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Weekly Newsletter: wb 12th October 2026

Harvest Festival & Halloween Swap Shop

- Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival on Friday. We thought the children performed very well; especially our very youngest 'Wharnc Cliffside-by-Siders' – many of whom were performing on the stage for the very first time (they will get plenty more opportunities in the future!). Thanks also to all who have brought in donations for **Stocksbridge Food Bank**. Our collection won't be collected until half-term so there is still time to donate if you haven't already.
- Don't forget our PTA, 'Friends of Wharnc Cliffside School' will be running a **Halloween Costume Swap Shop** on Wednesday to Friday this week (before and after school). This is an opportunity to get rid of previously-loved costumes and get new ones without spending a fortune!

SEND Reviews & Parents' Evening

Our first SEND reviews of the academic year are coming up soon. If your child is on the SEND register and NOT due an Annual Review this term, you will receive an invite in the coming days. Due to the volume of meetings planned, we regret that we are unable to change appointment times. If you are unable to attend, please send in your comments and the paperwork will be sent out afterwards. Meanwhile, our whole-school parents' evening will take place on **Wednesday 11th November** (booking forms will be sent out in due course).

Wraparound provision (Breakfast & After-School Club)

We have received very positive feedback from children about our new after-school club. Could any parents using it please ensure outstanding invoices are paid before the end of the half-term? Going forwards, you will be pleased to know that the early collection option (£10 if picked up before 5:15pm) will be available to book on ParentPay after half-term. We appreciate that not everyone knows in advance which days they need so aim to be as flexible as possible. For those of you who do prefer an invoice, booking forms for Autumn 2 will be sent out next week (and available on the website / in Reception for any potential new customers!)

Card Reader

Speaking of paying invoices, did you know that we now have a card reader in the office? Whilst we'll still be using ParentPay, this gives you the option of paying for things via bank card (like you would in a shop). This method is preferred over cash as we do not keep large amounts of cash on the premises.

NHS advice sheet

Good attendance at school has very clear links with achievement and we always want children in school if they are well enough to be there. Nevertheless, there are times where absence is unavoidable... the tricky thing is often deciding what to do in those circumstances. The NHS have therefore created a very handy guide (attached alongside this newsletter) to help parents make those decisions. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please remember to ring the school and let us know (we have voicemail so you can ring at ANY time!).

HAF Camps

As you may know, the government changed the rules around Free School Meals / Pupil Premium from September. This means that free **HAF (Holiday Activities with Food)** Camps are now only available for those in receipt of 'Targeted Free School Meals'. If this applies to you, you should've received your HAF code already. Book activities here: www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org. Meanwhile, SWFC will again be hosting a HAF Camp at our school on Wednesday 28th October. Children NOT on FSM can also attend this session for £20. If you have any questions, get in touch!

ASCETS Family Hubs Partnerships

ASCETS stands for **Autism Social Communication Education & Training Service**. It is a new council service that supports children and young people with autism. They are working together with Sheffield Family Hubs to offer helpful sessions aimed at parents. See attached flyer or contact sophie.hughes@sheffield.gov.uk for more information.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Albert, Hannah, Dolly-Grey (Ash); Willow C, William M, Theo F (Willow); Lucy, Xander (Rowan); Erin, Maddie B, Raydan (Sycamore); Iris, Ida (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Lacey (Rowan); Erica (Sycamore); Max, Holly (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Wilfred & Ethan (Seedlings); Dexter & Woody (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was 96.0% overall last week; meaning our average for the year-to-date is 95.7% (an improvement on last year). The winning classes were Willow with 99.1% & Rowan with 98.6%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Oceania won the house point trophy last week (for the first time this year).
- ★ **Sumdog Superstars:** Harvey & Xander (Rowan); Molly & Willow G (Sycamore); D'low & Seth (Oak)



This week's birthdays:
Abigail (11), Vaughn (8),
Savannah (10)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Develop good relationships

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings' play focus will be all about outdoor construction. How imaginative can they be?

Saplings will be making apple crumble in their Forest Schools session

Reception children in Ash have now finished their DfE 'Baseline Assessment' with Mrs Wellum. This week, they will be exploring textures with paint in their Art lessons.

Willow are using adjectives to describe Little Red Riding Hood & the Wolf. Meanwhile, Mrs Harrison requests that everyone brings back the slip for the 'Izzy Gizmo' trip. Thank you!

The Learning Zone's Communication Group will be writing a recount about the model they made (an animal featured in 'Be Quiet!')

Rowan have been learning about their teeth and comparing them to the teeth of animals.

Sycamore have been writing descriptive sentences about the Himalayan Mountains.

Oak have been doing calculations with negative numbers in Maths.

