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Reach More & Parent Pay

As you are aware, we are no longer able to use sQuid to communicate with parents. Our new communication platform is 'Reach More' (by Weduc). At the time of writing, 62% of our primary carers have downloaded and started using the app (52% of all carers). This is a good start but I would love it to be 100%! If you are unable to do it, please get in touch and we will try to help. Without the app, you will receive NO communication from school. The payment part of the app is operated by 'Parent Pay' (a separate company). You will notice a link within the app to access this. We have been assured that this will soon be fully integrated; rather than requesting you sign in again. As advised last week, we will allow children to order dinners manually until it is fully operational. Please do not send any cash though – we will send you a bill for monies owed afterwards. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

FoWSS Reading Café

Thank you to all who attended last week's Reading Café – we hope you enjoyed it. Thanks also to our PTA (FoWSS) for organising it and everyone who sent in cake donations!

Food Drive & Community Outlet

- We are now into the second week of our food drive for Stocksbridge Food Bank. This has been organised by Stocksbridge Scouts and we are in competition with 4 other local schools. At the end of week 1, we were 4th out of 5... Please support this if you can!
- Meanwhile, have you heard of the Community Outlet based at the Food Bank? This is a place to pick up some excellent bargains (20 items for £3) and is open to everyone. See attached leaflet for more information.

Literacy Stay & Play & Learn to Ride

Reminder: we are hosting a **Literacy** '**Stay & Play**' event in conjunction with Sheffield Family Hub on Tuesday this week (open to parents of children in Nursery – Y1) and a '**Learn to Ride**' event on Wednesday with our Modeshift STARS travel partner (open to any children who own a bike but cannot yet ride it confidently). See attachments for more information about either and let us know if you want to sign up!

Science Week Competition

See poster about British Science Week competition. KS2 children were told about this in Thursday's assembly but it is also open to those in EYFS / KS1. Entries must be with me by 28th March in order to be considered. Good luck!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.

Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ Bronze: Jude, Teddy (Ash); Lily P, Alyssa (Oak)
- ★ Silver: D'low (Sycamore)
- ☆ Gold: Grayson (Ash); Joseph B, Eser, Maddie P (Willow); Ida, Rory (Sycamore); Orla, Josh G (Oak)
- Attendance winners: Attendance was 95.0% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 98.5% and Rowan (KS2) with 97.8%.
- **House Point winners:** Asia won the house point trophy for the second week in a row.

★ Well done to Learning Zone's KS2 Table Cricket team. They finished 2nd (out of 6) in a Sheffield-wide tournament on Wednesday when we were the ONLY Primary school (the rest were all secondaries!).



This week's birthdays: Ollie (4), Erica (7), Lily P (11), Jacob S (11)

This week's 'School Standard' is: Appreciate others

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be going on a 'size hunt' in their Forest School session this week! Ash will be talking about people who help us in our community as part of RSHE.

Willow have started to make their willow dream catchers in Art.

Children in The Learning Zone have welcomed a new friend this past week. Although he hasn't officially joined us yet, they have really helped him settle in and look forward to his visits - well done everyone!

Rowan are going to be planning their own non-chronological reports with the theme of 'Extreme Earth'.

Sycamore are starting their poetry unit about kennings in English.

Oak have been looking at the architecture of Lord Norman Foster – who has been in the news recently as he is designing the new Man Utd stadium!

Meanwhile, there is a KS2 badminton competition at Bradfield on Monday night. Good luck to all competing!











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