Sunnyfields Autumn Half Term Newsletter

Note from Mrs Hutton

Well, would you believe it – we've made it to the end of the first half term! Eight jam-packed weeks of learning, laughter, and probably a fair few lost jumpers later, it's time for a well-earned rest.

It's been a busy one! We've had Bikeability, rugby and hockey coaches, internal hockey competitions, and even took part in a rugby competition – who knew we had so many budding athletes in our midst?

Our Special Mentions assemblies have been a huge success, celebrating all the wonderful things our pupils have achieved. Times Tables Rock Stars has been another highlight – the children are now absolute pros with their multiplication, which will set them up brilliantly for future maths success (especially as we march towards Year 6).

We also hosted a fabulous Book Fair, and our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £200 for a wonderful cause – thank you so much for your generosity and support. Our Harvest Festival was a lovely celebration of community and gratitude, and of course, the spooky Halloween discos were a hit – with some frighteningly good dance moves on display!
Let's not forget (though we're sure the children might try!) that somewhere in amongst all this excitement, we managed to squeeze in around 400 maths lessons and 400 English lessons across the school. The children have worked incredibly hard, and so have the staff – we're so proud of everything that's been achieved this half term.
A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement, and patience (especially with the ever-growing pile of lost property).
Enjoy the October half-term break – one whole week to recharge, rest, and maybe even dry out some muddy PE kits!
See you all after the break for more adventures in learning.
Warm wishes,
The Sunnyfields Team

Reminders

Our Target for attendance is 97%.

If your child is not able to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible before the start of the school day.

Sport @ Sunnyfields



Hockey

4 weeks of hockey team teach with hockey specialist coaches with Years 3, 4, and 6. This concluded with 2 intra class competition.







Bikeability





Biking: # Dr Bike for bike repairs to support active travel.
Active Travel assembly with parents and children to promote benefits of active travel.
Cycle training/safety for year 3.
Bikeability learn to ride with Year 5/6 children.

Rugby League



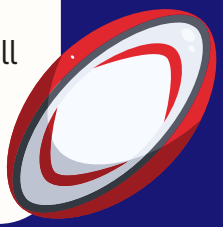
The children in years 5 and 6 have had a special 6 week rugby training programme delivered by the Club Doncaster Foundation linked with the Dons. This culminated in an interschool competition held at the Bentley ARLFC ground.
We also had a rugby lunch time club for the girls running this half term.



Tag Rugby Competition

Children from years 4, 5 and 6, took part in a tag rugby competition at Hatchell Wood.

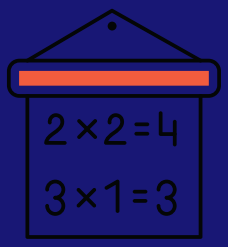
The children did amazing, they played schools from all across Doncaster.
They made it to the final but were unfortunately pipped by one try. But they did superb!





Our Learning @ Sunnyfields

Our Learners have kicked off Times Tables Rock Stars this year, with a bang! We are encouraging all of our children to get on TTRS and become pros with their timetables.
Please see our leader board for those doing an amazing job, also see our Timetables Rock Stars display on your way to assembly on a Friday morning, find out who has achieved what status!



RANK	NAME	GROUP	ROCK STATUS	MINUTES PLAYED LAST
4	ROBBY GREMIO	Y3 POPPIES	New Artist	103m 51s
5	RAY GRAY	Y3 POPPIES	New Artist	68m 20s
6	JEFF CASH	Y2 SNOWDROPS	New Artist	65m 37s
7	MALI ELLIS	Y4/5 DAFFODILS	New Artist	58m 59s
8	J HOGAN	Y2 BLUEBELLS	New Artist	52m 4s
9	CHEESE KIRKLAND	Y4/5 DAFFODILS	Busker	51m 45s
10	DOCTOR VAN	Y3 POPPIES	Wannabe	51m 33s



Poppy Class have loved learning about prehistoric art this half term, they have collected some natural materials to make their own paints!



Thank you to everyone that bought a book from the book fair, this amounted to 86 free books for the school library!





Active Citizenship @ Sunnyfields

Pupil Leadership at Our School

This half term, we have launched our **School Council**, the **Green Team**, and our **Playground Leaders**.

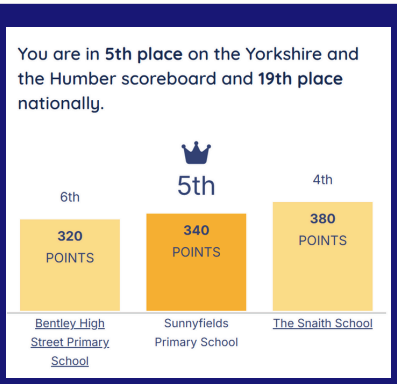
We are proud to offer a wide range of leadership opportunities across the school, giving all children the chance to develop important skills and make a positive difference in our community.

Providing pupils with leadership roles helps to build their confidence, responsibility, teamwork, and communication skills. It also gives them a real voice in shaping their school experience and encourages them to take pride in contributing to school life.

Our School Council are already working hard to collect ideas and feedback from their peers, ensuring that every child's voice is heard. Meanwhile, the Green Team have been busy making a difference to our environment—they've already taken part in a litter pick and have been planting bulbs around the school to help keep our grounds looking beautiful.
We are incredibly proud of all our young leaders and look forward to seeing the positive impact they continue to make throughout the year.









Our amazing green team, are doing lots of great things to improve our sustainability and for each activity, we get points, we are currently ranked 5th in Yorkshire and Humber. Last year we finished 34th! So huge improvement thanks to our green team



Thank you to everyone that came to our Coffee Morning and to all the families that made donations.





Our Harvest Festival generated a room full of food for the local food bank, we are so appreciative of everyone's generosity.







Governors @ Sunnyfields



Tom Butterworth,
Chair of Governors



Martin Hobbs, LA Governor



Laura Marigliano, Co-opted



Louise Laycock, Parent Governor



Dean Wiffen, Parent Governor



Nicola Marsden, Parent Governor



Andy Doyle, Co-Opted



Chloe Hoogwerf, Staff



Hayley Lumley, Co-opted



Kimberley Hutton, Head Teacher

Meet Our Governors

Our school governors play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. They help set the strategic direction, oversee the budget, and ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education. Governors bring a wealth of experience from different backgrounds and volunteer their time to support our school community.

If you would like to get in touch with a governor, contact details can be found on the school website.

Attendance

Why Every Day in School Matters

We completely understand the pressures families face—especially when holidays during term time can seem more affordable. However, every single school day really does make a difference to your child's learning and confidence.

Our curriculum is carefully planned and very full, particularly in Maths and English. These subjects follow a spiral structure, meaning each new step builds on what was taught the day before. Missing lessons can create gaps that are hard to fill because we simply don't have enough time to reteach everything in depth.

The facts speak for themselves:
At primary school, children with **95–100% attendance** are **30% more likely** to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths than those attending 90–95% of the time.
Missing just 10 days in Year 6 can reduce the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by **around 25%.**

We want to work in partnership with families to support good attendance and help every child succeed. While we understand the challenges, we also have a legal duty to promote regular attendance—and most importantly, it makes a big difference to your child's future. If you're ever unsure or need support, please talk to us before booking time away. We're here to help.

Well done to Daffodils for being the highest attendance class this half term!

Daffodils	96.6
Clover	96.1
Lavender	95.6
Snowdrops	95.4
Poppies	95.3
Blossom	95.1
Bluebells	94.4
Fox Gloves	94.4
Daisies	93.9
Buttercups	90.4

Attendance this term

94.7%



Autumn Term Event Calendar

November		
7th	Times Tables Rock Star Day	Come dressed as your favourite rock star
14th	Children in Need	
21st	Phonics Workshops	9.00 – 10.00am KS1 Hall
December		
9th & 10th	Nursery Nativity	09.30am
9th & 10th	KS1 Nativity	2pm
11th	KS2 Carol Concert	2pm
17th	Christmas Dinner	
18th	Christmas Party Day	
19th	Church Christmas Service	2pm St Leonards Church

BREAKING NEWS

We have just invested in two new class sets of laptops, these will arrive in school after half term. This is a considerable investment from the school to improve the children's IT access.

Exciting news for the children to come back to school in Autumn term 2. School have Purchased two new sets of football goal posts for our grassed pitches and a set of rugby posts for our new rugby pitches. These will be fitted in half term and be ready to use next half term.

