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Week 7 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We are just two weeks from the half-term break...keep going everyone!

COVID update: We have had 6 more cases since our last newsletter with four children returning so the number of cases in school is not quite yet causing significant concern above and beyond the planned risk assessment. We would urge parents in Y2 and Y3 to be extra mindful and to keep up testing please as we have five and three current cases in those classes respectively. Please note that we are receiving a high number of calls to query our preferred approach and what to do if a child feels symptoms x, y and z. It is almost impossible to advise outside of the DfE guidelines at this time but the website below has some useful information.

Medical advice for families: Visit the Healthier Together website, written by Doctors and Health and Care Staff in South Yorkshire for advice and guidance on a wide range of common illnesses and medical conditions that affect children and young people aged between 0-18, and for advice on when you should/ shouldn't send them to school: <https://sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

School News: KS2 absolutely loved their day of Shakespeare on Friday as they enjoyed Romeo and Juliet. Speaking of star-crossed lovers, myself and Mrs Ridgwick were blown away by the amazing efforts of our families to raise an incredible £6500 to split between Barnsley FC and ourselves after the penalty shootout event...that is seriously impressive. We can't thank you enough! After all of the events we have had to cancel due to COVID this last 18 months this money will really help our school funds! The event was very popular too and the prizes will be given out in a big celebration assembly very soon! A big well done to our fantastic footballers...all 60 of them who took on the strong teams of Burton Road Primary with 0-1, 1-2 and 0-5 defeats respectively with a 4-1 win for the Y5/6 girls who go from strength to strength! Players of the matches go to Miles (Y3), Katie (Y4), Hattie W (Y6) and Jenson (Y6). Every child was amazing in their efforts and team work. We also thank the many parents who attended to support the players. Lastly, congratulations to our superstar 'Get Mucky' team at the latest PGS event with P4Sport. All 12 children completed the course three times despite the water bombs, silly string and paint splashes lurking between obstacles! Well done all and our supportive spectators!

(Reminder) Prospective Tours: Please note that we have set up three open evenings to allow new prospective parents to access the school safely. The dates and times are:
Friday 22nd October @ 4pm, Tuesday 23rd November @ 5pm, Thursday 9th December @ 6pm

Poetry Day: Well done to everyone who entered the poetry competition! We had just over 30 entries in the end- they were all fantastic! Well done to Zayd in F2, Esme and Reuben in Y2, Chloe in Y3, Harriet in Y4, Nathan in Y6 and Jessica in Y6 for their winning entries! What a standard! Maybe we should publish them! They will all go on display in our School Library soon. We must say a big thank you to Mr Thompson for his time and energy...the children adored his poems. There is still an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the author's debut poetry collection entitled 'Kamikaze Mouse' through School Money.

Harvest Festival: Please help us to ensure that any harvest packs are delivered to the correct addresses and appropriate people. Please let us know by Wednesday this week if you know someone who might like a wellbeing pack or, if applicable, of anyone who might have moved house that used to receive one! 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 are still welcoming donations for our harvest/wellbeing deliveries to the elderly and vulnerable too- thank you for your kind donations so far!

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

School Statistics- Week 6

Attendance: 94% Class of the Week: Y4 with 97.7% Late marks: 0 GOOD to be GREEN: 98.3%

Mini Diary- Week 7 (Well-being theme: Stay Safe/Music of the week: Tina Turner)

Monday 11th October: Y3/4 at Magna (non-uniform and comfortable shoes)

Thursday 14th October: P4Sport event at PGS- Y3/4 Orienteering 11-12 (wear sports kit all day) and KS1 Football 2.15-3

Thursday 14th October: PGS Open Evening (Y6 online), 'Flu immunisations F2-Y6 (where permission granted)

Friday 15th October: Y5 Enterprise Day (all day) and Harvest Radio Show- 10 to 11am on Penistone FM

