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Road Safety

At present we only have a crossing warden on Cowlshaw Road at the beginning of the school day. Please take special care at the end of the day when there is no warden to help children and carers across the road.

Please do not drive into Kirkstall Road: there is no parking available (unless you have a permit) and as it is a cul-de-sac it you will have to either reverse out or turn round which puts all our children at risk.

Police officers have already visited the school to support us in our efforts to make our local environment safe for **all** our children and council parking wardens continue to enforce the local parking regulations.

We reserve the right to politely remind you to move.

At last our parent post box has arrived!



Just outside the door to the main entrance there is now a green lockable post box. The box will be emptied at the beginning and end of the school day.

We hope that you will find it useful for dropping off dinner money payments, reply slips, etc without having to wait and will allow us to offer a more efficient service to those parents/carers/visitors requiring assistance.

Please remember to send payments in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, class and what you are paying for.

Term Dates

2009/10

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

2010/11

Inset days 1,2 and 3: Wednesday 1 September to Friday 3 September

Autumn Term 1 (7 weeks)

Monday 6 September to Friday 22 October

Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October

Autumn Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 1 November to Friday 17 December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 December to Monday 3 January

Inset day 4: Tuesday 4 January– school closed to pupils.

For more information on school terms and holidays see:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolholidays

WATCH IT is a **city wide service** which is designed to help and support children and young people aged 7-14 who struggle with being overweight.

The programme is two fold. Firstly, we ask all the children to do hours Watch It activity each week, which is delivered by Activity Sheffield. Each child is assigned a Health Trainer who meets them each week to go work through the programme with them. They will cover topics like 5 A Day, Regular Meals, Portion Sizes, Increase Activity, Motivation to lose Weight, Self Esteem and Balancing Foods. The focus is on family change as well as on the individual child.

Sessions are delivered across the city after school and on Saturdays to avoid absence from school.

Day	Time	Place
Monday	4-7pm	Philimore Primary Phillimore Road Sheffield S9 5EF
Tuesday	4-7pm	Shirecliffe Community Centre 349 Shirecliffe Road Sheffield S5 8XJ
Thursday	4-7pm	Valley Park Primary Norton Avenue Sheffield S14 1SL
Friday	4-7pm	ZEST 18 Uppertorpe Road Sheffield S6 3NA
Saturday	9.30am- 12.30pm	Victoria Centre Stafford Road Sheffield S2 2SE
Saturday	2-5pm	Crescent Community Centre Firshill Crescent Sheffield S47BX

Watch It is a city wide service commissioned by Sheffield PCT, based at ZEST, which works in partnership with Activity Sheffield.

For further information contact:

Administrator – Claudia Thompson

Tel: 0114 270 2040 ext 216

Email: sheffieldwatch-it@zestcommunity.co.uk

Lateness

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. It also creates extra work

We understand that on some occasions being late is unavoidable, children need to sign in at the office so that they are registered as being in school and the correct number of school meals are ordered.

Our Education Welfare Officer regularly reviews attendance of all children. Recently we have looked at the reasons children have given for being late and would like to let parents know that the following reasons are **not acceptable**.

- Deciding what to wear
- Faffing about
- My birthday/Mum's birthday/dog's birthday
- Mum cleaning the kitchen
- Been to Birmingham
- Dad had trouble with pc
- Fussing over new pet
- Arguing with brother/sister/mum/dad/cousin
- Mum meditating
- Waiting for plumber/carpet man/builder
- Busy morning
- Thought it was Saturday
- Sandwich shop shut
- Walked slowly
- T-shirt on wrong way

Great Easter Duck Race in aid of Shepherd Wheel Restoration

Endcliffe Park

Monday 5 April 2010 @ 2pm



Friends of the Porter Valley, a Registered Charity, received lottery funding of £500,000 to repair the Shepherd Wheel and Dam but need to raise the rest themselves. Last April, F.O.P.V., organised a very successful Duck Race in Endcliffe Park raising £2,300 for the Shepherd Wheel Restoration. The Race is on again this Easter Monday, 5th April, starting at 2pm.

School will be 'selling' ducks for £1 each (or 6 for £5) from the school office. (Ducks are also available from Endcliffe Park Café, The Famous Sheffield Shop and on the day in the park.) Each entrant will be allocated a numbered duck. Ducks will be released into the Porter Brook in the centre of Endcliffe Park. If your duck is one of the first to reach the stepping stones, just past the café, you will win a prize. Prizes include tickets for SWFC and SUFC, an overnight stay at Norfolk Arms, vouchers for local shops, cafes and restaurants. From 10 until 4 there will also be a tombola and plant stall, Splat the Rat! and at 1pm there will be an Easter bonnet parade.

The Duck Race is a family fun event, supported by Sheffield City Council and the Park Rangers.

WaterAid Charity Day

WaterAid.org

Friday 5th March was our best Giving Day yet!

On this day alone our children raised £249.46 and many classes are still raising huge amounts of money to buy taps, hand pumps, pipe cutters, hammers and all manner of items to help people in developing countries get better access to safe water. See below for some memorable quotes and scenes from the day!



Vischal Chanda and Jess Grant report:

After the row for Water Aid Mrs Brocklesby felt very shaky but also happy as she was raising lots of money for a good cause. She gave it 100% and all her work paid off because she came first out of all the female teachers. Mrs Brocklesby said "It was a very exhilarating experience but an exciting one all the same and I'm happy I won!"

Mr Jenkin felt very tired and quite sick while he was rowing. This is what he had to say: "While I was rowing I felt like my legs were about to fall off!! But the fact that I was doing it for Water Aid made it worth it!" Lots of children did this and they all felt good afterwards.



Updating the Sex and Relationships Policy

We are currently updating this policy in light of new recommendations, and invite any interested parents to attend a meeting at 3.30pm on Friday 23rd April.

If you are interested but unable to attend please email us at school:

enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk



Currently we email the newsletter and the most important letters to a small number of parents. This has proved to be an effective way of making sure parents receive letters. If you would like to be added to our circulation list please contact the office on 2660547 or email s.gregory@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk, please include your child's name in the message so that you receive the correct mailings.

We value your feedback and welcome your suggestions, there has been a suggestion box in reception for a while and a book for visitor comments. We hope that visitors to school will use it to leave positive feedback about their visit.

If you have a concern or complaint please let the office staff know so that it can be dealt with quickly.

Site Security update

During the Easter holiday the preparation work will take place; digging channels for the cabling and resurfacing. As the gates are to be a near replica to what is in place now, they will not be ready within that timescale and will be put into place during the summer half term break.

Thank you if you contributed to the Dotocracy question at Parents' Evening. We now have a clear view of parents' perspectives which shows overwhelming support and understanding and few questions. Below are the results.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total	%
Yes	17	36	33	23	109	90.1
Not Sure	1	2	3	4	10	8.3
No	0	1	2	0	3	2.5

Y3 shows the lowest return and this has made us conscious to make separate provision where possible in the annexe as opposed to signposting to the main building entrance.

Water Aid day was on Friday 5 March and Hunters Bar Junior School made a silver river of money. The rowers were:

J1 Mr Bywaters: Farrah, Guy, Maia, Joe, Eve, Stanley, Woody, Louie.

J2 Mr Beauchamp: Rhiannon, Ameera, Molly and Umair.

J3 Miss Herbert: Cenya, Nasra, Serena, Lily, Zain, Gareth, Charlie, Phoebe, Remi, Finlay, Larna and Rebecca.

J4 Mr Watson/Mrs Stockley: George, Aleeza, Ayesha, Yasmeen, Martha and Eve.

J5 Miss Lunn: Benedek, Louie, Solomon, Natasha, Ruben, Aimen, Rahma, Oman, Raheel, Rebecca, Hassan and Charlie.

J6 Miss Lovett: Brandon, Saara, Spike, Ben and Khadija.

J7 Mr Murch: Isaac, Emma, Haroon, Candace, Rory, Miriam, Leah, Henry, Maddie and Bruno.

J8 Mr Jenkin: Aiza, Hassan, Jem, Andrew S, Sara and Ruby.

J9 Miss Panter: Cainan, Joshua M, Sebastian, Maisie, Aqilah, Hannah, Awais, Catriona, Daniel, Theo, Anique and Zain.

J10 Mr Wright/Mrs Walton: Jeannie, Alex, Hashim, Jonah, Dan, Lydia, Raheel, Joe, Felix, Kofi and Shannon.

J11 Mrs Baillie/Mrs Brocklesby: Tom B, Halayna, Hafsa, Rosa, Elsa and Barnaby.

J12 Miss Saunders: Max, Tyreece, Tia, Atiya, Nathan, Ussman, Harvey, Amy, Bishal and Anees.

By Ellie and Courtney J9



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Y4 Castleton Residential Trip

This half term saw the arrival of the long awaited Year 4 residential trip to Castleton! After eagerly waiting 6 months for their first school residential the 2 days and 1 night spent in Castleton definitely did not disappoint! Children and staff alike had a fantastic time and the excellent behaviour displayed by all along with the glorious blue skies helped to make the stay a truly memorable one.

The children enjoyed a fun filled 2 days which were jam packed with exciting activities all based around our current Year 4 topic of Invaders and Settlers. In the short time we were there we managed to experience what it was like to live in a Celtic roundhouse, construct and fire Roman siege engines, defend Britain against the Normans with our archery skills AND storm a Norman Castle!! We also learnt about the importance of being a detective when it comes to unearthing the past! The children became archaeologists and helped discover the history of Castleton by literally digging up the past and learnt how to translate Viking Runes in order to uncover a very important message!

All in all the trip was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

The first in an occasional series, by our roving reporters, Jed Adkins, Jack Drezet and Rory Wilson (J7)

Interview with Seraphina Ball—Parent Volunteer

We did an interview with a reading volunteer, Seraphina Ball (parent of Tilly Ball J8) about what she gets out of reading in school.

Q. When and why did you start coming in to read?

A. I had some time and I thought it would be a nice thing to do and it would help children.

Q. Which classes do you read with?

A. All y6 classes.

Q. What do you get out of reading in school?

A. I enjoy it, it's fun, I meet children and I enthuse them to read.

Q. What sort of books do you read with children?

A. The children choose what books they want to read, it's mostly fiction but some non-fiction.

Q. What are your favourite book genres?

A. I like crime and history books.

Q. Do you read to your children at home?

A. Yes to my youngest child. My eldest child is 15 and I don't think she'd like it.

Q. Where do you get your books from or what library do you go to?

A. I often go to Ecclesall library and sometimes central library. I buy books from Waterstones.

Q. Do you read a variety of books at home?

A. Yes I do. I belong to a book club and we take it in turns to choose the books we read.

Q. Which authors do you like to read?

A. I like Kate Grenville and Alexander McCallsmith.

Q. Did you read a lot when you were at school?

A. I read a bit but I tended to read things I liked to read rather than school books.

Q. Did you go to this school and if so how has it changed?

A. I didn't come to this school but schools in general have changed; they are more fun now.

If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer please contact Ms Lovett via the School Office. Training will be provided.

Reminder:

Special Needs Maths Drop In

Tuesday 30 March

9:00 am

For parents of children receiving Special Needs support in school.

This is an informal session to help parents support their children in the most effective and appropriate ways.

Milk Orders

The last day for milk orders is Monday 29 March.



The cost of milk for the Summer Term is £8:82, children eligible for free school meals are also entitled to free school milk.

Please ask at the school office if you require an order form.

Sharrow Lantern Carnival 2010

11 April 2010

8pm Mount Pleasant Park

FREE event, all welcome

Once again the Sharrow Lantern Carnival will be lighting up the streets from Mount Pleasant Park to the General Cemetery. The theme for this years Carnival is... music.

The Carnival sets off from Mount Pleasant Park at 8pm and ends at the General Cemetery for a Jazz lounge style celebration from 9:00—10:00 pm with fire spinners and more.

Governors

A reminder of our current governing body. If you wish to contact any of the school governors you may do so via the school office.

Chair of Governors	Sylvia Yates
Parent:	Diane Wilkinson
Parent:	Sue Whittaker
Parent:	Mike Woolley
Parent:	Farzana Camran
Parent:	Nick Hoare
Parent:	Auriel Majumdar
LA:	Kate Quail
LA:	Richard Deeks
LA:	Steve Randall
Community:	Zahid Saleem
Community:	Yogi Amin
Community:	Vacancy
Headteacher:	Jill Hallsworth
Teacher:	Lynnette Glossop
Teacher	Jacqui Stockley
Non-Teaching staff:	Nicola Sawyer

Home Learning

We hope that you enjoy the process of home learning with your children and it's a great opportunity to spend time with your children. It's great to see the efforts and the lengths which children go to and the strengths and talents they have. We will be looking at our policy for Home Learning (homework), if you would like to be involved please let the office know.

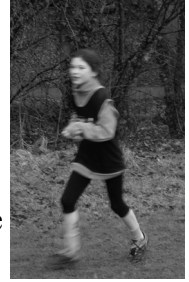
School Dress Code

Following the consultation with parents last year, the school's Governing Body is now strongly in favour of adopting a dress code for Hunter's Bar Junior School for September. A working party is set up to progress the work and we aim to report you the outcomes in the summer term.

Cross Country

On a cold dampish Saturday the City championships were held at Graves park. Three determined, dedicated Y4s (Holly Colvill, Ben Naisbitt and George Mount) overcame falls, mud and a large hill to finish successfully; Well done! A fabulous turnout of Y5 and 6s meant we had two boys teams who finished 11th and 17th (out of over 30) and more than enough girls for a girls team who finished 9th (out of over 25 teams).

Congratulations should also therefore go to Maggie Colvill, Ruby Downing, Rosa Gamsu, Emma Godden, Elsa Moxley, Matilda Rhys Kristensen, Tom Blacksell, Prem Bonsall, Joe Faulks, Joe Fleischmann, Finn Hunter, Joel Roberts, Ben Singleton and Rory Wilson.



As a school we are proud of our cross country achievements.



May I take this opportunity to thank parents for the support they have given not only to their child and other team members but also to me and other members of staff.

If you have photos of any of the races please could you forward them to me at k.baillie@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk as soon as possible so that I can put together a slide show for a celebratory assembly.

Also could clean vests also be returned to me as soon as possible.

Mrs Baillie



Cycle Racks

We have increased the number of bike racks to encourage those staff and children who cycle to school. Please consider using a bike lock as the school takes no responsibility for bikes on site.

Bikes and scooters **should not** be left overnight. Please talk to Mr Pursall, our caretaker if this presents a problem for you at any time.

Earth Hour 2010

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change.

Find out more by logging onto: [/www.earthhour.org/](http://www.earthhour.org/)

In school we will be showing we care about climate change by switching off all classroom lights and computers between **1.05 pm and 2.10 pm on Friday 26th March.**

Class Assemblies

Spring and Summer term

Parents welcome

J7: Thursday 25 March

J4: Tuesday 27 April

J3: Tuesday 18 May

J1: Tuesday 22 June

J2: Tuesday 6 July

Cross Country Celebration

Assembly

Wednesday 31 March

Parents of cross country runners are welcome.

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

Coming soon..... Parents welcome

After Easter we will be holding weekly coffee mornings for parents to come and meet other parents and support staff for informal chat. Refreshments will be provided and pre-school children will be welcome too! More details in April.