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## Weekly Newsletter: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### CIF Funding

You may have seen something in the local news recently about our school (and others) receiving additional funding to upgrade our facilities... To clarify, we have had a successful **CIF (Condition Improvement Fund)** bid to develop our drainage system and prevent flooding. Thank you to MAC Consultancy for supporting us with this project. Since joining Peak Edge Trust, it is actually the 4<sup>th</sup> time we have benefitted from CIF funding – following previous projects to improve the roof, heating system and fire alarm. It has made a big difference to the safety and security of the school site and we are very grateful. To celebrate this, our local MP, **Dr Marie Tidball**, will be visiting the school on Monday afternoon and having a chat with some of our pupils.

### New website

Following a few unavoidable delays, our brand-new website is now live on the internet! The address has not changed: [www.wharncliffeside.org.uk](http://www.wharncliffeside.org.uk) but the look / feel certainly has! The content of the site will evolve over time and we welcome any feedback you may have... One page I would like to draw your attention to is our new Data Protection page (listed under 'Key Info'). This contains an updated *Privacy Policy for Pupils & Families*; written in conjunction with our GDPR advisors, Judicium ([www.judiciumeducation.co.uk](http://www.judiciumeducation.co.uk)).

### Parent governors

Alison Bryce has now stepped down from her role as parent governor. We would like to thank Alison for her work and support over the years. Following this, we do have a vacancy for a new parent governor. This is a voluntary role but it gives you the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the direction of our school. If you would like to have a chat about what the role entails, please get in touch via email on [headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) and I would be happy to provide more information.

### EMHP

Following a successful application, we are very fortunate to be able welcome a new EMHP (Education Mental Health Practitioner) from the NHS Healthy Minds Team. **Jen Nash** has already met the staff and will start working with the children very soon. She will be with us every Thursday afternoon for the foreseeable future and will be able to offer 1:1 support, group support, parental workshops, staff training and more. See the attached flyer for more information.

### School photos

JS Photography came in just before half-term to take our annual class photos. You should have received a proof of this last week along with instructions on how to order. In order to guarantee delivery to school, orders should be placed by the 15<sup>th</sup> June. You can do this by visiting [www.photos.jssp.co.uk](http://www.photos.jssp.co.uk) or ringing 01773717984 (office hours Mon – Fri, 9:30am – 4:30pm). Meanwhile, we have sent a photo of our Y6s to be included in The Sheffield Star's special 'Leavers' souvenir edition. We will let you know when this is due to go on sale.

### Parking outside school

Could we please remind parents / carers to be careful when parking near to school. Please adhere to the road signs and show respect for our neighbours (not blocking drives etc.). The council's parking enforcement officers do visit schools from time-to-time and we have no warning about when they will be in the area. More importantly, we don't want anyone to have an accident.

### Yoga

Finally, one of our parents, Emma Parkes, has started a new 'Chair Yoga' class at Brightholmlee Chapel on Friday mornings (9:30 – 10:45am). This is suitable for absolute beginners or those with more experience. See the attached flyer for more information or visit [www.mandala-yoga.uk](http://www.mandala-yoga.uk) to book.

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Willow G, Tommy (Willow); Evie, Joely (Sycamore)
- ★ **Silver:** Frankie-Lola (Willow); Will HS (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Willow W, Hope (Rowan); Amelie, Freddie, Jacob S (Oak)
- ★ **EVERYONE** in Ash & Willow classes for their excellent behaviour and attitude during the trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park last week.
- ★ The 34 children who completed the 'Walk to School' challenge during the last week of the previous half-term.
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 95.8% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 98.5% and Rowan (KS2) with 98.1%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Americas won the house point trophy last week.



This week's birthdays:  
Lily K (9), Liam (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Do independent research

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are exploring emotions through their play and learning to understand / respond appropriately to *who?* *what?* and *where?* questions.

Reception children in Ash will be ordering pictures and writing simple sentences about their trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Meanwhile, Y1s & Y2s in Ash / Willow will be writing a recount about their trip; using conjunctions such as *and*, *but* & *so* to add extra information.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone will be making a seaside in a bottle!

Rowan have been learning about programming using Scratch - inputting commands and using the 'repetition' function.

Sycamore are starting a new art unit inspired by 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh.

Oak have been solving real-life Maths problems such as calculating value in a supermarket (ask them to help with this if they go shopping with you!). They have also been writing poems about the meaning of life!

