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Weekly Newsletter: wb 7th October 2024

First of all, please accept my apologies for the delay in getting this week's newsletter out – it has been a very busy week! I hope the items below answer any questions you may have. If not, please feel free to get in touch via phone, email or by popping into the office!

Harvest

Remember it is our Harvest Festival on Friday at 2pm – the children are looking forward to showing you all the songs they have been learning (and it'll be the first performance in our new stage area!). No need to book tickets – just turn up on the day! As we have done over the last few years, we are collecting for Stocksbridge Food Bank. All donations of non-perishable items such as cereal, pasta, jars, tins and toiletries are greatly appreciated. Thank you to those of you who have sent something in already. The foodbank provides a valuable service to more and more people in our area. If you are struggling and would like me to make a referral on your behalf, please do not hesitate to ask.

Breakfast Club

There will soon be a new way of booking breakfast club for your children. We are hoping this will simplify the process and make it easier to track which sessions you have booked. Watch this space!

Extra Support for families on FSM

- As in previous holidays, Sheffield City Council have confirmed that they will once again be providing food vouchers for families on Free School Meals during the October half-term. The codes should be with families during the week beginning 21st October.
- Meanwhile, our PTA (FoWSS) are able to apply for high-quality FREE winter coats for children in receipt of free school meals via the 'No Cold Child' campaign from ParentKind. If this applies to you, you should already have received a letter with more information. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please make your request ASAP as stocks are limited.

Miss Burgess

As you may have noticed, Miss Burgess has not been with us this past week. Unfortunately, she has been signed off ill for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, Rowan class are being taught by the excellent Miss Azevedo – we are very lucky to have her. We wish Miss Burgess well and hope to see her again soon. Please direct any queries towards myself or the office.

Improving the park - WSDA

WSDA (Wharnccliffe Side Development Association) are raising funds to make improvements to the Dragon Park on Wharnccliffe Avenue. They've applied to Bradfield Parish Council to fund two brand-new goals for the field (see picture). In order to get this through, they need YOUR support at a meeting on the 24th October (6:00 – 7:30pm) at the Memorial Hall, Worrall. See flyer sent with this newsletter for more information.

Panto

Sticking on the community theme, tickets for this year's Wharnccliffe Side Community Panto are fast selling out! They will be performing Sleeping Beauty on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th of November. Tickets cost £5 adults, £3 children and can be purchased via Facebook, speaking to any cast member or ringing 07963578310.



Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Jude, Anastasiia (Ash); Koby, Eser, Cameron, Maddie B (Willow); Theo, Iris, Brody (Rowan); Leo W, Leela, Lexi (Sycamore); Franklin, Amelie (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ada (Ash); Hugo (Sycamore); Esme, Gretchen (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Arnie-Grey (Ash)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Honey and Cian
- ★ **Attendance winners:** The overall attendance was 95.8% last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 97.7% and Rowan (KS2) with 96.3%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** We had a new winner for the 4th week in a row - well done Europe (who actually got 300 house points!).
- ★ All the children in Y2, Y5 and Y6 who took part in last week's **NSPCC workshops**. Our visitors said they were some of the most sensible & knowledgeable children they'd EVER worked with!
- ★ Well done to Brody and Leo W who represented our school at a **Sheffield-wide cross country event** at the weekend. The next one takes place at Bradfield School on the 16th November. Get in touch if you'd like to take part.



Believe it or not, there are actually no birthdays this week!

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Understanding feelings

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are learning about family trees.

Ash have been drawing portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso. This week, they are learning about a new artist, Romero Britto.

Willow are writing character descriptions about the wolf from Little Red Riding Hood.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are using their imaginations to invent their own stories to go with the silent video 'Bubbles'

Rowan have been doing lots of arts and crafts linked to Ancient Egypt.

Sycamore are working to make some bunting to exchange with their friends at Porter Croft School (as part of the Sheffield Linking Project).

Oak are attending the 'Show Racism the Red Card' event at SWFC on Thursday.

Meanwhile, we are delighted to welcome Keegan (our therapy dog) back into school on Wednesday. We have missed him!

