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Weekly Newsletter: 20th May 2024

So it is now the last week before half-term - time flies when you're having fun! Remember, we break up at normal time on Friday afternoon and return on Monday 3^{rd} June. We hope the weather stays nice and everyone has a relaxing break when it arrives...

SATs

The Y6s have now finished their SATs tests. We were very impressed with their sensible attitude during what can sometimes be a stressful week. They remained calm, focused and positive throughout - we are very proud of them. The papers have now been collected for marking and we should get the results on the 9th July and we will share them with pupils / parents as soon as possible thereafter.

Starting school

At the other end of school, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort in September. In order to ensure this transition into school is as smooth as possible, we are organising a number of events... Current nursery parents should look out for more information later this week.

Hall extension and temporary container

If you came up to school Friday afternoon, you will have noticed the new temporary shipping container situated on the KS1 yard (unfortunately, this was the only suitable place for it to go). This is to enable us to empty the PE stock cupboard which is to be demolished in order to make way for the new extension to the school hall. This work will continue after half-term and will mean there will be no access around the outside of school for the duration of the halfterm (so KS2 children will go through school instead).

School trips

Ash & Willow classes are visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Tuesday as part of their topic. The total cost of this trip has been subsidised by school and we asked parents for a contribution towards it. Whilst this trip is part of the curriculum and any such financial contribution is in fact voluntary; we cannot afford to keep organising school trips if enough parents do not support us. Unfortunately, this may mean that trips are cancelled at short notice or simply not arranged in the first place. If you have not yet made a contribution and would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your understanding.

Activities at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre

Further to the information about half-term activities (shared last week), Stocksbridge Leisure Centre will also be hosting an 'Ultimate Activity Camp' for children aged 5+. This will run on Tuesday and Thursday and places can be booked here: www.onthemove.org.uk/ultimateactivitycamps. If it is more convenient for you, the same event will run at Hillsborough Leisure Centre on the Wednesday and Friday. If you have any questions, you can email them directly on UACbookings@onthemove.org.uk.

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.

Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:



- ★ Bronze: Eser, Astrid (Willow); Joely, Enes (Rowan); Ameera (Sycamore)
- Silver: Frankie-Lola, Henry (Ash); Polina, Hope (Rowan); Alyssa, Zach, Ameera (Sycamore)
- ☆ Gold: Roscoe (Ash)
- \star Everyone in Y6 for their fantastic attitude towards the SATs (see over)
- ☆ Nursery Stars of the Week: Honey & Henry B
- ☆ Healthy Eating Champion: Skyla-Grey
- Attendance winners: Attendance overall was 94.7% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.2% and Sycamore (KS2) with 95%.
- \bigstar House Point winners: Oceania won the house point trophy last week.

This week's 'School Standard' is: Evaluate my learning



This week's birthdays: Josh (10), Edie (11), Mickey (11)

Birthdays during half-term: Franklin (11), Jonah (11), Leo C (7), Eser (6)

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be making repeated patterns with natural materials in their maths sessions this week.

Ash & Willow will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Tuesday. KS1 children in The Learning Zone are writing instructions about making monkey biscuits!

Rowan will be finishing their steady hand games in DT.

In their Spanish lessons, Sycamore have been describing themselves and others using the verb 'tener' (to have).

Oak have now finished their SATs and will be returning to normal work this week! (there are still plenty of things to cover before they go to secondary school!)



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