



## Extra Bank Holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 27th May 2022

Next year we are being given an extra Bank Holiday in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls in half term, schools have been given permission by the Department for Education to select an additional school day to take as the bank holiday. At Westways, this will be taken on **Friday 27th May 2022**, therefore school will be closed to all staff and children on this day.

### Letters Home (available on the [website](#))

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## Beat The Street- Follow Up

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the 'Beat the Streets' giant community-wide challenge.

We won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize in the Total Points Leaderboard F

Thanks to all schools across the city for taking part in Beat The Street in Summer Term. The team at BTS want to ensure that you keep moving and that you are linked in with opportunities. See attached quick video from Daniel Neath showcasing some amazing opportunities for you to get involved in: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dx7YCUkHWFA>



## Westways School is 120 years old!

Westways School is 120 years old! Let's celebrate this and raise some money at the same time!

Friends of Westways are setting you the...  
**120km Challenge!**

Can your family walk, run, cycle or scoot 120km before Christmas?

You can include journeys to and from school. If there are 4 of you travelling that's four times the distance. It seems like a lot to complete but there are 10 weeks left and we think that you can do it!

How will this raise money? We ask you to consider making a donation via our shop <https://www.friendsofwestways.co.uk/> or ask for sponsorship from your friends and family.

Cash donations can be made to the office. Please have it in a sealed envelope with pupils' name and Friends of Westways. For those who use Strava we have a group <https://www.strava.com/clubs/friendsofwestways> if you wish to join and share your activities.



## Half Term Healthy Selfie



Over October half term 2021 we have a competition to keep you active and healthy. The Arches School Sport Partnership have launched the #HalfTermHealthySelfie Challenge!

We challenge Sheffield pupils to get healthy and get active over the half term period with their families and send us a selfie of you having lots of fun. We will then choose our favourite 10 photos throughout the week and each of these pupils will be sent a medal in the post! Get your parents to send it in to us and we can't wait to see how you are staying active over the holiday period!

Get creative and Move More!

Tag us at @ArchesSSP on Twitter or Arches School Sport Partnership on Facebook using the #HalfTermHealthySelfie



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## Sheffield Children's University- Holiday Provision

The Sheffield Children's University Autumn Passport to Learning newsletter which includes details of activities happening across Sheffield during the October half term holiday is now available! You find a copy of the newsletter follow this link to it:

<https://bit.ly/SCUPassportNewsletterOctober2021>

## Items from home (including Pokémon cards)

Recently we have seen an increase in children bringing items from home to school, including Pokémon cards. Please can we ask that your child does not bring in any personal belongings that are not necessary for school (e.g. toys, cards, etc.) - this is to avoid anything of personal value getting lost or damaged.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Parent/Carer Forum

Your views are important to us, therefore we would like to invite you to our first Parent/Carer Forum of the academic year, which will take place on **Wednesday 20th October 2021** from 1:30pm to 2:15pm via Google Meet.

The Parent/Carer Forum is an informal discussion of suggestions and ideas from parents/carers and school staff. It will be chaired by a governor and senior leaders will be in attendance. Following the meeting, minutes will be made available to all parents/carers.

To contribute items to the agenda, even if you are unable to attend, please complete the following Google Form by midday on Tuesday 19th October 2021: <https://forms.gle/2xAfyaHSHFrLZK39>

Please also indicate on the Google Form whether or not you are able to attend. If you do wish to attend, we will then send you a calendar invite (which provides a Google Meet link to join the Parent/Carer Forum) to the email address you have provided.



## Please Return any Westways Reading/Library Books

Please could you return any KS1 Home Reading/Library Books that you have at home.

Could you please check book bags and on book shelves to see if you have any Westways Books. We are running very low as we have a lot of missing books and we desperately would like them returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Spare Clothes for KS1 Children

Please could we have some spare clothes donations for the children in Key Stage 1 (Nursery – Year 2). We desperately need trousers/leggings, underwear and socks? Also could people return any clothes that their child has borrowed from school? We are running very low! Thank you.

## Autumn Parent/Carer Evenings

Our upcoming autumn parent/carers evenings will be held using video appointments via School Cloud.

Please click the links below for more information:

[Nursery Autumn Parent/Carer Evenings Letter Oct 21](#)

[Reception - Year 6 Autumn Parent/Carer Evenings Letter Oct 21](#)

[Parent/Carer Evenings Guide](#)

## Children being Dropped off and Left Unsupervised in the Morning

It has come to our attention that some children in Key Stage 2 are being dropped off and left unsupervised before the start of the school day. Could we please remind you that staff will only be out on the playgrounds to meet and greet children from 8:40am. This means there will not be staff present on the playgrounds to supervise children before this time. If you do need to leave your children before this time, we have a breakfast club that they can attend. Children can start at Breakfast Club from 7:30am onwards; the cost of the session is £5.50. Please email [enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk) if you wish to book a place. Thank you for your continued support.



Morrisons Grow Tokens are available from now up until the **24th October 2021**. For every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

Please start collecting the tokens for Westways. Thank you.

## Contacting School Staff

Please can we remind you that if you need to contact your child's teacher or another member of staff to discuss anything with them, this should be done via email through: [enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk)

Alternatively, you can contact them via the 'Contact Us' section of the website: <https://www.westwaysprimary.co.uk/contact-us>

Once we receive this, it will then be sent onto the appropriate member of staff who will respond to you in due course.

## Please remember...

**Do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 or are getting a test.**

**You should not send your child if they have any Covid-19 symptoms as follows:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test)** to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. **Stay at home** and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.