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## Weekly Newsletter: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Easter

For those of you asking, we will be accepting entries for our annual decorated egg competition from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Keep an eye out for a separate letter with more details... plenty of time to start planning your designs!

### Milk for the Summer Term

School milk for the Summer Term will be **£14.72**. If you would like your child to have this, please go to the offer on sQuid. If your child benefits from means-tested free school meals, you will still need to order it through the appropriate offer on sQuid (children under 5 receive free milk). All orders need to be placed by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** (this applies to both paid for and free ones) and no orders will be accepted after this date. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

### Scouts Food Drive

Starting this week, we are collecting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Multi-School Food Drive, organised by Stocksbridge Scouts. This is an opportunity to not only help local people; but also beat 4 other local schools! If you would like to contribute towards this effort, please bring your donations to school and put in the box by reception (we will be pausing 'Bags of Kindness' donations for a couple of weeks). Thank you to [Angus](#) for designing the poster we have in reception (you may have seen him in 'Look Local' recently!).

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Stocksbridge Scouts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Multi-School Food Drive  
11<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March**

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are organizing and running food drives in the local schools and all donations will be taken to the local Community Food Bank. We are having a competition to see which school can get the most donations per pupil. Help your school win whilst we work together to help our community!

Items Needed:

Tinned Fruit	Tinned Pudding	Laundry Soap
Tinned Veg	UHT Milk	Nappies
Tinned Meat	Dish Soap	Toiletries

### Keegan @ Crufts

If you get chance to watch Crufts on TV this weekend, you may catch a glimpse of Keegan; our very own therapy dog. Thank you Keegan (and his sister, Sparkle) for all the support you give us – we look forward to your visits every Wednesday and are so proud of you... Have fun at Crufts and we'll see you next week!

### Things to do

- During the Easter break, there are lots of fun, FREE activities for children and young people (Reception to Y11) who receive means-tested free school meals via the **Holiday Activities with Food** programme. Booking is now open and places are limited – so do not delay! Go to [www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org](http://www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org) to book / find out more.
- Meanwhile, SWFC are running a 'Soccer Camp' during the Easter holidays (2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 4pm each day). Go to [www.swfccp.co.uk/soccercamp](http://www.swfccp.co.uk/soccercamp) for that one!
- Bradfield Village Fellowship Cricket Club are running some FREE **cricket taster sessions** for girls in Year 3 – Year 6 (no previous experience needed). These will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> & the 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 1-2pm at Forge Valley School. Book via email: [BVFCCJuniors@gmail.com](mailto:BVFCCJuniors@gmail.com).

### CU Passports

Remember, if you are taking part in after-school clubs /activities, you may be able to earn credits towards your next Children's University award! (All school events count towards this; you will need to check with other providers). To help you keep track of your credits, you can purchase a **CU Passport** via sQuid, priced at **£4**. These are entirely optional but cost £4.50 + P&P if purchased from elsewhere.

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Thomas P, Alfie J (Ash); Willow H, Polina (Rowan); Esme (Sycamore); Riley, Tommy-Lee, Caiden J (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Betsy (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Cameron, Ari (Ash); Eser, Willow G, Caleb F, Madeleine P (Willow); Tori, Joely (Rowan); Matthew, Esme (Sycamore)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Isaac & Matilda
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Alfie J
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Overall attendance was over 95% (95.9%) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row - let's keep it up! The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 99.3% and Rowan (KS2) with 96.0%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Europe won the House Point trophy last week for the first time since before Christmas!
- ★ **Children's University GOLD winners:** Gretchen & Esme have won GOLD awards from the Sheffield Children's University and have been invited to a special ceremony at the end of the month. All other winners will be awarded their certificates in assembly soon.
- ★ **Congratulations to Rocco** who won the **KS2 Chess** trophy for the second year in a row - beating Lukas in the final (well done also to Esme & Tommy-Lee who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>).



This week's birthdays:  
Willow H (8)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Appreciate others

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be starting their new Book of the Week: 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'

Following on from last week's tree identification session, Ash will this week be identifying a variety of garden and wild plants from in and around the school grounds.

Willow have started retelling the 'Stone Soup' story.

Children in The Learning Zone have been busy practising for their forthcoming table cricket competition against other schools. Good luck to the Zoners!

Rowan are learning how fossils are formed in their science lessons. Did you know a fossil hunter found a 2m long pliosaur skull in the cliffs at Dorset in December? Read more [here](#).

Sycamore have been having a big push on their spelling, punctuation and grammar recently. These skills are very important for all types of writing! (Please support your child with learning their spellings when you can).

Oak have started their new novel: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.

Meanwhile, we are sending a team to the Y6 Badminton Competition on Monday after school!



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