



# Newsletter

## Spring Term

### Week 1

## Calendar Dates

### January

Parent forest school Drop in sessions. Come along anytime between 1pm and 3pm. Please go directly to the forest school gate. Please do not bring along younger siblings.

- 16th Green Base Parents
- 17th Red and Orange Parents
- 18th Blue Base Parents
- 19th Yellow Base Parents
- 23rd National Handwriting Day

### February

- 1st Stay and Play, coffee and cake, 3pm. Run by parents for parents
- 5th Red and Orange Base Parents invited into school at 2.30pm to see superhero performance
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 12th - 16th Half term, school closed
- 19th Return to school
- 21st Pop-up museum for Y1 and Y2 parents to come, view and vote for the children's park creations from Spring 1.

### March

- 11th Dress up as a scientist day.
- 13th Y2 online event with young women engineer of the year,
- 27th Easter events—stalls, raffle. Easter Bonnet parade at 3pm.

## Attendance

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8.10am. In the case of inclement weather, children may come straight into school for 8.10am.

Learning in school starts at **8.20am**.

Previous weeks whole school attendance was **94% down 0.5%**

A quote from our most recent Ofsted Inspection: 'Some pupils do not attend school often enough. They miss out on important learning, which hinders their achievement. Leaders should ensure that they continue to work with parents and carers so that they understand the importance of school attendance and the impact this has on pupils' learning.'

## Messages from the Office

Letters this week - Events information (email)  
Vomiting and diarrhoea - Please can you keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhoea. This is part of the Sheffield City Council policy.

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**We have a child in EYFS with a severe nut allergy. Please DO NOT bring anything to school containing or has traces of nuts.**

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Mrs Venables is now the contact for after school and breakfast wrap around care. She is in school Mon, Tue and Fri. Her email is [mvenables@broomhill.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:mvenables@broomhill.sheffield.sch.uk). **For any emergency or on the day queries on Wed and Thur, please call the school.**

Once Parent Pay is set up any bookings and payments can be made on there.

## Clubs and Activities

**Forest After School Club** — This will restart on Spring 2 (February)

**Choir** - Tuesday, 3-3.30pm - in the hall

**Martial Arts** - Tuesday 3pm-3.45pm (in the EYFS unit) - for Y1 & Y2s only  
email [craig@xmartialarts.co.uk](mailto:craig@xmartialarts.co.uk) to book.

**Gymnastics (Y1 & Y2 only)** - Wednesday 3-4pm

**Football (Y1 & Y2 only)** - Monday 3-4pm

**Yoga** -To book click the link and choose 'Broomhill Infant School': <https://www.kidsloveyoga.org.uk/book-your-childs-place>

**French** - Thursday, 3-4pm - In Green Base

## Attendance Counts

**Moments Matter - Attendance Counts**

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child #AttendanceCounts.

I am certain that you will have seen the recent news around attendance.

As I'm sure you are aware, the attendance here at Broomhill Infant School is below the national average and is something that the Ofsted inspector has named as an area for improvement.

As such, I would like to draw your attention to some of the more recent information below, and appeal to our parents and carers to carefully consider the impact of taking your child out of school during term time. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending school in the future.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their child / children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Broomhill Infant School is committed to improving attendance and therefore we have expressed our interest in joining one of the new initiatives known as an Attendance Hub. These hubs will be rolled out across the country and will essentially be led by senior leaders in schools with strong attendance. The hubs will share their successful strategies and resources for improving attendance and we will join half-termly virtual hub meetings to discuss progress and challenges.

I do hope that I have your support and that we can work together to make the most of your child's learning opportunities.

Jane Barnes