# FRIENDS OF WHARNCLIFFE SIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

It's been a challenging start to the year and has reinforced the importance of a strong and supportive school community. We're proud to be part of this one. The part each of us play can sometimes feel small - a sprinkling of grit, a helping hand, a smile on a grey day - but together its powerful.

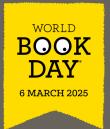
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In memory of Emma Higgins, who sadly and tragically died on Wed 15th Jan 2025, age 42, family and friends are fundraising for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service whose fast response allowed her family and friends precious time with her to say goodbye. If you'd like to contribute the link is on our Facebook page.

### **FOWSS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
Wed 12th February, 2.45-3.45pm, bungalow
Good quality pre-loved uniform available.

Friends of Wharncliffe Side School PTA AGM
Thurs 13th February, 3.15-3.45pm
More info in this newsletter



READING CAFE
Thurs 6th March, 3.15-4.15pm
Come and enjoy a book with your family. Cafe, book swap, storytime, book quiz

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP Wed 12th March, 2.45-3.45pm, bungalow SPRING TERM 2025

## **AUTUMN 2024**

£1,161 raised through...

Family Picnic, Halloween competition and costume swap, Christmas movie night, refreshment sales

Invested in subsidising school trips, school Christmas party, winter coats and equipment.

#### **EASY FUNDRAISING**

Want to raise money for the school without spending an extra penny?

Shop online through
www.easyfundraising.org.uk
choosing Wharncliffe Side
School PTA as your Cause and
we'll receive donations as you
shop at hundreds of the
biggest stores..

This doesn't happen without you...its Members. If you feel you give a little bit of time to to help run some of the activities we'd love to hear from you.

- PTA Committee Roles
- Events volunteers
- Marketing support
- One-off project support

Share your skills

## WE NEED YOU TO BE ABLE KEEP FUNDRAISING

Can you spare 30 minutes after school on...

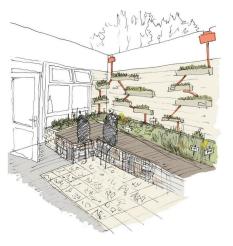
THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 3.15PM

...to sign off the current committee's plans and help reappoint the committee for the next year at our AGM? This meeting is essential for us to continue to run as a charity and raise money for school.

Please let us know on Facebook, email or in-person if you're able to come as we need a minimum number present to make this happen. Also contact us you'd like to nominate someone to join the committee.

Free drink and cake as a thank you from us! Children can stay and play.





We were successful in being awarded funding from Sheffield North LAC to redevelop the garden spaces within the school into wellbeing and food growing areas. We are lucky to have a dedicated working group of school staff and governors, parents, friends, Chiles Evans + Care Architects and Wortley Hall Walled gardens working with us on it.

First designs are coming together. The designs capture so many of the ideas and ambitions our working group and students had for these unused spaces, in such a beautiful way. We hope these spaces will provide an environment to read, reflect, perform, grow and connect more easily to the outside world within a school day.



If you would like to get involved in building these gardens for our children in the next few months please get in touch.



## IT'S YOUR PTA...GET INVOLVED

Catch us in the playground

Email Friends@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk

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Dates for the next PTA Planning Meetings are posted on Facebook. All welcome.