



AUTUMN TERM
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Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE
USUAL TIME **on MONDAY 7th January,**
2019. Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

HEADLINES

And so it quickly flies by again, another end to a year!

Very soon we shall be welcoming 2019!

- ⇒ Once again we warmly welcome all the new staff to TGPS and wish them a good start as they transition to our fast paced setting.
- ⇒ Miss Mawson will be starting her maternity leave soon. We wish her all the very best and look forward very much to welcoming a new addition to our family.

Meetings in School

Thank you for all your support with attendance at various meetings and information sessions. On the other hand, we have had several appointments made with class teachers, which have then not been honoured. This has an adverse effect on a teacher's day; time that could be used to further plan or mark for example, is then wasted in waiting time. I understand that sometimes things crop up at the very last minute and if this is the case, then kindly inform the main office of your non-attendance – this will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Remembrance – Armistice 100

On the 8th November, we truly were very privileged to have a Chelsea Pensioner, John Gallagher, from the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London, visit us for the whole afternoon. Our History Representatives had lunch with him, after which he answered some questions at a whole school assembly and during some class visits. Our pupils asked some very thoughtful questions and were very much interested in him sharing his experience of war years and travels. The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, offers accommodation and comradeship to care for veterans of the British Army in recognition of their service to our Nation. I guess he enjoyed his time with us too, as he has offered to visit us again next year. To commemorate the Armistice Day and to mark 100 years since the end of the first world war, we worked with the artist, Mr Ealden; each child in school made a poppy last year, which were all put together to form one huge piece of art work that adorns our downstairs corridor – 472 poppies! Sincere thanks to the Office Team for ensuring that this visit happened successfully.

Mile Run

This year, we are proud to be taking part in 'The Golden Mile'. The Golden Mile encourages our children to lead a healthy and active lifestyle by running for 10 minutes a day. The children's miles are recorded and then they will receive certificates for each milestone they achieve. It's not about being better than anyone else, it's about learning how to be the best that you can be!

Bikes and Scooters on School Site

May I kindly remind you that **NO bikes or scooters** are permitted on our premises and also under **NO circumstances should these be left on the school grounds.** The bike shelter had to be removed due to vandalism. Children should not be riding bikes to school anyway until they have the badge to show that they have passed their cycling proficiency test.

Events

Children in Need raised £109.13 and MacMillan Cancer Support raised £145.32. As always, you continue to be very generous to national charity events and we are very grateful for your contributions.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated generously for this event. Funds raised go towards our KS2 outside environment development savings.

Red, White and Blue Day

Thank you for donating so generously. We raised a total of £182.67, which will support three military charities: Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity, The Army's National Charity and Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Attendance this Term

F1	80.61%	F2H	91.56%
F2C	89.56%		
1C	94.20%	1G	90.29%
1H	95.83%		
2K	92.09%	2R	94.98%
3G	93.74%	3R	94.43%
4O	96.12%	4S	95.48%
5D	92.17%	5S	89.71%
6C	94.12%	6F	94.20%
6T	96.80%		

Over all 94.27% (not including nursery)

New Staff - Welcome!

D Wilson – Y3 class teacher;
L Mitchener – Y1 Phonics Intervention Teacher
S Moody, S Graves – Learning Assistants
E Mullin, S Heath – Lunchtime Supervisors
S Hempstock – Pastoral Assistant

Maths at The Grange – working with a Maths Consultant

Year 2 have had a visit from Mr Godfrey who worked with both classes to inspire us with his infectious way of teaching Maths. We used Numicon (a practical resource) and weighing scales to learn about value of the equals sign and how equations can balance. Mr Godfrey shared his amazing songs with us to help us remember key facts! We were singing them all week!

Attendance is crucial

If your child is late to school, this impacts heavily on the progress they make.

Over the course of a school year:	How we work the percentages over a school year:
5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost 20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost 30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost! Every minute counts!	100% = 0 days off 99% = 2 days off 97% = 5 days off 95% = 10 days off 90% = 20 days off 85% = 30 days off 90% and below = is classified as PERSISTENT ABSENTEE Below 97% = CAUSE FOR CONCERN

It all adds up!

Foundation Stage 1 – Nursery – Learning from Italy

We have been very excited to take on board new ideas in Nursery following engagements with Reggio Emilia in Italy. The Reggio approach is named after an Italian town. The approach was developed by a teacher named Loris Malaguzzi with the help of local parents based on the notion that adapting learning potential to our surrounding environments, within a self-guided curriculum, is the best way to develop a child's creativity.

Our children have been working on new projects every day using our large, creative project table. These projects include learning about colour, light, reflection, shape and texture. We also plan our own play projects each day through using our new planning boards. The boards have photos of every area in Nursery so that the children can plan what they will do and how they will achieve what they set out to do. This approach is helping us to learn how to work together, use our imagination and become very reflective learners!

Christmas Service

Unfortunately due to wet weather we did not go for our annual Christmas visit to the church but were very fortunate that the Ashby Wesleyan Church ladies and gentlemen came to visit school instead. Y2 to Y6 shared their RE work and Talk for Writing about Christmas for all to enjoy. Y1 made Christingles and learnt about its meaning. Each of the children have been sent home with a copy of the Bible Society Christmas story this year and the animated version can also be found on you tube.

Headlice

Unfortunately only two parents (from the same family) attended the School Nurse drop in session to learn more about how to treat headlice so the school nurses have challenged the school council to promote their advice and to aim to be a 'headlice free school'. The powerpoint is available to view on our website for further information.

Big Talk

BIG TALK EDUCATION will be holding a parent information meeting at **2pm on 23rd January** to inform parents/carers of the content of their sessions around sex and relationships. Please attend so you are well informed if your child/children have any questions for you. Refreshments will be available. More information to follow.

Gates - reminder

The gates are set to **open automatically** at the following times:

*8:00am – 8:15am	(for breakfast club)	*8:40am – 9:15am	(start of school day)
*11:35am – 12:00pm	(Nursery)	*2:50pm – 3:15pm	(end of school day)
*3:50pm – 4:15pm	(for after school clubs)		

Parents/carers and pupils are expected to use the pedestrian gates properly. Please be patient and do not try to force the gates open. ***They will not open if they are pushed.*** The vehicle gates are **not** to be used by pedestrians; this is for your own safety and the safety of your children.

School Events, Trips or Workshops

Date	Day	Activity	Term
7th January	Monday	Pupils return	Spring 1 st Half
10 th January	Thursday	Behaviour guidance drop in sessions for parents – 9.00am	
10 th January	Thursday	Young Voices – Sheffield Arena	
11 th January	Friday	KS1 SATs – Parents Meeting -2pm	
23 rd January	Tuesday	Big Talk Parent Meeting – 2pm	
31 st January	Thursday	School Council breakfast at Forest Pines	
5 th February	Tuesday	Safer Internet Day	
7 th February	Thursday	Behaviour guidance drop in sessions for parents for parents – 9.00am	Spring 2 nd Half
15th February	Friday	School closes at 3.00pm	
6 th March	Wednesday	World Book Day	
7 th March	Thursday	Behaviour guidance drop in sessions – 9.00am	
7 th March	Thursday	Travelling Book Fair arrives	
14 th March	Thursday	Travelling Book Fair collection	
15 th March	Friday	Red Nose Day	
20 th March	Wednesday	FS1 Dough Disco – 11.20am	
28 th March	Thursday	FS1 Easter Activity Morning 10.00am – 11.00am	
29 th March	Friday	FS2 Easter Activity Morning 9.00am – 10.00am	
5th April	Friday	School closes at 2.00pm	

Reminder: Please ensure your child wears school shoes and has indoor shoes in school. Trainers or boots are not acceptable to be worn all day in school. Although we are taking part in the Golden Mile, children are given the opportunity to change into their trainers before taking part in this event.

SCHOOL YEAR			
January to July 2019 – Opening and closing, including half-terms			
Date	Day	Activity	Term
7 th January 2019	Monday	Pupils back to school	Spring Term 2019
15 th February 2019	Friday	School closes – Half-term	Spring Term 2019
25 th February 2019	Monday	Pupils back to school	Spring Term 2019
5 th April 2019	Friday	School closes	Spring Term 2019
8 th & 9 th April 2019	Mon/Tues	Inset Day – school closed	Spring Term 2019
23 rd April 2019	Tuesday	Pupils back to school	Summer Term 2019
6 th May 2019	Monday	Bank Holiday	Summer Term 2019
13 th to 16 th May 2019	Monday	Year 6 SATs Week	Summer Term 2019
24 th May 2019	Friday	School closes – Half-term	Summer Term 2019
3 rd June 2019	Monday	Pupils back at school	Summer Term 2019
19 th July 2019	Friday	School closes	Summer Term 2019

