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## Weekly Newsletter: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*Welcome to the start of our first full week back in school. It was great to see so many happy, smiling faces on Thursday and Friday - I am very positive about the year ahead. If you've been up to school recently, you will have noticed many changes both inside and outside the building. The work is now almost complete and we hope to be occupying the new Nursery building very soon!*

*Mr Gaughan ([headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk))*

### Key Dates 2024-25

Whilst the term dates for 2024-25 were set and shared a while ago, we understand parents / carers like to have advance notice of events such as parents' evening, Christmas performances and sports days... The full list will be with you by the end of the week (please note: all dates are provisional and could be changed closer to the time).

### Friends of Wharcliffe Side School

Thank you to our PTA, 'Friends of Wharcliffe Side School' (FoWSS) for organising and running the Family Picnic event on Saturday. This was a huge success (despite the weather) and it was great to see so many of you there. If you would like to get involved or simply find out more about what FoWSS do; find them on Facebook or contact them by email on [friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### KS2 Snack Bar

Although children in EYFS / KS1 get free fruit at school, this is not provided for children in KS2 – apologies to parents / carers of and Y3 children who were not aware of this. If KS2 children would like a snack at breaktime, they can purchase the following from our KS2 snack bar (prices are set by our catering company, Taylor Shaw):

Fresh fruit juice: £1

Selection of fruits: 45p each

Toast: 20p (unfortunately, they no longer have bagels).

Alternatively, they are welcome to bring their own (healthy) snack from home. Please remember to check that anything you send does NOT CONTAIN NUTS (thank you).

### Sheffield Parenting What's On guide & Co-Parenting Course

- The latest **Sheffield Parenting What's On** guide is available to view online [here](#). It contains details about a range of seminars, discussion groups and programmes that you may find useful (including *Time to Sleep*, *The Power of Positive Parenting*, *Timid to Tiger*, *Living with Teenagers*, *Incredible Years* and many more).
- Meanwhile, Sheffield Parent Hub are running a number of **co-parenting programmes** to support parents who may be finding it difficult to work together in the best interests of their children. These are aimed at parents who may be living together or apart. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to ask. My email address is [headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### Bradfield Parish Council job advert

Bradfield Parish Council currently has a vacancy for an assistant to the clerk. The role is office-based, 27 hours for week and is suitable for people with good communication / IT skills. See job advert sent alongside this newsletter for more information.

### Things to do

- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre are hosting a **table-top sale** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 1pm. See attached flyer!
- The **Sheffield Mini & Junior Runs** are taking place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September (the same day as the Sheffield 10k). Find out more of sign up here: <https://www.runforall.com/events/mini-and-junior-runs/sheffield-mini-and-junior-run>

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ As the children were only in school for 2 days last week, we didn't select anyone for a **certificate** (they were all so good!). From this week onwards, we will continue to award certificates each Friday for children who have gone above and beyond that week. Each week, we have a 'School Standard' which we will be discussing and looking for particularly...
- ★ We didn't count the house points for the same reason. Our house teams are based on the 5 rings of the Olympic flag: **Americas**, **Europe**, **Asia**, **Africa** and **Oceania**. All our new children have now been allocated a house and siblings are in the same team. Keep an eye out for who wins each week!
- ★ Believe it or not, we actually got **100% attendance** in all 5 classes on Thursday and Friday last week! Hopefully we can keep this up and beat last year's overall total of 94.4%.
- ★ Thank you to all the children who came along to help out at **Saturday's FoWSS Family Picnic**. Your help was much appreciated and you made a good impression on all the visitors we had.
- ★ Congratulations to **Alfie R** who won a bronze medal at Saturday's 'Heart of England' judo competition. This is a prestigious event and Alfie was competing for the first time; mainly against children with a lot more experience. We could have a future Olympian in our midst!



This week's birthdays:

Ruby (8), Fearne (7), Erin (7), Hunter (4)

This week's 'School Standard' is:

Work as a **TEAM**

(**T**ogether, **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore)

## What's Happening?

**Little Seedlings & Saplings** have settled into their temporary home very well. Everyone is excited about the move to the new building and we hope to have some news on that soon!

Meanwhile, **Ash** have made the permanent switch into the area that used to be our Nursery. The new children have settled in so well and the Y1s remaining with Mrs Wellum have looked after them.

**Willow** have been making kindness monsters using an online tutorial from famous illustrator Rob Biddulph.

Lessons with Ms Greasley and the gang in **The Learning Zone** will resume this week (it is important to give the children chance to settle into their mainstream class first).

**Rowan** are starting their **swimming** lessons on Tuesday. Please return your permission slip if you haven't already!

For their class novel, **Sycamore** will be reading the popular 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman.

**Oak** will be doing their '**Bikeability**' cycling proficiency course next week (wb 16<sup>th</sup> Sept). Please return your permission slip for this ASAP (no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept).

**Meanwhile**, music lessons with Linda and Paul will begin this week. Lots of children are taking part and I'm looking forward to hearing them.

**Finally**, all children in Y1-Y6 took part in a LIVE virtual assembly on diversity and inclusion with 'Picture News' on Friday. Altogether, there were over 500,000 children involved from all over the country and our children provided some great answers about how we show respect for others.

