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Weekly Newsletter: wb 14th December

Calling all Nursery parents: applying for a school place

If your child is due to start school in September 2021, the deadline for applying is **15th January**. Apply online at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Similarly, if you have any friends with children not at our nursery, feel free to give them my email address: headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk

Free Books!

Thank you to our new neighbours, [Erris Homes](#), for their generous Christmas gift of a free book for every child in school (including Nursery). These were handed out on Friday to all children who were in school. Don't worry if you weren't here; we've saved one for you! Erris Homes are building new homes in our area at 'Cloverleaf Court': <http://www.errishomes.com/new-homes/sheffield/cloverleaf-court>

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all who supported last week's Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. We will reveal the final total next week because Rowan class are having their jumper day next Wednesday! It is not too late to donate via our Just Giving page (link on Facebook).

Christmas Panto

Although we won't get the chance to attend a real-life panto this year, the children will be able to enjoy the next best thing: an online version of the classic Cinderella; brought to us by 'Opera On Location' in partnership with Sheffield Music Hub. We will be watching this in our classrooms on Wednesday afternoon!



Change to classroom organisation

After careful deliberation and analysis of our risk assessment, we have decided to start returning classrooms to their usual layouts from next week (i.e. group tables rather than rows). This is because the rows were beginning to have a negative impact on the childrens' education; whilst not really having an impact on their ability to social distance. All our other safety measures will remain in place until informed otherwise. Thank you for your understanding.

Free School Meals over Christmas

Sheffield City Council have advised us they will be providing vouchers for families on Free School Meals over the Christmas period. If this applies to you, you should be receiving a letter with a code and instructions on how to redeem it. Please let us know if you have any issues.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Elliana (Ash); Joe (Rowan), Niamh (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Hope, Jacob, Lily (Ash); Jacob, Will, Matthew (Willow); Tom C, Daisy, Dainton, Max (Sycamore); Sophie (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Leela (Ash); Kwontay (Willow); Reuben, Edie (Rowan); Layla, Hollie (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Celeste & Oliver
- ★ Everyone in Rowan who have now completed their isolation period and are looking forward to coming back to school!
- ★ The School Council had a very productive meeting on Thursday. Special thanks to Benji & Joe who managed to Zoom in from home despite the very short notice (my fault!).
- ★ Everyone who entered the CPP competition. Winners will be announced on Monday!

This week's 'School Standard' is: Being confident



Only Archie (9) has his birthday this week. However, Connie (10), Freddie (7), Kwontay (6), Hollie (11) & James (10) will be having their birthdays over the holidays. Happy birthday all!

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be doing a lot of Christmas crafts this year.

The Learning Zone have been making some delicious Christmas treats!

Children in Ash who signed up for and missed the recent 'Learn to Ride' event will instead be doing it on Monday.

Willow will this week be finishing their virtual nativity. Keep an eye out for it!

Rowan are looking forward to coming back into school. They are having their own Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday.

Sycamore have been enjoying their virtual music sessions with The Music Hub.

Oak are taking part in the SWFC 'Virtual Christmas Choir' to raise festive spirits and prevent loneliness within local residential care homes.

Meanwhile, keep an eye out for the '12 Days of Christmas Holidays Challenge' from @movemoresheff (sent via sQuid). If you are taking part, please use #HealthyElfieSelfie to share your photos & videos!

Note: Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of the above events!

Done any interesting Home Learning? Let us know...



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