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Week 5 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! Last week was a really busy but, ultimately, really positive week across school. All of the amazing clubs are all working well although chasing some of our pace-setting Y5/6 pupils is not good for Mrs Exley and I on a Friday morning, or the morning after actually! Thank you for the dress down support- everyone looked terrific and we raised an amazing £290 for a wonderful cause that is close to many of our families hearts. Well done! It is so lovely to have visits and exciting events being planned again- we have added the most recent letters to our website although they have already gone to the relevant classes on email- so many exciting things are being planned with a whole KS2 visit to Chester Zoo being a highlight. Mrs Fearn is working on some more exciting news for the whole school which will be announced in the coming weeks! I'm starting to plan sporting activities readily, again- look out for emails soon- and some sporting reward visits too like the visits to Oakwell, Hillsborough, Sheffield Steelers and Sheffield Sharks from previous pre-COVID trips.

COVID update: Thank you to everyone for working with us to follow our new guidelines in school. Things are really settled now and working smoothly. Please just remember the key points- to avoid early arrivals before your time slot, please keep children safe on the playground and nearby- please don't stay and play on equipment (trim trail, football, etc) as we need to keep people moving! Please also take care with walking down through the car park- we have lots of deliveries during the day from large vans or lorries and some childcare groups or disabled parents/carers accessing the car park at very busy times. Thank you for your amazing support so far!

School News: A huge well done to all of the pupils who have recently been appointed to our fabulous School Council! We will launch a team photo on Twitter very soon and we have a new display area near Y6 to show our fantastic team. These pupils are now the representative voice for their whole class so please do make sure that every child's voice is heard! We will cover this in assembly this week too but if you have ideas about play time, fundraising, lessons, visits...please let us know if your child, or you as a parent, have ideas or suggestions! We will be reaching out to parents soon with a survey all about curriculum to keep that vital parent voice at the heart of all we do.

Learning Logs: We have made a little video featuring some Y3 pupils to explain how the new learning logs work. The pupils in Y1-Y6 now have theirs and they should be bringing them home daily to use to support their learning. The video here: <https://youtu.be/KHjV0CAUFqs> explains how to use them. They have so many tools to help parents too. Please ensure that children or adults log daily reading (just page numbers, etc) but, most importantly, that you add a weekly comment to your child's log. F2 pupils will bring their logs home late next week now that they have settled in. Please be aware that all key dates are in your child's learning log (and printed on the week by week sheets) and we hope to be able to send less reminders via text and tweets this year- the log is a one stop shop for all of your needs!

Barnsley FC Penalty Shoot-Out: A gentle reminder that we have the penalty shoot-out at the end of this week. All classes have a time slot from nursery to Y6. If the weather is good we will do it outdoors and if the weather is poor we will use the hall. All children- regardless of sponsorship amounts can take penalties but they don't all have to do it. We will write on your child's sheet how many they scored out of five in case they were sponsored per goal. Any money raised will support our local football club and the school- our school funds after the COVID pandemic are really low so please do support if you can! There are some great incentives to raise money too with prizes aplenty. Who knows, if every school in England did this, the national teams might win a penalty shoot more frequently than every 15 years!

Harvest Festival: This year our Harvest Festival performance will take place on the radio again. We will be live on Penistone FM on Friday 15th October between 10-11am so please spread the word and get the whole family involved! We will be welcoming donations for our harvest/wellbeing deliveries to the elderly and vulnerable too- more details next week but we are ready to welcome any donations of tinned goods, packet foods, non-perishable items and/or magazines/puzzle books etc that can be shared. These can be left in the boxes in the shelter or in the foyer at reception.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 4

Attendance: 96.8% Class of the Week: Y2 with 98.8% Late marks: 0 GOOD to be GREEN: 98.7%

Mini Diary- Week 5 (Well-being theme: Online Safety/Music of the week: Bob Marley)

Thursday 30th September: Y5/6 Boys Football at PGS (4-5.15pm)

Friday 1st October: Barnsley Football Club Shoot-out (school uniform to be worn as normal but trainers can be worn)

