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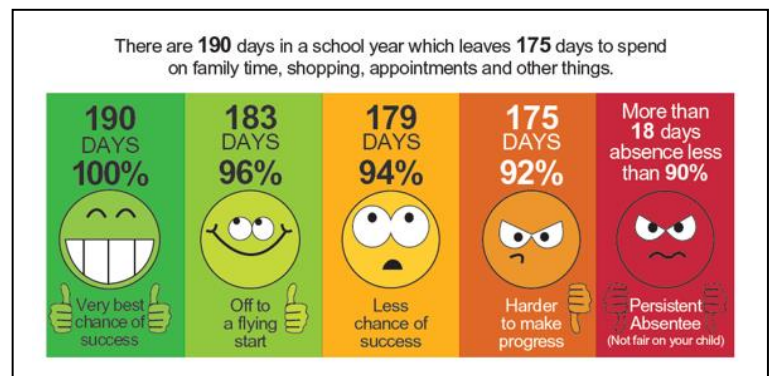
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## Weekly Newsletter: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Attendance

As you are aware, school has a responsibility to monitor the attendance of our pupils and keep you informed about this. There is an established link between school attendance and academic achievement - it is vital that children attend school as much as they possibly can (we understand some absences are unavoidable). During the autumn term, our overall attendance was 94.0%. This was an improvement on this time last year and above the National Average. However, we would like this figure to be at least 95%...



### Term Dates

Linked to this, it is important to take holidays outside of school time wherever possible. You have this week been sent our confirmed term dates for the next academic year (2024-25) - paper copies are available from reception on request. The dates are set by Sheffield City Council but the school / Trust set the INSET days. Children will return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September (don't worry – we will remind you closer to the time!).



### School Meals & packed lunches

If your child is in Y3 – Y6 and you pay for dinners, please log on to sQuid and check the balance in your 'purse'. School meals cost £2.50 per day and we cannot allow families to get into debt over this. Meanwhile, if you send your child with a packed lunch, please remember we are a NUT FREE school. We have staff and children with serious allergies and we cannot risk having nuts (or products containing nuts like Nutella) in school... Thank you!

### Mrs Clarey

Congratulations to Mrs Clarey (nee Ibbitson) and her husband on the birth of her twin babies. Archer and Eden were born just before Christmas and are doing very well. Mrs Clarey is missing us and will bring her babies to see us soon!

### Family Communication Seminar

Good communication is important in happy and healthy relationships. It has a real impact on the lives of our children and their chances of educational success. If you would like to learn more about how to achieve this and set a good example for your children; please come along to our FREE 'Family Communication Seminar' (hosted by Sheffield Parent Hub) on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (4:30 – 6:30)**. Sign up using the QR code in the flyer sent alongside this newsletter or click [here](#) (feel free to bring children along and we will look after them while you are in the seminar). If you have any questions, please email me on [headteacher@wharnciffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharnciffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### Steel City Choristers

Steel City Choristers have done some assemblies for us and worked with Oak class during the Autumn term. If your child is interested in singing, they would learn a lot by joining this excellent organisation. It is completely FREE and gives them an opportunity to perform in front of large audiences. They are holding auditions on the 20<sup>th</sup> January (or an alternative date by arrangement) for children in Y2 – Y13. Find out more by contacting them on [enquiries@steelcitychoristers.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@steelcitychoristers.org.uk).

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** William (Ash); Ellie-Mai (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** George, Arnie-Grey, Briar (Ash); Caleb F, Celeste, Mazikeen Savannah (Willow); Lily P, Alfie (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** Jude, Joseph, Frankie-Lola, Lacey (Ash); Brody, Hope, Poppy, Max (Rowan); Jacob B, Evie A, Rayhan, Riley (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Heidi & Cian
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** Brody
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Betsy
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 95.8% overall last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 98.3% and Sycamore (KS2) with 97.8%. Meanwhile, well done to all the children who were awarded certificates for attendance of 98%+ in the Autumn term (including 30 children who had 100%).
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won AGAIN last week!



This week's birthdays:  
William R (5) & Willow G (6)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Good speaking & listening

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are learning all about 3D shapes. Please help them with this at home if you can!

Ash will this week be sampling different smoothies in preparation for designing their own healthy drink.

Willow have been practising composing and playing rhythms in their music lessons.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are writing the story of 'Rex the Big Dinosaur'.

Rowan are starting their new book study: 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Sycamore have started a new unit in RE all about incarnation. Meanwhile, they have this week met Miss Anstee (our new student teacher) who will be working with them throughout the Spring term.

Oak have started a new unit on collage in art and have been producing some simple abstract creations using coloured card.



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