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## Weekly Newsletter: 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*Welcome back! We hope you have had a happy and relaxing Easter break and the children are feeling positive about returning to school. We are now entering the busy Summer term and have a lot of work to get through (including the SATs for Y6 during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May). As always, thank you for your support. If you have any queries or comments about the content of this newsletter (or anything else for that matter), please do not hesitate to get in touch via phone or email on [headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).*

### Reception Place Allocation

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**, the Local Authority will announce their Reception place allocations for September 2024. Parents should find out by letter and schools receive a list of who has been allocated a place - we hope all our Nursery parents get their first choice! If you are staying with us, we will be in touch with transition information shortly. If not, we will liaise with your child's new school to ensure transition is as smooth as possible. After places have been allocated, it is possible we may still have some spaces remaining. Parents can contact the school on or after the 17<sup>th</sup> April to discuss this if required...

### Zones of Regulation

Building on what we have already done in the past, we will be adopting a whole-school approach to emotional regulation from the start of the Summer term. The 'Zones of Regulation' are intended to enable children to more successfully manage their emotions, understand other people's perspectives and talk about feelings in a more mature manner. Look out for more information coming soon!

### Blue Bags

The annual 'Bag 2 School' bags were sent out just before the holiday. These are for you to fill with old clothes etc. and return to school by 9am on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. This is an opportunity to have an 'end-of-season clearout' and also raise some money for school. Please note: because of the ongoing building work, bags should be left in the **Community Centre** carpark rather than the school playground as normal. Bags can be filled with clothes, shoes, handbags, bedding, towels and more (but no school uniform) and additional binbags can be used if your 'official' bag is full! See [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for more information!

### Support for parents / community events

- There will be a **community meeting** at Brightholmlee Chapel on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is open to all local people and a range of things will be discussed; including the proposals for a new youth club. I will share more details (including the time) when I have them.
- **'Welcome Place Help'** are running a number of support groups at the Moor Market in Sheffield. These include cost of living help and energy debt support. See attached flyer for more information.
- Helping children **stay safe online** can be a worry for all parents; but especially when a child has SEND. Click [here](#) for guides, resources and videos to help you discuss & understand a number of issues (include online gaming, information sharing & more).

### Kip McGrath Tutoring

Some parents have asked us about private tutoring recently. Whilst this is not something we offer directly, we can recommend 'Kip McGrath' Education Centres if it is something you are interested in. The local centre is based in Ecclesfield and you can book a FREE (online or in-person) assessment [here](#). To find out more, go to [www.kipmcgrath.co.uk](http://www.kipmcgrath.co.uk).



*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

### EASTER WINNERS:

- ★ Decorated Egg Competition: **Theo** (Nursery), **Frankie-Lola & William** (Reception), **Caleb H** (Y1), **Penny** (Y2), **Willow H** (Y3), **Isla** (Y4), **Will HS** (Y5), **Charlotte & Austin** (Y6)
- ★ Egg Rolling: **Isaac** (Nursery), **Briar** (Reception), **Willow G** (Y1), **Celeste** (Y2), **D'Low** (Y3), **Kwontay** (Y4), **Amelie & Jacob S** (Y5), **Edie** (Y6) and lots of adults!
- ★ Nursery Star of the Week: **Jameel**
- ★ House Point winners: **Americas**
- ★ Attendance winners: Attendance overall was **93.1%** during the final week; with the best classes being **Willow** (KS1) with **89.7%** and **Oak** (KS2) with **97.9%**. Attendance throughout the whole of the Spring term (since Christmas) was **94.6%** - it would be great if we could get over **95%** during the Summer!
- ★ The winners of the 'Design a book cover' competition for World Book Day were **Holly, Alyssa & Mazikeen**.
- ★ Ozzie Owl's penalty shootout winners were: **Lexi, Cameron, Briar, Tommy M, Maddie B, Molly, Isla, Poppy, Theo, Aaron, Freddie, Amelie, Mickey, Jonah & Ella**.



There are no birthdays this week!

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Be Creative

## What's Happening?

**Little Seedlings & Saplings** are focusing on rhyming in books and songs and also learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

**Ash's** new topic is 'Where in the World are we?' - they will be starting with Wharnccliffe Side but expanding to learning about the UK. Their focus story is 'The 3 Little Pigs'.

**Willow** will be reading more of their story, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.

**The Learning Zone's** new topic is Rainforests.

**Rowan's** new geography topic is all about the local area. They will start by researching all about Wharnccliffe Side.

**Sycamore's** new topic is around the question: 'Would you rather be a Roman or a Maya?'

**Oak** will be starting their new topic all about South America.

**Meanwhile**, don't forget 'Learn to Ride' is happening soon! Collect a registration form from reception if your child would like to take part!



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