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Weekly Newsletter: 11th September 2023

New governor

We are delighted to welcome our new parent governor: **Mr Jonathan Brailey**. I am sure Mr Brailey will be a huge asset to our team and his statement is below:

"I see the opening on the governing team as a fantastic opportunity to become more involved with the school and the community as a whole. I have worked as a primary school teacher for 15 years and am currently teaching at Wath Central Primary School where I am also a member of the senior leadership team. During my career, I have taught all year groups and been responsible for leading a number of different subjects. My current role is as year 6 teacher, KS2 lead and maths coordinator. I have lived in Sheffield my whole life and moved to Wharncliffe Side with my wife in 2017. My daughter is currently in Y1 following a fantastic time in EYFS and my son will also be starting his journey at the school in January. With my experience in education, I feel that I could offer some valuable contributions, ideas and support as the school continues on its journey with the Peak Edge Academy. I would love the opportunity to help the school in any way I can and build on the fantastic progress the team has already made in providing all the children with the best possible education."

Girls' Football

Following the success of the Lionesses at this summer's World Cup, SWFC are running some Girls' Football sessions in the local area (see timetable to the right). Now's the time to give it a try!

Nursery Price Increase

As you know, we always try to keep Nursery price rises to an absolute minimum. To ensure fairness and clarity, we match the amount received from the government for funded hours (meaning we are considerably cheaper than most other providers). This means that from 1st September 2023, prices will increase to £5.32 per hour (**£15.96 per session**). Invoices have already been modified to take account of this increase. Thank you for your understanding.

Support for families

We can all struggle from time to time and it is ok to ask for help. Sometimes it can be difficult to know where to turn though...

- The **'Family Intervention Service (FIS)'** is the new name for MAST. They offer free support to families with a variety of issues; including mental health, budgeting, family relationships and more. If you would like to know more, please get in touch and I will be happy to explain how it works in the strictest confidence.
- The **'Household Support Fund'** is a non-repayable grant to help families living in Sheffield with food and energy costs. It is funded by the DWP and you can apply once every 3 months. Click [here](#) to find out more!

Reminders

- We understand things can sometimes be a little hectic in a morning and there are not many places to park outside school. However, we really must insist on considerate **parking**. Please do not park on the lines, zigzags or across people's drives. The local parking inspectors could turn up at any time and more importantly, it could endanger a child's life.
- Please remember we are a **nut-free** school; so please consider this when packing your child's lunchbox (this includes chocolate spread which usually contains hazelnuts). This is due to the fact that we have several children (and staff) with a severe nut allergy. Thank you

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME		Girls Football	
		Open to girls of all abilities	
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu
Girls Development Centre	Girls Intro to Football	Wildcats Girls Football	Wisewood Girls Football
5pm - 6pm	5pm - 6pm	5pm - 6pm	4pm - 5pm
Jubilee Sports Club Clay Wharfedale Ln S6 1LZ	Jubilee Sports Club Clay Wharfedale Ln S6 1LZ	Stocksbridge High School 2501 Woodhouse Rd S6 4BQ	Wisewood Sports Centre 75 Lonsdale Rd S6 4BS
Ages 6-16	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 9-15
£4 per session	£4 per session	£3 per session	FREE
For more information, please contact: Millie.Kenyon@swfc.co.uk			

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

Reminder: your 1st certificate of the year is a 'bronze' one, your 2nd is 'silver' and your 3rd is 'gold'. Therefore, everyone's is bronze this week... I wonder who will be the first to get a silver or gold?

- ★ **Bronze:** Thomas P, Lacey, Roscoe (Ash); Holly, Penelope, Fearne (Willow); Abigail, Polina (Rowan); Casey-Leigh, Jonah, Ben (Oak)
- ★ All the new Reception children who have made a brilliant start to school life; settling in so well! Equally, we had a lot of new starters in Nursery so it was difficult to choose a 'Star of the Week'. Look out for this next week! Also, everyone in Sycamore Class for a fantastic first week back (Mrs Coulson just couldn't decide!)
- ★ Congratulations to the 15 children who were elected to represent their classes on this year's School Council: Lacey, Roscoe, Joseph (Ash); Fearne, Holly, Caleb F (Willow); Poppy, Lily, Ross (Rowan); Lunar, Hugo, Freddie (Sycamore); Jonah, Jacob B, Betsy (Oak)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance overall was 97% this week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 99.6% and Sycamore (KS2) with 98.1%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won the first house point trophy of the year!



This week's birthdays:
Erin (6), Lucas C (11)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Work as a TEAM
Together, Everyone Achieves More

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are creating superhero masks.

Ash will be doing activities based on the 'Bog Baby' story as part of their first Forest Schools lesson.

Willow have been reading and reviewing a wide selection of story books.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are acting out the story of 'Olly the Octopus' while KS2 children are doing 'Meet the Zoners'

Rowan will this week be going for the first of their weekly swimming lessons at Hillsborough Baths.

Sycamore are starting their collage unit in Art.

Oak will be painting in the style of Paul Nash (the official wartime artist).

Meanwhile, Reverend Michelle will be joining us on Monday for the first of her regular assemblies linked to our school standards.

