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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a busy and productive half term we've had! I hope you enjoyed the information about the junior classes last week. This week, I have asked for the teachers of the infant children to give you a brief overview of what's been happening this half term.

Nursery

We have welcomed 16 more children into Nursery who have all settled really well. We have been learning about lifecycles and growing this term. We have loved spending time in the garden looking for worms, slugs snails and spiders. We have planted beans and sunflowers and are now waiting for some sunshine to help them grow! We are finishing off the half term with a Teddy Bears picnic today.

Reception

This half term we have been learning all about growing, reading a range of books about minibeasts and plants and learning about life cycles. We have enjoyed our weekly Wednesday Walks, exploring the school environment, looking for bugs, plants, flowers and seeds and even making our own paper helicopters and watching them spin down to the ground like the sycamore seeds. We have been keeping fit and healthy each day by doing our active Maths Blasts and also doing Cosmic Kids yoga and of course riding our bikes and scooters.

Year 1

Year one have had a marvellous half term! With a huge push on our reading and writing following the last lock-down, many skilled book and pencil enthusiasts have emerged. We are well and truly becoming year 2 ready with the level of maturity we are showing, and the care and effort we put into our school-work is astounding. Our theme of castles and dragons has showcased some fantastic artwork in the form of: Paul Klee-inspired abstract castles, multi-step sketching and shading techniques to create detailed pictures of dragons, and designing and creating shields using our own coat of arms. Meanwhile, our history and physical geography knowledge has developed through learning about castles, knights, kings and queens, and through our hands-on science experiments we have discovered plenty of new-found knowledge about materials. We are now gearing up to begin our next theme of nature, after half term, and in preparation are taking-care of some very special bugs in our classrooms. Our cosy caterpillars are soon to make their transition into beautiful butterflies, and the luxurious stick insect inns in 1K and 1S are hosting some high-maintenance, hungry stick insects who are getting bigger by the day! We can't wait to enhance our biology knowledge through our final theme after half term, and show you our super scientist skills!

Year 2

This half term we have been learning about nocturnal animals. In Science we have investigated the most effective material to keep a hedgehog warm during hibernation, with our insulation experiment. We have also dissected owl pellets and inspected the bones of the owl's prey! We have produced exciting artwork, using methods like bubble wrap printing, and we have baked hedgehog bread rolls. Year 2 have concentrated on being kind and looking after one another, and being more independent, ready for their transition into Key Stage 2.

I think you'll agree we've been very busy!

Reception Dance/Music Link

Next half term, YRB has been invited to join a very special music project. We will be linking (via Zoom) with a class at Woolley Wood Special School to join in with music and dance sessions ran by a specialist music teacher. We will be joining our partner class for six weeks every Tuesday afternoon, this is an exciting and enriching opportunity for the children to take part in, which we are all very much looking forward to. If you wish to discuss these zoom meetings, please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Bolland via tapestry.

Covid-19 Update

I do hope I'm not tempting fate but (so far) we have managed a full half term without any bubble closures - which I am so very relieved about. Thank you for being vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and understanding when these present in school and we ask you to have the children tested.

We all have to keep doing our bit to keep each other safe. I was expecting further guidance to be issued from the local authority this week and to be able to update you about any changes to our routines for after the half term, but this hasn't materialised so we'll keep the same measures in place in school for the first week back, at least. We do understand the difficulties posed by the staggered starts and finishes but this is currently still required by all settings in Sheffield. Please see the arrangements below for contact tracing over the next 48 hours should your child develop symptoms.

Covid-19 contact tracing over the half term break

We will continue to provide contact tracing for the NHS throughout the half term break.

Please contact us, using this email address (headteacher@shootersgrove.sheffield.sch.uk) if any pupils develop COVID-19 symptoms **within 48 hours of having been in school and get a PCR test booked at a testing site immediately either online or by ringing 119 or order a test to be delivered to your home. Please also use the same email address to inform us of the result **as soon as it is received**.** In the eventuality of a pupil testing positive, we will then begin the process of contact tracing and notifying all members of affected bubbles with their requirement to self-isolate.

Where a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should still be informed via this email address (headteacher@shootersgrove.sheffield.sch.uk) but we will not carry out the contact tracing as the children/staff in school would not be considered as 'contacts' at this point. In this scenario, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. I sincerely hope that the procedure above does not need putting into practice.

With the forecast of a warm week ahead, I do hope that you all manage some rest, relaxation and some valuable family time.

We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Monday 7th June.

Kind regards and stay safe,



Mrs Louise Chadwick
Headteacher