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# Weekly Newsletter: 8th January 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope you had a relaxing break and the children are looking forward to coming back to school. Thank you for all our cards and presents; they mean a lot to us (though you really don't have to!).

### **Before & After-School Clubs**

Here is a reminder of all the clubs available this half-term (bookable through sQuid). As this is a short half-term, they will all begin this week and run right up until the last week. If you have already requested a place, please assume your child/ren are on the list. If not, there is still time!

Day	Time	Club	Open to	Cost	Other info.
Mon	am	Girls Football	Y2 – Y6	Free	From 8am
Mon	pm	Football	Rec – Y2	£10	
Mon	pm	Chess	Y3 – Y6	Free	Open to beginners or experts
Tues	pm	Fencing	Y3 – Y6	£10	Maximum of 8 children
Wed	pm	Yoga	Y1 – Y6	£10	New members welcome
Thurs	am	Gymnastics	Y3 – Y6	Free	From 8am
Fri	pm	Basketball	Y3 – Y6	£10	

#### **Nursery fees and Reception '24 applications**

- Starting from this week, there will be a slight increase in Nursery fees (final amount TBC & parents will be informed directly). This is due to an increase in the funded hours set by Sheffield City Council. In order to maintain fairness and equality, we always match this figure accordingly. We remain a lot cheaper than the vast majority of other local providers and our parents are very happy with the service they receive. Thank you for your understanding.
- Meanwhile, the deadline for school applications for September 2024 is fast approaching. If you haven't already applied and would like to request a place at our school, please complete the application form here by the 15th **January**. Any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch!

#### Free School Meals and 'Bags of Kindness'

- With the ongoing cost of living crisis, we understand that times can be tough for some families. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, it is definitely worth applying for them (school also receives 'pupil premium' funding linked to this which we can use to support your child in school). For a limited time, Mrs Daglish can apply for this on your behalf - please contact the office by the end of this week if you would like her to look into this for you. Alternatively, you can do it yourself here.
- Meanwhile, we are still collecting for our 'Bags of Kindness' scheme. If you would like to donate, the box is in reception. If you would take advantage of this offer and receive a free bag, please let us know.

#### **WSGT**

Reminder: we are now accepting entries for our annual 'Wharncliffe Side's Got Talent' competition. Please send via email to schoolcouncil@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk by Monday 22nd January.

### **Term dates**

We understand that many parents like to book their holidays in January (to give them something to look forward to!) so it is important to share term dates with you ASAP. The academic year calendar (set by Sheffield City Council) is now available but there has been a slight delay in setting INSET days. Apologies for this - we will get the updated calendar to you by the end of this week.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates during the last week of term:

- ★ Bronze: Brian, George (Ash); Caleb F (Willow); Casey (Oak)
- ★ Silver: Theo, Ida, Joely (Rowan); Hugo (Sycamore); Ellessa, Edie (Oak)
- ★ Gold: Lucy, William (Ash); Josh, Holly, Penny, Dakota (Willow); Lucas (Rowan); Braxton, Amelie (Sycamore); Austin (Oak)
- ★ Nursery Stars of the Week: everyone!
- ★ Rowan's Swimmer of the Week: everyone! (Reminder: swimming carries on this half-term!)
- Attendance winners: Willow (KS1) and Sycamore (KS2) were the winning classes for the final week with 94.8% and 95.2% respectively. Willow were also the best attending class during the whole of the Autumn term with an average attendance of 96.7%. Well done Willow!
- House Point winners: Oceania won the House Point trophy for the final week before Christmas. Oceania were also the overall winners for the whole of the Autumn term!



This week's birthdays: Evie F (8), Lukas K (11), Violet (4)

This week's 'School Standard' is: Taking responsibility & being fair

# What's Happening?

Although this is a short half-term (5 weeks), we still have plenty of learning to get through...

Little Seedlings & Saplings' new topic is 'I wonder how I can stay healthy'.

Ash & Willow will also be learning all about keeping healthy this half-term.

The Learning Zone's new topic is all about dinosaurs!

Rowan's new topic is all about the Stone Age & Iron Age.

Sycamore's topic is 'Would you like a Staycation?' and is all about UK geography

Oak will be learning all about the 'Golden Age of Islam' this half-term.











