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Weekly Newsletter: 4th December 2023

Christmas Party & Christmas Dinner

Reminder: the Christmas Party on Tuesday 19th December & Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 20th December are now available to pre-book on sQuid (after some initial issues which have now been sorted out). In order to ensure we have the right amount of food in, these must be ordered by **Wednesday 11th December** (even if you don't pay for school meals). There will be no other food provided on either day so please send your child with a packed lunch if you decide NOT to take advantage of this offer. Thank you to FoWSS for subsidising the cost of the party to ensure it is extra special for the children!

Christmas Performances

Meanwhile, letters about the EYFS Nativity and the KS1 Play have been sent out this week. If you would like to attend either performance, please order & pay for your tickets ASAP. Further details about the KS2 performance will be sent out later this week. There will be a raffle at each performance (cash only) and FoWSS will be selling refreshments (digital payment accepted).

School Milk

If you would like to order school milk for the Spring term (8th Jan – 27th March), please do so by the **14th December**. The cost for this is a very reasonable £11.13 in total (for anyone over 5) and is available to purchase via sQuid.

Vision Screening for Reception children

The School Nursing team will be in school on Tuesday to complete vision screening for Reception children. If you have any questions about this, please contact them directly on vision.screening@nhs.net.

Support for Parents

- Do you need support with managing challenging behaviour; improving routines and boundaries or supporting your child's emotional wellbeing / mental health? If so, a 'School Advice Session' with experts from FIS (Family Intervention Service) may help. This is a FREE service and participation is entirely voluntary. See the attached leaflet for more information or contact me in confidence on headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk.
- Meanwhile, Parent Kind (www.parentkind.org.uk) run a series of free webinars for parents on a variety of topics; such as time management, getting enough exercise, helping fussy eaters and helping your child stay safe online. Click [here](#) to book.

Books

Please check at home to ensure you have returned any school books you have finished reading. This is especially important for our 'Little Wandle' phonics books. There is a set scheme that children must follow in order to learn to read. Missing books can impact the children's education and replacing them costs money. Thank you! Also, Thank you to Bradfield Parish Council for their generous donation of £50 worth of book vouchers. We will let you know what we have bought with this as soon as we decide! (School Councillors – please share your ideas!)

Poppy Appeal & Christmas Jumper Day

It has now been confirmed that we raised a total of **£193.50** for the Royal British Legion through our recent Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your support with that.

Finally, It is Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Thursday. If you would like to wear your Christmas jumper (or other Christmassy clothes), please bring a small donation for Save the Children (suggested £1 - £2). Thank you to FoWSS for organising last week's Christmas Jumper Swap Shop (it was FREEZING!).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** [Arnie-Grey](#) (Ash); [Jacob S](#) (Sycamore); [Tommy-Lee](#) (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** [Sonia](#) (Ash); [Josh F, Cooper, Erica, Leo](#) (Willow); [Max, Poppy, Simon](#) (Rowan); [William S, Esme](#) (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** [Jonah, Ellessa, Casey-Leigh](#) (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** [Teddy & Elio](#)
- ★ There was no **Swimmer of the Week** in Rowan class this week because the coach didn't arrive in time to take them!
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **94.3%** overall last week. The winning classes were [Willow](#) (KS1) with **96.2%** and [Oak](#) (KS2) with **98.7%**.
- ★ **House Point winners:** [Americas](#) won by 1 point this week (beating last week's winners, Oceania).



This week's birthdays:

[Caleb F](#) (7), [Orla](#) (10),
[Macie](#) (5)

This week's '[School Standard](#)' is:
Giving 100%

What's Happening?

[Little Seedlings & Saplings](#) are running two Christmassy-themed 'Stay & Make' sessions for parents this week: Tuesday (9-10am) and Thursday (2-3pm). Please come along if you can!

[Ash](#) are also inviting parents in this week. They are hosting a special 'Festivals Workshop' on Thursday - please come along and help your child with crafts relating to Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah!

[Willow](#) have been performing poems about penguins. Next, they will be writing their own! KS1 children in [The Learning Zone](#) are making salt-dough fish (linked to 'The Fish Who Could Wish'); while the KS2 Zoners are planning a diary entry for a deep-sea diver (linked to 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary').

Both Y3 & Y4 children in [Rowan](#) are being introduced to some new times tables this week. Remember, children should know ALL their tables by the end of Y4 (the 'Multiplication Tables Check' takes place in the Summer term).

[Sycamore](#) are recording adverts for our KS2 Panto using Audacity (note: this software is FREE so can be downloaded at home for them to practise!).

[Oak](#) are learning about equivalent fractions and how to simplify them.



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