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Autumn Fair

Saturday's Autumn Fair was a HUGE success! Thank you to our PTA, FoWSS (Friends of Wharcliffe Side School) and WSDA (Wharcliffe Side Development Association) for all your effort putting this together. We raised plenty of money which will be reinvested back into school; but more importantly... we got the opportunity to showcase our wonderful school. It was fantastic to see so many happy smiling faces (young and old!). Photos from the day can be found on our Facebook page and there are still a **few unclaimed raffle prizes** (ticket numbers: 270, 203, 275, 271, 250, 139, 191 and 95 – please get in touch with the office if one of those belongs to you!). If you would be interested in joining the PTA or helping out at future events, please contact friends@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk.

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be collected on Tuesday so Tuesday morning is your last chance to grab a bargain (or some early Christmas presents). At the time of writing, our sales mean that we have earned **over £250 worth of free books** (the school council will help choose these on Tuesday).

Harvest Festival

Our next event is our Harvest Festival. This will take place at **2pm on Friday 10th October**. Parents are invited to come to school and watch our performances (there will also be a short speech from Reverend Deans). We are once again collecting for Stocksbridge Food Bank – please send donations in at any time before next Friday – thanking you in anticipation! *Non-perishable items such as tins, jars, pasta, cereal, crisps etc. (please ensure they are in date). Toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo and toothpaste are always needed too!*

Parking outside school

Can we please remind parents / carers to park sensibly outside school? This means that you should not park on the double yellows, zig-zags or even the single yellow (at key times). Neither should anyone be blocking neighbour's drives or using the school car park to turn around... We appreciate things can be a little hectic in a morning but we would rather a child arrive a little late rather than be involved in an accident. It is important to remember that Sheffield City Council do send their parking inspectors to schools from time to time.

Census day meal

It is the school census day on Thursday 2nd October. Our budget for the following year is impacted by the numbers of children in school (and taking dinners) so Taylor Shaw have put on a special 'Under the Sea' themed meal (fish & chips or veggie meatballs!). Please consider choosing school meals for that day (especially if you are entitled to free ones!).

Sports

- Thorncliffe Tennis Club have plenty of coaching opportunities available (see separate flyer). Mr Hartley speaks very highly of them and their coach, Helen, will be working with our children in the Summer term!
- SUFC are running a number of soccer camps during the forthcoming October half-term break. Go to <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/sheffieldunited> to find out more or book your places.

Community spirit – news from some of our partners!

- Brightholmlee Methodist Chapel are running a coffee morning on **Saturday 4th October (10am – 12pm)**. This is to raise funds for the Kadok Primary Appeal (in Uganda). Please go along and support this if you can.
- Wortley Hall Walled Garden Growers are running an **Apple Day on Sunday 12th October (11am – 4pm)**. You can visit the orchard and choose from 40 varieties of apples (and get involved in juicing this year's harvest). Go to www.wortleyhallwggrowers.co.uk for more information.
- Nicole Kilner from Kilner Kreations would like to put an appeal out for **empty (clean) jam jars** which she can reuse to sell her produce. She was very busy on Saturday and is running out of empties! Just drop them of in Reception and we will get them to her. Thanks in advance!

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Violet, Grayson, Anastasiia (Ash); Vaughn, Kyle, Arnie-Grey (Willow); Fearne, Astrid (Rowan); Hope, Evie, Billy (Sycamore); Enes, Ross, Abigail, Poppy (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ted (Ash); Lexi (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Grace & Silvia (Seedlings); Esther & Annabelle (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 95.9% overall last week. The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 97.1% and Rowan (KS2) with 99.3% (unfortunately not 100% as I had announced in assembly!)
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won the house point trophy for the first time this year.
- ★ Well done to all the children who have completed their **peer mediation** training. You will see mediators on the yard again very soon...
- ★ A huge thank you to all the children who helped out at the **fair on Saturday** - it was much appreciated.



This week's birthdays: Millie-Mai (11), Frankie-Lola (7), Penny (9), Leela & Oscar (11), Harvey (7)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be happy!

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are making hedgehogs in their Forest Schools session; whilst Saplings are exploring the painting techniques of Jackson Pollock.

Ash are learning about the Arctic in their Geography lessons.

Willow are investigating (and making) warm and cool colours in Art.

KS2 children in The Learning Zone are acting out the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

Rowan are learning about states of matter in Science. They have also been working hard to understand complex and compound sentences in English.

Sycamore have been grouping plants according to their characteristics.

Oak have been learning about computer systems in the everyday world around us (e.g. pelican crossings).

Meanwhile, children in all classes have been celebrating European Languages Day and sharing what they've been learning in assembly.

