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Weekly Newsletter: wb 6th September 2021

Welcome to the start of our first full week back. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces last week; all the children came back to school with a positive attitude and calm manner - we are so proud of them. As before, this newsletter will be sent to you via sQuid at the start of every week (it is also available to download from our website). Please read it carefully as it is our main form of communication. Feel free to email me on headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

READING IS A CATALYST

Reading for pleasure is associated with higher levels of literacy achievement. There is also a relationship between cognition and motivation, proficiency and motivation in reading. Those who are good at reading do more of it: they learn more and expand their vocabulary and knowledge. This enables them to understand more of what they read. For those who read less, or who find reading difficult, the opposite is true. Reading more makes children more academically able.



Reading:

We are often asked by parents what they can be doing to support their children at home. Without doubt, the single most important thing you can do is **READING**. Listen to them read, read to them, visit the library, talk about books and set a good example by reading yourself. The ability to read fluently underpins all learning and gives your child the best possible chance of success. We will therefore be having a big push on reading this year; including re-establishing 'reading buddies' for younger children... If any parents or grandparents have some spare time and would like to become a **reading volunteer**; please get in touch - we are very flexible!

Wellbeing Wall:

The last 18 months have been difficult for all of us so we are all delighted to be returning to some form of normality. We have set up a 'Wellbeing wall' in the hall where we display photos of children (and staff!) doing things they enjoy in their spare time. If you have any photos you'd like to share, either bring them in, tweet us @Wharcliffe_Sch or email me on the address above. Thank you!

Bradflix:

Bradflix is back! Bradflix is a well-established film club at Bradfield Village Hall. Go along and enjoy the relaxed community atmosphere; watch a selection of new and classic family films. They are also hosting a charity ball on Saturday 2nd October. For more information, go to www.bradflix.co.uk

Morrisons 'Good to Grow':

Do you shop at Morrisons? If so, please collect and save 'Good to Grow' vouchers for us. You will be awarded a voucher for every £10 you spend instore or online. We can then use these to purchase new gardening equipment for school. Thanks in advance.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

This is the section of the newsletter where we celebrate the many achievements of our wonderful pupils; including who has earned certificates this week, which classes have won the attendance trophy, who the 'Healthy Eating Champion' is for that week and much more. New for September 2021: each class will nominate a 'Reader of the Week'... We are also happy to share achievements from out of school - just let us know!

★ Well done to all our new **Reception** children who have settled so well into school life. We hope you enjoyed sharing a lunch with your parents on Friday! Also well done to our two new children in other year groups: **Yasmin** (Y1) and **Tommy-Lee** (Y4). We are pleased to have you!



This week's birthdays:

Happy birthday to Logan (11), Ruby W (5) and Fearne (4).

This week's '**School Standard**' is:
BE KIND

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be learning all about sounds in the environment.

Reception / Key Stage 1 children will be starting their phonics sessions this week. Please support your child with this as much as possible - it is a vital step in learning to read.

Ash will be reading 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' and exploring what sounds they can hear around the school grounds.

Willow have been doing **TEAM** games in PE (**T**ogether, **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore)

The Learning Zone will be establishing their new teams: 'Meet the Zoners!'

Rowan will be learning about place value in Maths and starting their new topic on Ancient Greece.

Sycamore will be learning how to talk about where they live in French.

Oak will be learning all about the human circulatory system and how diet & exercise can affect your heart.

Meanwhile, Mr Gaughan is enjoying having all the school back together for assemblies. The children sat **VERY** sensibly last week, I'm sure they can keep it up!

Finally, Key Stage 2 children should look out for the 'Job Shop' which will be going up later this week.



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learn sing play enjoy!



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