Matthew Godden, Oliver Allen, Anina Atkinson, Louis Gardner, Hazel Drezet and Ella Castle. This is the result of continued effort and involvement in running and other sports.

Our next race is the City championships at Graves Park on 6<sup>th</sup> March. It would be great to see more runners at this event when individual and team effort are rewarded both at Y4 and Y5/6 by certificates and trophies. We have a Y5/6 boys team but need more girls in both age groups and more Y4 boys. It would be great to also have a second Y5/6 boys team. So if you have run before and haven't been able to run recently it would be good to see you again. New runners are also very welcome.

After this race we aim to meet at the café to celebrate our achievements and also a birthday. This will be the last race of the season for Y4s. The relay race, for Y5/6s only will now be held at Norfolk Park not Bannerdale as previously notified.

Mrs Baillie

## Early Morning Dual Language Group

At present Mrs Roscoe and Mrs Khurram run a reading group for our bilingual children on Tuesday mornings from 8.20- 8.45.

We provide a wide selection of books all written in another language and English, and there is a choice of reading activities to develop children's skills. This was initially for Year 3 and 4 children, but we now have spaces for children from other year groups to join in. You are very welcome to come with family members (including younger siblings- we have some great colouring activities as well as books they will enjoy listening to!) and to bring your own favourite books to read. We often use the computers for our activities and can find something to suit everyone!

Mrs Roscoe and Mrs Khurram are happy to talk to you about helping your child with reading.

If you would like to come, please see Mrs Roscoe or tell your class teacher.



## Sheffield Schools Africa Cup Tournament

To reach the qualifying rounds of the competition organised by Sheffield Wednesday, in partnership with PUMA, schools had to make a short video about why Sheffield is the best city to host games for the 2018 World Cup.

Our video made it through to the top 32 and our team will now play in the mini world cup round for the main prize of a trip to South Africa.

**A big thank you to  
everyone!**

Miss Lunn

### **Urdu lessons in Year 3**

Since January, some of our Year 3 children are fortunate enough to have been learning Urdu with Mrs Khurram. For 20 minutes a week for one term, the children have been practising how to greet each other, follow simple instructions, count and name some objects. They have also practised some writing, and have really enjoyed seeing their names written in Urdu! The children who speak Urdu have been our classroom experts, helping and encouraging the others and showing off their bilingual skills. At present J2 are learning Urdu, and soon the other Year 3 classes will be able to have a turn. It's a great opportunity for our children, and they are very enthusiastic about the sessions. Many thanks to Mrs Khurram for making the sessions so enjoyable and interesting!

### **World Book Day: Thursday 4 March, a chance to dress up**

To celebrate World Book Day we are inviting the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book. If you would like to be more creative, you could come as a type of book. For those who read biographies, you could come as a famous person as long as you bring along their biography (or your own version of it).

Children should be able to introduce themselves and possibly read a section of their book that shows their character. As ever if any parent or carer would care to share their favourite book with a class we would be delighted to see you!

### **Transatlantic Indoor row for Water Aid**

Over the last 10 weeks Mrs McDougall has been rowing across the Atlantic... (indoors!), along with some of her friends they pledge to row 300km each as part of the crossing. They are supporting their friends Norman and James Beech who have been doing the real thing. So far they have been rowing for 50 days and are half way across the Atlantic. The journey so far has been very difficult due to bad weather conditions. Some days they have been blown further back by strong winds, as you can imagine this must be very frustrating!

**Did you know?...** 1 in 8 children do not have safe water to drink and two and a half billion live without somewhere safe to clean and go to the toilet. Every 17 seconds a child will die because they don't have enough safe water to drink!

On **Friday 5 March** we will be fund raising for Water Aid by:

- **Starting our own row across the Atlantic.**

We will be selling raffle tickets for 50p. Each class will then draw 5 tickets. The children whose names are drawn will be allocated 5mins in which they will row like crazy on one of the rowing machines we have borrowed, to see how far they can travel across the Atlantic.

- **Silver River.**

We will be asking the children to bring in silver coins and in the hall we will be trying to cover a blue river in coins. The aim is to completely cover the whole river by the end of the day. So please give generously.

- **Wear it blue day!**

Children will be able to purchase wear it blue tickets for 20p. Tickets available on Tuesday to Thursday. Each child will be able to dress up in anything blue. This can include clothes, blue hair, nails, hats, shoes etc

- **Classroom based** . Each class will decide as a class which piece of equipment they would like to save up and buy. For example a pipe wrench £17, a cup leather for pump £4, 25kg box of nails £15 etc. they will then try to raise the money by setting up activities.

**We thank you in advance for your support.**

## Children's International Summer Villages

This year 3 lucky individuals have been selected for a trip of a life time with an organisation called C.I.S.V. (Children's International Summer Villages) 2 boys and 9 girls wanted the chance to go at first but only 6 boys and 6 girls could go. That meant finding 4 boys and saying no to 3 girls. Those 3 unlucky girls all came from this school. However, 2 girls, Jas Smith and Rosa Gamsu, and 1 boy, Laurence Jeffrey-Badger, did get in.

To get in we had to prove we were able to listen and get on with others. The 3 host countries are Japan, Austria and Portugal. Rosa is going to Japan; Jas is going to Austria and Laurence Portugal. We are all going for a whole month! Jas is the earliest to depart, leaving 3 weeks before the end of term.

Most of the trip is a mystery for the leader and the children but we do know that at the beginning and half way through the camp we will be staying with a host family of that culture but at least one of the family will be able to speak a little English. The host families can take you anywhere and are involved with C.I.S.V. in more ways than one.

We are really looking forward to our trip, if a little nervous, but we hope to keep you updated.

Jas, Rosa and Laurence.

### Mathspiration!

As Maths is one of our school priorities we are looking for parents who work with maths, in any capacity, to come in and speak to your child's class for 10 minutes to help inspire our children.

If you would consider this please have an informal chat with your child's class teacher.

Thanks

Maths team



## WaterAid

Water aid works in 7 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific region helping communities overcome poverty through water, sanitation and hygiene education projects.

On Friday 5 March we are going to bring in donations and wear blue. We are also going to create a river out of 50ps, 20ps and 10ps. Hopefully we will raise enough money to help the thirsty people of Bangladesh, India and many more.

Ellie Bondswell and Courtney Welsh-Jones J9

### Site Security

We are making good progress and fully expect the work to be completed by the end of the Easter Holidays. The Governing Bodies of our two schools have decided on the contractor to carry out the work and we are pleased that the new gates should be a near match to the current Victorian Gates that are currently in place.

The Kirkstall Road gates will continue to be closed during the school day and will be managed for vehicle access only. Sharrow Vale Road will be the main entrance to the Junior School but access will also be possible through the Junction Road entrance.

Phase 1 of our junior school playground development will also take place at the same time as we are taking the opportunity to resurface part of the bottom yard up to the main entrance. This is part of a bigger plan which, when fine tuned, will be phased over the next few years.

## Queues at reception at the beginning of the school day.....

The office has become very busy in the mornings with parents and children making payments, handing in slips, etc. Whilst the office is happy to accept them it does mean that the reception area becomes very busy and parents/visitors requiring assistance for other matters are kept waiting. There are also a significant number of children arriving after registration each morning, these children have to sign in at the office so that we know they are in school and we can order the right number of school meals.

To help us work more efficiently:

- please make sure that your child(ren) arrive at school on time. Children can come into school from 8:40 am and morning activities are provided in the classroom; registration is at 8:50 am. Children who arrive late may disrupt the start of lessons and also miss out on valuable learning and social opportunities.
- may we **remind** parents that each class has a box which is used to collect payments and reply slips, this is then sent to the office after morning registration. Please make sure all payments are sent to school in an envelope labelled with your child's name, class and what you are paying for. Payment envelopes are available free of charge from the office, alternatively why not recycle envelopes received in junk mail? We hope to have a lockable parent post box by the main entrance soon for parents to post items.
- Payments for school dinners should be made on Mondays only, you should pay for the meals your child expects to have during that week. To help parents pay the correct amount school regularly sends a letter home telling parents the cost of school meals for a week and also for the half-term depending on how many meals are taken each week. **If your child has school meals on the same days each week and you pay every Monday (or first day of half-term) it makes it easier for us and for you!**

### Lost Property

Thank you for your support in labelling your child's clothing and belongings. Please continue to do this. It is a great help and we are now finding the lost property (not a mountain any more!) much easier to manage.

### School Council Update

At the last school council meeting the following items were discussed:

- Finer diners
- Water Aid
- Young Children's Voices
- Allocation of roles within the school council

Next meeting is on Monday 15th March

### Our road safety lesson to an Infant class

Class 6 were surprised to learn about road safety.

Firstly we handed out road safety colouring sheets.....



then talked to them and asked if they walked to school ....

most of them said yes. Then we moved onto telling them about crossing the roads. Later on we played traffic lights and played a new road safety game called traffic cars and some people won prizes. Class 6 enjoyed the session and we will hopefully be going in to do more work later on in the year.

From the Road Safety Team

Tom Molyneux, Rukhsar Aslam, Tom Blacksell, Laurence Jeffrey Badger and Rosa Gamsu

## Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10 March Diving Talent Spotting Y2& Y3 (in junior hall)

Tuesday 16 March to Monday 22 March Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 March Parents Evenings

Wednesday 24 March Pack up your troubles (theatre production) – Y6

Tuesday 30 March : SEN drop in

Helping your child with maths without doing pages of sums!

21st April Time & Tide (theatre production ) -Y3

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

(All dates are inclusive)

Term Name and Holiday	From	To
<b>Autumn Half Term 1</b>	Wednesday 1 September 2010	Friday 22 October 2010
<i>October Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25 October 2010</i>	<i>Friday 29 October 2010</i>
<b>Autumn Half Term 2</b>	Monday 1 November 2010	Friday 17 December 2010
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 20 December 2010</i>	<i>Monday 3 January 2011</i>
<b>Spring Half Term 1</b>	Tuesday 4 January 2011	Friday 18 February 2011
<i>February Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 21 February 2011</i>	<i>Friday 25 February 2011</i>
<b>Spring Half Term 2</b>	Monday 28 February 2011	Friday 8 April 2011
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 11 April 2011</i>	<i>Monday 25 April 2011</i>
<b>Summer Half Term 1</b>	Tuesday 26 April 2011 (May Day 2 May 2011)	Friday 27 May 2011
<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30 May 2011</i>	<i>Friday 3 June 2011</i>
<b>Summer Half Term 2</b>	Monday 6 June 2011	Friday 22 July 2011

### 2010/11 Inset Days

**There are 5 additional days for staff training each year; children do not attend school on the following days:**

Wednesday 1 September 2010

Thursday 2 September 2010

Friday 3 September 2010

Tuesday 4 January 2011

Monday 6 June 2011.