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Weekly Newsletter: 30th September 2024

Harvest

As advertised on school calendar (sent out last week), our annual Harvest Festival assembly will take place on Friday 11th October (2pm start). We will be joined by Reverend Deans and the children will be performing some songs they have been learning. We are once again collecting for Stocksbridge Food Bank and all donations will be gratefully received (please send 'non-perishable' items such as tins, jars, cereals, pasta, rice etc. Meanwhile, if you are struggling and would like access to the foodbank – please contact me and I can refer you in the strictest confidence.

School dinners - safety

You may have heard a story in the news recently about traces of peanuts being found in some mustard products. With this in mind, the following statement has this week been issued by Taylor Shaw, our school catering provider:

Taylor Shaw is aware of the recent allergy alert from the Food Standards Agency regarding mustard products being contaminated with peanuts. We want to reassure parents and guardians of children on peanut avoidance medical diets that we immediately notified our kitchens to stop serving any mustard-containing dishes to children with peanut or peanut-combination medical diets. Instead, our kitchens have been instructed to offer alternative dishes from the child's safe medical diet menu.

Ensuring the safety of meals for all children is our top priority. We will continue to closely monitor updates from the Food Standards Agency and respond as needed. Our internal teams are also investigating whether the affected products are in our supply chain.

School dinners – paying for

Meanwhile, following an audit of Peak Edge Trust's financial procedures, we have been instructed that we need to be more proactive in preventing parents from getting into debt with school meals. It is for this reason that we must insist all debts are cleared ASAP. If you pay for your child's meals*, please ensure there are sufficient funds in your sQuid account to cover these. From the week beginning 7th October (next week), we reserve the right to refuse to serve any meals that have not been paid for (otherwise, this impacts school budgets and impacts ALL children).

*Reminder: all children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 benefit from universal free school meals so are not impacted by this (we are aware of some technical issues with sQuid meaning parents were incorrectly charged small amounts – hopefully this has now been rectified). If your child is in Y3-Y6 and they do not qualify for means-tested free school meals, please check your balance and get in touch ASAP if you are having difficulty sorting this out. Thank you.

Sheffield Giants

Many of our children love the opportunity to give new sports a try. If your child would like to give American Football a try, now is their chance! Sheffield Giants are the region's American Football team and they are on the lookout for new players. The Giants academy are hosting free taster sessions over the next 5 weeks... they are looking for boys and girls aged 7 or above to try 'flag football' (a non-contact version of the sport). Sessions will take place on Saturday mornings (9am – 10:30am) at Mosborough RUFC, S20 5AQ*. Visit www.sheffieldgiants.com or email academy@sheffieldgiants.com for more information.

**Yes, I realise it is a long way from Wharncliffe Side!*

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Felicity, Matilda, Ford, Teddy (Ash); Kaiden, Tommy M, Henry J, Erica (Willow); Darcy*, Willow H, Savannah (Rowan); Isla, Joely, Ameera, Ida (Sycamore); Lily, Gretchen, Matthew, Orla, Esme (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Our first silver award of the year went to **Arnie-Grey** (Ash)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** **Anabelle & Henry**
- ★ ***Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** **Darcy**
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **96.0%** overall last week. The winning classes were **Willow** (KS1) with **98.5%** and **Oak** (KS2) - who got **100%** for the 2nd week in a row!
- ★ **House Point winners:** We had a different winner for the 3rd week in a row; with **Americas** taking the title last week!
- ★ Thank you to all who took part in last week's **Funky Hair Funday** to support **Savannah's** drive to raise money for The Little Princess Trust. Savannah raised a total of £235 altogether (with £58.92 coming directly from school).



This week's birthdays: **Frankie-Lola** (6),
Penny (8), **Leela & Oscar B** (10), **Henry B** (4),
Harvey R (6), **Oscar B** (4), **Theodore F** (5)

This week's 'School Standard' is: **Be Happy**

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be doing a variety of activities linked to their book of the week: 'The Little Red Hen'.

Ash will be composing and recording a poem all about autumn during their Forest Schools session.

Y2s in **Willow** have been exploring the relationship between odd and even numbers during their 'Mastering Number' sessions.

Meanwhile, children in **Nursery, Ash & Willow** enjoyed Friday's visit from author Carmel Page. It is not too late to purchase a signed copy of her book for £8 via sQuid if you want one!

KS1 children in **The Learning Zone** are writing the story of 'The Moon in the Pond'.

Rowan have been learning all about computer networks and how they are connected.

Sycamore have been reading and discussing a variety of poems.

Oak have been learning all about life in an Anglo-Saxon village.

Also, it is 'National Poetry Day' on Thursday.

Finally, children in Y2, Y5 and Y6 will this week receive a visit from the NSPCC as part of their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign.

