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INSET

Reminder: we have an INSET Day on Friday – so the **children break up on Thursday 23rd October** (normal time). We return on Monday 3rd November. Have a great half-term break if I don't see you beforehand!

Emails

In line with the rest of our Trust, our emails were this weekend migrated over from Google to Microsoft365, meaning we were unable to access them at the time. Barring a few inevitable teething problems, things should be returning to normal this week. Our email addresses remain the same and we will endeavour to respond to all emails in a timely manner (though please contact the school office by phone for urgent matters). Thank you for your patience.

School Photos

We will be having our (individual) school photos taken on Wednesday so please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform (and smiling if possible!). The photographer will take photos with siblings and Nursery children not attending on that day are welcome to pop in for their photo to be taken. Proofs / ordering instructions will be sent out ASAP after the photos have been taken.

New Menu & Lunch Debt

- Remember – our new menu (courtesy of Taylor Shaw) will be starting on the first Monday back. This has been sent out already but is available to view / download on our website and via the 'Notices' section on ReachMore.
- If you pay for your school meals, please check your balances and ensure any debt is cleared ASAP. We regret that, from Monday 3rd November, **we are no longer able to provide lunches for children where the lunch debt is over £20**. If this is likely to apply to you, we will let you know... but it is your responsibility to keep on top of this. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

HAF Clubs & SWFC Camps

- Reminder: The booking system for HAF (Holiday Activities with Food) for October half-term is now live. Children in receipt of (means-tested) Free School Meals can book activities such as skateboarding, creative arts, mixed martial arts, multisports and more. Spaces are limited; so go to www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org ASAP to find out more.
- Meanwhile, SWFC are running some (paid for) football camps during half-term (including one for girls only!). Visit [here](#) to book!

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening on the school year will be taking place on Wednesday 12th November (2nd week back). Appointment letters will be sent out later this week...

Retirees' Association Coffee Morning

Wharcliffe Side Retirees Association will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th November to raise funds for the retirees Christmas Party. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please pop along to Brightholmlee Methodist Church from 10:30am.

PTA lucky dip

Our PTA, FoWSS, are running a Halloween Lucky Dip before and after school on Thursday 23rd October: £1 a go, prize every time!

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Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

★ **Bronze:** Elio, Theo F, Ellis (Ash); Rocco (Rowan); Henry B, Polina, Penny (Sycamore); Isla, Charlie, Sienna (Oak)

★ **Silver:** Briar, Ari, Joseph B (Willow)

★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 94.9% overall last week (the average was brought down by one class because all the others were 95%+). The winners were Ash (KS1) with 99.6% and Rowan (KS2) with 95.9%.

★ Meanwhile, as he head into the final week of the half-term, we still have 55 children with 100% attendance for the year-to-date (Rowan class is the best with 17 of these children!). I wonder how long they'll be able to keep it up?

★ **House Point winners:** Americas won the house point trophy AGAIN last week (their 4th win already!).



This week's birthdays: Nayel (9), Joseph B (7), Cameron (8)

During the half-term break: Elizabeth (5)

This week's 'School Standard' is: Be a good friend

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be doing a 'Berry Bash' in their Forest Schools session and repeating words / phrases from familiar stories.

Ash will be doing a Halloween-themed Forest Schools session this week.

Willow are comparing the Arctic with Antarctica during their Geography lessons.

Staff and visitors have been very impressed with the effort and attitude of children in The Learning Zone recently - keep up the good work everyone!

Rowan are looking forward to welcoming Miss Burgess back from her maternity leave!

Children from Sycamore class have been promoting positive mental health in their 'Mighty Minds' sessions.

Last but not least, children from Oak class will be taking part in a Tag Rugby competition on Monday evening. They have been preparing for this all half-term and we wish them all the best!

