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Weekly Newsletter: wb 27th January 2025

In memory of Emma Higgins

If you are on Facebook, you will by now have seen the **Just Giving** page that was set up in Emma's memory (thank you Mrs Riches for organising this). This is in order to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service who responded so quickly on the day. This page has been active for less than a week and donations have already passed £3000. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of all who have donated so far. If you haven't yet had the opportunity and would like to do so, the link is [here](#).

Emma's **funeral** is scheduled to take place at 11am on Friday 14th February (at Grenoside Crematorium). You are more than welcome to attend if you would like to pay your respects.

This has hit our whole school community very hard. Whilst we appreciate not everyone is religious, the **Church** can be a source of comfort for some people at times like this. We have been reminded by the ministers of both local churches that they are available to meet, talk or pray with anyone who would appreciate support. Their contact details are below:

- Ian Lucraft (Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel): ianlucraft@btinternet.com or 07428744014
- Michael Nicholson (Oughtibridge Parish Church): contact@opc.org.uk or (0114) 2862317

Be:Friend Club

We have been informed about a new '**Be:Friend**' social club for over 60s that is starting at the Community Centre (see flyer sent out last week). This is the second of its type in the city after a successful trial in another area.

It will run every Thursday from 2pm, starting last week. We realise most of you will be under 60 but please pass this message on to grandparents / elderly neighbours etc. It may be of particular interest to any grandparents who are set to collect children from school on a Thursday?

SEND Travel Consultation

If your child has SEND and they currently benefit from travel support provided by the local authority (i.e. council minibuses), you may want to have a look at their proposals for change... "Sheffield City Council believe that every young person in the city should travel to their place of learning as independently as possible," and they are considering introducing 'personal travel budgets' from September 2025. If this is likely to affect you, please take a look [here](#) and respond to their consultation (the deadline is Wednesday 12th February at 10am).

Reminders

- If your child is going to be absent from school for whatever reason, please do not forget to ring and let us know. If it is outside school hours, you can leave a voicemail and the office staff will pick it up during registration in the morning.
- Remember that ALL children in Reception – Y2 are entitled to completely FREE school meals, regardless of income. Our school food is provided by Taylor Shaw; there are plenty of healthy choices and it is very nice... I would definitely recommend giving it a try (especially during these cold winter months). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Cleaner vacancy

Finally, we have been informed that Oughtibridge Primary School (one of our Trust partners) are on the lookout for a new cleaner. If you would like an application form, please get in touch.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** *Ada* (Ash); *Frankie-Lola* (Willow); *Henry B* (Rowan); *D'low* (Sycamore); *Lunar, Alfie R* (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** *William M* (Ash); *Eser, Maddie B* (Willow); *Penny* (Rowan); *Evie F* (Sycamore)
- ★ **Gold:** *Felicity* (Ash); *Cooper* (Willow); *Brody* (Rowan); *Oscar B, Sienna BR* (Sycamore); *Orla* (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** *Kovie & Kash* (Seedlings); *Dolly & Albert* (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was a disappointing 92.5% overall last week. The winning classes were *Willow* (KS1) and *Sycamore* (KS2) with 97.0% and 93.2% respectively.
- ★ **House Point winners:** *Asia* won the house point trophy for the first time this year!
- ★ Well done to *Brody* for his continued effort with the Sheffield Cross Country competitions. The season is nearly over now but we would love more children to get involved when it starts again. We'll keep you posted!



This week's birthdays:

Sienna-Mae B (6), *Roscoe* (7),
Gretchen (11)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Making a positive contribution

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be learning all about Chinese New Year. This includes food tasting, dancing and resources in the provision.

Ash are estimating the value of numbers on a number line. They are also delighted to welcome back Miss Hyde who is with them all week.

Willow have been monitoring the growth of plants in their classroom and observing the changes.

KS2 children in *The Learning Zone* are enjoying their weekly PE sessions with coaches from SWFC.

Rowan will be investigating the impact of fizzy drinks on teeth (using egg shells!)

Sycamore have been investigating pulleys & pulley systems in DT. Meanwhile, they are delighted to welcome back Miss Morfitt who is joining them twice a week for the next few weeks.

Oak have been learning all about mixed numbers and improper fractions in their Maths lessons. They will also be competing in a mixed boys / girls' football competition on Friday. Good luck to all!

