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Weekly Newsletter: 18th December 2023

Time really flies when you're having fun - we can't believe it's nearly that time of year again! Just in case you've forgotten, we break up on Friday 22nd December (at normal time) and return on Monday 8th January. If I don't see you beforehand, have a wonderfully Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to Miss Salles & Mr Williams

Over the last 4 weeks, we have been very lucky to work with **Miss Salles & Mr Williams**. They are both trainee doctors and have been here on a 'social accountability' placement as part of their course. They have both been brilliant and we will miss them. We wish them the best of luck with the rest of their studies.

Keegan

Meanwhile, we have also enjoyed our weekly visits from **Keegan** the therapy dog – the children love reading to him! You may not know that Keegan is actually quite famous – he visits Sheffield Children's Hospital regularly and is featured in one of their videos [here](#).



WSGT

We will be holding our annual '**Wharncliffe Side's Got Talent**' competition in the Spring term. Our previous winner, Thomas, is now in Y7 so we are on the lookout for a new champion! Children should record themselves performing* (a maximum of around 3 minutes) and email it to schoolcouncil@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk. The deadline is Monday 22nd January but I'm letting you know now so you have plenty of time to practise!

**This could be singing, dancing, playing an instrument, something sporty, telling jokes, cooking... anything you want really!*

Thank you to Oughtibridge Parish Church

A HUGE thank you to the congregation at Oughtibridge Parish Church who have once again collected a lot of money to support local families. They have donated a £25 food voucher per child for families on Free School Meals. If you are eligible for this, you should've received a notification on Thursday. The vouchers are available to collect from the school office from Monday onwards.

Before / After-School Clubs for Spring 1

See below for details about our before / after school clubs for after half-term. All clubs should be available to book via sQuid now and start in week one; afternoon clubs finish at 4:15pm. Any further questions, please get in touch!

Day	Time	Club	Open to	Cost	Other info.
Mon	am	Girls Football	Y2 – Y6	Free	From 8am
Mon	pm	Football	Rec – Y2	£10	
Mon	pm	Chess	Y3 – Y6	Free	Open to beginners or experts
Tues	pm	Fencing	Y3 – Y6	£10	Maximum of 8 children
Wed	pm	Yoga	Y1 – Y6	£10	New members welcome
Fri	pm	Basketball	Y3 – Y6	£10	

Police Survey

The PCC (Police & Crime Commissioner) is currently seeking the views of the public as part of his Crime and Policing Consultation. This is a short, five minute survey, which residents in South Yorkshire can complete to help shape the future of policing and police budgets for the coming year. **The survey can be completed here - shorturl.at/klqA6**

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** [Isaac](#) (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** [Astrid, Skyla-Grey](#) (Willow); [D'Low, Brody, Lily](#) (Rowan); [Matthew, Gretchen, Josh](#) (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** [Thomas P, Sonia, Koby, Alfie, Henry](#) (Ash); [Fearne](#) (Willow); [Willow, Evie](#) (Rowan); [Freya, Betsy](#) (Oak)
- ★ **Football Fair Play:** [Jonah](#) has been awarded the 'Football Fair Play Award' for the Autumn term (as voted by the school council).
- ★ **EVERYBODY** who has performed (or who is yet to perform) in their Christmas performances. We have some very talented children!
- ★ [Orla](#) for her fantastic podcast about the KS2 Christmas play!
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** [Ford & Myla](#)
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** [Evie](#)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was [93.6%](#) overall last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with [96.2%](#) and Rowan (KS2) with [97.6%](#).
- ★ **House Point winners:** [Europe](#) beat Africa by 1 point to claim their first victory of the half-term



This week's birthdays: [Ross](#) (8)
Birthdays over the Christmas break: [Freddie](#) (10), [Kwontay](#) (9), [Charlie](#) (9)

This week's '[School Standard](#)' is:
Being confident in myself

What's Happening?

[Little Seedlings & Saplings](#) are working on ball skills in PE (keeping their eyes on the target & using 1 hand to throw).

[Ash](#) will be recapping their learning in Maths with a variety of Christmas-themed activities.

[Willow](#) are securing number facts in their 'Mastering Number' sessions. This will increase their confidence / speed of recall.

[The Learning Zone](#) have now finished their table cricket sessions. They thoroughly enjoyed it and really developed their skills.

[Rowan](#) are writing poems based on 'The Sound Collector'.

[Sycamore](#) are conducting investigations in science about how we can alter the amount of sound we hear.

[Oak](#) are finishing off their history topic by learning about the events that led to the end of WWII.

[Meanwhile](#), we will all be going down to Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel for a special carol service on Friday. Thank you to Reverend Michelle for organising this. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents due to lack of capacity.

[Finally](#), you have been sent some additional information alongside this newsletter featuring a range of activities taking part during the holidays and beyond.

