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Weekly Newsletter: 18th September 2023

FoWSS Picnic

Don't forget it is the rearranged 'Family Picnic' after school on Friday. There will be inflatables, face painting, games, refreshments and more. All tickets from before the holiday are still valid and more can be purchased from the school office (£4 for children; adults and babies are free!). Thank you to 'Friends of Wharncliffe Side School' (our PTA) for organising this; offers of help are always appreciated (email friends@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

Everybody Read

As a school, we use resources produced by 'Little Wandle' to deliver our Phonics lessons to EYFS / KS1. We have been very impressed with the quality of their materials and we achieved some great results in 2023. Reading doesn't stop there though – it is vital that EVERYBODY learns to read... take a look at Little Wandle's handy leaflet for more information (sent alongside this newsletter).

Reception '24 applications

Even though this academic year has only just started, we are fast approaching the deadline for Reception '24 applications (the window is open now and closes in January). Parents are welcome to come and look around the school (email me on headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk to arrange – and feel free to tell your friends!). Click [here](#) to submit your application directly to the Council.

Autism & Sleep Information Session

Does your child struggle to sleep? Do they have autism? (They don't necessarily need a diagnosis). The Sheffield Parent & Carer Forum are running an information session for parents on Monday 25th September (10:00 -11:30am). See the flyer that came out with this newsletter or click [here](#) to book.

Eat Smart Newsletter

The latest Eat Smart Newsletter can be viewed [here](#). It includes tips / information about breakfast, school lunches, family meals and more.

Toddler Group

There is a Toddler Group happening every Tuesday morning (9:15 – 11:30) at Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel. All are welcome and there is no need to book!

Private music lessons

Our visiting music teachers (Paul & Linda) have some limited availability to accept new students. If you would like to know more, please get in touch (note: this is a paid-for service and is in addition to the music lessons offered as part of the curriculum).

Yorkshire Football Coaching

'Yorkshire Football Coaching' train every Wednesday at Firth Park Academy and they have spaces for new players (age 4 – 13). Please see the flyer that came out with this newsletter for more information (the time slots are different for different age groups).

Apologies & Corrections

- There was a mistake on last week's newsletter, the new price for Nursery sessions is £5.33 per hour (**£15.99** per session; not £15.96 as advertised). Apologies for the confusion!
- Ninja Warrior** club didn't happen as expected last week because the external providers sent the wrong instructor; meaning the children did archery instead! We have been in touch with the company and they have assured us that the correct instructor will turn up this week and run the club as planned. Sorry for any disappointment.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze certificates:** George, Koby, Sonia, Joseph, Thomas P (Ash); Iris, Savannah, Leo C (Willow); Liam, Lucas (Rowan); Oscar B, Freddie, Esme (Sycamore); Rocco, Ellessa, Edie (Oak)
- ★ Well done to all the children in **Rowan** who were very sensible during their first Swimming lesson. From this week onwards, the staff will be looking for a 'Swimmer of the Week' during each visit!
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Ford & Heidi
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance overall was 95.4% last week and the winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 98.6% and Rowan (KS2) with 98.4%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won the House Point trophy for the second week in a row!
- ★ Well do to the 15 children who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge** through Stocksbridge Library. We have been told that is a high number in comparison to other schools and the children will be receiving their certificates / medals soon!



This week's birthdays:
Hugo (9), Mazikeen (6),
Poppy & Brody (8)

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

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be practising their counting skills; saying one number for each item in order.

Ash will be exploring warm and cool colours in art.

Willow are using maps for locating and naming the continents,

KS1 children in The Learning Zone are writing the story of 'Olly the Octopus' while KS2 children are beginning to explore what it's like 'Under the Sea'.

Rowan have started their new science unit - states of matter.

Sycamore will be reading and performing odes in English.

Oak have been learning about 'systems' in their computing lessons and will this week be doing the 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency course.

Meanwhile, SUFC have started working in Sycamore & Oak as part of the 'Move & Learn' project.



Sheffield Music Hub
learn sing play enjoy!



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