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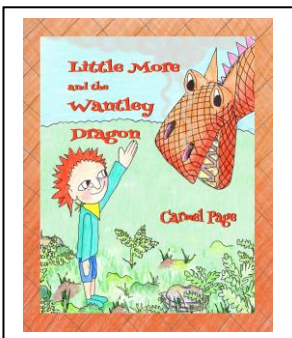
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Weekly Newsletter: 23rd September 2024

September 2025

Although we've only just returned to school, now is the time for parents / carers of children in Nursery & Y6 to start thinking about the next phase of their child's education...

- If your child is due to start **Reception in September 2025**, you have until 15th January to submit your application. In the meantime, if you would like a tour of the school, please get in touch via phone or email (headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) and I will be happy to arrange this. Please share this with any friends / family who may also be interested in joining our wonderful school!
- At the other end of school, parents / carers of children in Y6 have the much earlier deadline of **14th October** to submit their applications for secondary school. With this in mind, secondary schools are hosting open evenings in the coming weeks. **Stocksbridge High's** open evening is on the 26th September (4:30 – 7pm) and **Bradfield's** is on the 1st October (5 – 7pm). I would recommend a visit – even if you're already pretty sure about which one you prefer! Find out more [here](#) for Stocksbridge and [here](#) for Bradfield.



Dragons!

In case you don't know, the dragon in our school logo relates to the local legend of the Dragon of Wantley. Linked to this, we have been involved in two exciting projects:

- The Woodland Trust recently commissioned a new stone head for the **Dragon of Wantley sculpture** in Bitholmes Wood. This was created by Andrew Vickers (www.andrewvickersart.com) and now sits in place, overlooking the valley like days of old. Our school council were invited to a special unveiling of this on Friday morning – see the pictures on our Facebook account!
- Meanwhile, EYFS & KS1 will this week be receiving a visit from Carmel Page, author of '**Little More and the Wantley Dragon**'. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of her book for £8 (RRP £9), please order via sQuid by Monday 30th September.

Uniform

A few points about school uniform:

- If you would like to order new uniform, go to <https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/243/WharcliffeSidePrimarySchool> and make your selections – delivery to school is FREE during term-time (home delivery costs extra). Alternatively, you can visit one of their branches in Aston, Rotherham town centre or Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre (I realise they're all a little far from here!).
- Brand-new uniform can be a little expensive. It is for this reason our PTA, Friends of Wharcliffe Side School (FoWSS), have set up a 'pre-loved uniform' store in the school bungalow. Keep an eye out for more information or get in touch via friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk if you would like to take advantage of this.
- Finally, whether your child has new or pre-loved uniform, I assume you would like them to bring it home at the end of the day! As you know, children are forever taking their jumpers off and leaving them laying around... So please, please, please write their name on the label if you don't want them to lose it!



Medication in school

Finally, a note about medication in school: if your child needs medication in school, it must be clearly marked with their name (prescribed), signed for and handed directly to a member of staff – please do not send it in your child's bag. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Theo F, Ada, Arnie-Grey, Harvey R (Ash); Willow G, Caleb H, Joseph B, Molly C (Willow); Oscar SF*, Tori, Skyla-Grey (Rowan); Ross, Oscar B, Rory (Sycamore); Braxton, Jacob S, Josh G (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Ollie & Theodore R
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** Oscar SF*
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was an impressive 97.9% last week. Two classes even got 100% - well done Willow (KS1) and Oak (KS2)!
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won with 246 points (beating Americas by just 2 points!)
- ★ **School Council:** Well done to the following children who were elected to represent their classes on our school council: Harvey B, Briar, Anastasiia, Sonia, Molly, Cameron, Ruby, Hope, Brody, Leela, Eloise, Aaron, Josh G, Orla, William S
- ★ **Bikeability:** Well done to the 14 children in Y6 who completed their Bikeability cycling proficiency course last week!
- ★ **Reading Challenge:** Alfie, Iris, Astrid, Ida, Holly, Xander & Harriet for completing the Sheffield Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge.



This week's birthdays: Poppy & Brody (9), Zach (11), Millie-Mai (10)

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

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be making boggarts this week!

Ash are learning the songs from 'Giddy Goat' by Jamie Rix.

Willow are learning all about the difference between nouns and verbs.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are writing about themselves for their 'Meet the Zoners' display.

Rowan have started their DT topic on building castles.

Sycamore are learning about the Angle-Saxons in their history lessons.

Oak have been learning about the use of prepositions in Spanish.

Meanwhile, don't forget we are hosting a 'Funky Hair Funday' on Monday. If you would like to support this, please bring some change for The Little Princess Trust.

Finally, it is European Languages Day on Thursday!

