

# GLEADLESS WEEKLY NEWS



## Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. It was lovely to welcome all the children back into school on Monday, looking smart and ready to learn. This term has got off to a busy start with our Year 6 children visiting Kelham Island to learn about life during the Second World War. Plus our Year 4 children went off to Castleton on Wednesday for their residential visit. We also have many exciting activities planned for the coming weeks too – including all our events for World Book Day, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in sporting events at the EIS and our Year 3 children will be singing with children from other Sheffield schools, in a concert at the City Hall. So lots to look forward to.

## Diary of Events

Date	Year Group	Event
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Nursery New Starters	Drop-in information session for new starters.
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	All Children, Parents & Carers	Storytelling and book craft activities happening around the school from 3.15 – 4.30 pm.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4 Parents & Carers	In Y4 classrooms, from 8.45 – 9.30 am. Children will be sharing their very own stories that they have written.
	Nursery New Starters	Drop-in information session for new starters.
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All Year Groups	World Book Day. Children can bring in their book character, potato head designs.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nursery Parents & Carers	Stay & Play sessions start. Parents & carers are invited to come into nursery and join the children with their learning. Please come & join us - everyone welcome. Morning Nursery from 8.30 am. Afternoon Nursery from 12.30 pm.

## Sparkle & Shine

Well done to all our Sparkle & Shine stars for the first week of this half term. It is good to see that you have come back into school with excellent behaviour, being good role models and working hard.



Infant stars



Junior stars

## World Book Day Celebrations

As you can see from our diary dates, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All children will receive a World Book Day voucher next week, which can be used towards the purchase of a book at participating bookshops. Some bookshops will also be selling special World Book Day books that are priced at just £1. We hope you will be able to join us for our fun reading activities and celebrate the joy of reading.

**Tuesday 3rd March: Share a Story for World Book Day**

**Wednesday 4th March: Year 4 storytelling event**

**Thursday 5th March - World Book Day**

## **Attendance Matters**

Our whole school attendance target this year is **96.5%** and our whole school attendance since September has dropped over the last couple of weeks to **93.6%**. We need to work extra hard to improve our attendance again.

**Class Attendances for last week:**

<b>REC Carr-Colliver</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>Y3 Bowyer</b>	<b>90.0%</b>
<b>REC Gore</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>Y3 Carver</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>Y1 Herrington</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>Y4 Williams</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>Y1 Hunt</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>Y4 Thornback</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>Y2 Smith</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>Y5 Biggs</b>	<b>88.1%</b>
<b>Y2 Taylor</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>Y5 Danby</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
		<b>Y6 Wilson</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
		<b>Y6 Smith/Holdaway</b>	<b>92.2%</b>

Some of our class targets dropped during the last week of term, which has caused our overall targets to drop. I hope that by working together as a team, we can make our targets raise again. Remember being in school, every day, means children do not miss valuable school lessons, which helps you to reach your targets!

## **Pupil Voice**

Before the half term holidays some of our Year 2 children were out at Whirlow Hall Farm on their overnight residential trip. The trip includes a tour of the farm to learn all about the animals that live there, feeding and grooming the animals, collecting eggs, pony rides (weather permitting), torchlight walks and helping with the jobs around the farm. It is a fun packed, busy two days, but as you can see from the pictures and children's' comments, they have a great time.

**Zephie - I liked it when I stroked the goat's horn.**

**Ronnie - I liked patting Frankie the Shetland pony.**

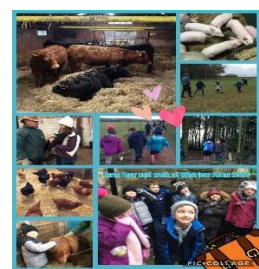
**Carter and Finley - Meeting the pigs was our best bit.**

**Billie - Mrs Smith is a good cook. The hotdogs and toast were very nice. And Mrs Smith loved holding the newborn lambs. They are so cute.**

**Alfy - It looks just like Emmerdale!**

**Archie - I liked collecting the eggs from the chickens.**

**Cason - My favourite part was the midnight walk because when we turned our lights off we could see the stars. It was super, dufer dark.**



## **Cool To Be Clever**

Many congratulations to Liam one of our Year 6 children that has been attending 'Cool to be Clever' sessions at the Sheffield High School. Liam has come in 2nd place in a competition run by Sheffield University to write about "What does cool to be Clever mean to me?" Well done Liam.

