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Harvest

Don't forget it is our **Harvest Festival at 2pm on Friday 9th October**. Parents / carers are welcome to come in and watch our performance (there are no tickets for this event – just turn up on the day!). We are once again collecting for Stocksbridge Food Bank. Please send donations of 'non-perishable' food items or toiletries at any time during the week. Thanking you in anticipation! P.S. If you ever need the support of the foodbank, you can speak to me in the strictest confidence or self-refer here: <https://christchurchonline.org/community/stocksbridge-food-bank>

Book Fair

Last week's book fair was a huge success. The volume of sales generated an amazing **£295 worth of free books** for our school. School councillors were able to choose them from the shelves on behalf of their classes and I am pleased to see they are being borrowed already (please remember to return them when finished!).

School Poem

For National Poetry Day this week, we launched our own school poem: 'We are Wharnccliffe Side-by-Siders'

*Happiness spreaders,
Friendship makers,
Kindness promoters,
Book lovers,
Fair players,
Art creators,
Lesson leaders,
Sporty masters,
Problem solvers,
Hard workers,
Determined Dragons,
We are Wharnccliffe Side-by-siders!*

Road Safety

Many of our older children walk home by themselves and this is good for their independence. Unfortunately, I have recently received a couple of reports about children running near / across Brightholmlee Lane. If you are allowing your child to walk home on their own; please please remind them about road safety. We do not want anyone to be involved in an accident.

Job Shop

Our Y4-Y6 Job Shop is now open (in the library). If you would like a job; don't delay – apply today!

Flu vaccination

Flu vaccinations via the NHS will be taking place in school on Tuesday 17th November (reminder sent out last week). I know this seems like a while away but they request we sign up early to ensure they order enough supplies. Please sign up [here](#) if you haven't already.

Halloween Swap Shop

Our PTA, Friends of Wharnccliffe Side School (FoWSS) will be running a Halloween Costume Swap Shop from Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th October (see flyer sent alongside this newsletter).

Sheffield Music Hub

Naomi Hill from Sheffield Music Hub is offering half-price 20min lessons on 'rare breeds' brass instruments. Contact via email on musicubprojects@sheffield.gov.uk or pick a flyer up from reception.

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** **Reece, Ollie, Nova** (Ash); **Lexxi, Grayson** (Willow); **Joseph B, Henry J, William R** (Rowan); **Ruby, Eser, Astrid, Molly** (Sycamore); **Abigail, Max** (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** **Teddy & Zinnia** (Seedlings); **Grace & Theo** (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **95.9%** last week (our 2nd best week of the year so far) and the winning classes were **Willow (96.5%)** and **Sycamore (96.2%)**. Meanwhile, we still have **81** children with **100%** attendance so far - meaning they have earned 4 tickets each for our special raffle at the end of the half-term (1 ticket for every week you get 100%). There are 3 weeks left - so 3 more chances to get a ticket!
- ★ **House Point winners:** **Americas** won the house point trophy for the second time this half-term; amassing over 300 points in a week! Europe & Oceania are the only teams yet to win it... I wonder if they'll do it this week?
- ★ **Sumdog Superstars:** **Alfie J & Lucy** (Rowan); **Molly & Astrid** (Sycamore); **Josh & Skyla-Grey** (Oak). On Tuesday, the top 5 'Sumdoggers' in school (since we started) were awarded a free £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Keep an eye out for more spot prizes!
- ★ Well done to the 15 children who have been voted onto this year's school council by their peers: **Albie, Annabelle, Spike** (Ash); **Violet, Willow C, Elio** (Willow); **Kye, Vaughan, Lacey** (Rowan); **Eser, Penny, Maddie B** (Sycamore); **Henry B, Willow H, Eddie** (Oak). We will meet regularly to discuss issues / run projects. If other children have any ideas, they should speak to their class reps!
- ★ Good luck to all the children who entered the Peak Edge competition for European Languages Day - I am still awaiting notification of winners!



This week's birthdays:

Harvey (8), **Oscar B** (6), **Theo F** (7), **Albert** (5), **Ayla-Mae** (7), **Kaiden H** (3)

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be resourceful

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are doing 'helicopter stories' (if you don't know what this is, feel free to ask!); whilst **Saplings** are helping to create their own preschool rules. **Ash** are practising their subitising skills (this is learning to recognise a number of objects in a group without counting them - a very useful skill!). **Willow** are enjoying their Maths songs (helping them learn to count in tens). KS2 children in **The Learning Zone** are writing the legend of King Arthur. **Rowan** will be having a special Ancient Egyptian day. **Sycamore** have been learning who Julius Caesar was in their History lessons. **Oak** will be learning more about the skills of conflict resolution / peer mediation with Mr Gaughan this week.

