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sQuid

As advised previously, this is the last week of being able to use sQuid to make payments to school. Please check your balances etc. and get in touch if you have any issues. We will be sending more information out this week about our replacement service. Please read it carefully and follow the instructions provided to ensure you are in a position to use it when it goes live!

Eat them to defeat them!

We are taking part in 'Eat them to defeat them!' over the next two weeks (your child should have brought an information pack home on Friday). Children will be given stickers for eating healthily (i.e. eating fruit and vegetables). They can then complete the sticker chart in their pack and scan the QR code to be in with a chance of winning some prizes. Please encourage them to do this at home too!

Stocksbridge Food Drive

Meanwhile, we are once again supporting the annual **Stocksbridge Cubs' Food Drive** in support of Stocksbridge Food Bank. This has been organised by our pupils in conjunction with other local schools and it is a bit of a competition to see who can collect the most items... If you would like to support this, you are welcome to start sending your donations into school (e.g. cereals, pasta, tins, jars, crisps, biscuits etc – just please make sure anything you do send is still in date!). The deadline for this is **Friday 21st March**. Thank you in advance!

Reading Café & Uniform Shop (FoWSS)

Reminder: FoWSS (Friends of Wharncliffe Side School) will be running a one-off 'Reading Café' on Wednesday after school in the hall. This is an opportunity to enjoy some book-based activities with your child (drinks and cakes on sale). Hopefully we'll see plenty of you there! Thank you to all who have helped organise this...

Meanwhile, it is the 2nd Wednesday of the month, so they will also be running their pre-loved uniform shop direct from the school bungalow (from 2:45pm). It is always worth a visit if you need any more items!

WSDA Youth Club

Staying with the community theme, WSDA (Wharncliffe Side Development Association) are once again trying to secure funding to set up a permanent youth club in the village. There is a lot to organise but they are looking at using the Community Centre for one night a week at first (and increasing this if successful). If you are a qualified youth worker or would like to train to become one, they would be interested in speaking to you about this. Please complete the form [here](#) if you are happy for them to contact you.

Yoga

The latest Kids Love Yoga 'Rooted in Wellness' newsletter has been sent out alongside this newsletter. We hope you find it useful!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Sienna B (Ash); Kwontay (Sycamore); Jacob B (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Leonidas (Ash); Esme, Orla, Alfie R (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Elio, Ari (Ash); Roscoe, Mazikeen, William R (Willow); Josh, Holly, Harriet (Rowan); Ross (Sycamore)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Kovie & Geovanni (Seedlings); Nova & Leo (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 94.8% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 97.3% and Oak (KS2) with 95.6%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia won the house point trophy last week.
- ★ Well done to Alfie R for his brilliant performance at the British Schools Judo Championships at the weekend - we are very proud of you!



This week's birthdays:
Willow H (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Enjoy my reading

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be doing 'Helicopter Stories' this week.

Ash are learning to write reports in the English lessons.

Willow have been working on their target practice in their PE lessons.

Some children from The Learning Zone will be going to a table cricket competition on Wednesday this week.

Rowan made dragon figurines during World Book Day last week and have been learning about the work of architects in art.

Sycamore have been learning about climates and industries in Europe as part of their Geography topic. This week, they will be joined by teachers from Stocksbridge High to deliver some special English & Drama lessons.

Oak have been using spreadsheets for party planning in their Computing lessons. Meanwhile, their new end-of-year sweatshirts have arrived (thank you FoWSS!) so keep an eye out for those being worn soon!

