

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of leading a whole school assembly to warmly welcome all the children back after the summer holiday. It was lovely to hear some of the children share their holiday highlights. There were some great stories! During this assembly, we also introduced our new staff members to the school community. Our new teachers are: Mrs Coats, Miss Smith and Ms Browne. Mrs Bedford is our new Learning Mentor and Miss Adamson is our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant. The children gave them a very warm welcome and we are thrilled to have them on board the Nether Green team!

We also had the chance to showcase the improvements made around the school over the summer break. These included the refurbishment of our dining hall, where we also have a new intervention and sensory room, the painting of a new mural in the sports hall and new carpets installed in most classrooms. The children were excited to see these changes and it has been a great way to kick off the new term. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Jama and Miss Stiles for all their hard work over the summer in getting the school ready for the children and to Mr O'Connell (our play leader) for his incredible art work for the mural in the sports hall.



This term, our focus is on Respect. During our assembly, we talked about what respect looks like in our school and how important it is in our everyday interactions. Throughout the week, I led phase assemblies where I introduced the six core values we hold at our school: respect, behaviour and attitudes, effort and resilience, pride, independence, and teamwork. I engaged the children in a discussion on how these values look in practice, both in school and beyond. We explored how embracing these values will help our children succeed in whatever they pursue.

To inspire the children further, we looked at some iconic figures including Malorie Blackman, Zaha Hadid, Michael Rosen, Emma Raducanu, David Attenborough and the Brownlee brothers to name just a few. These individuals have demonstrated our core values in their work and lives, from resilience and effort to teamwork and independence, serving as a source of inspiration for us all.

Mrs Thorlby ended the week with an important assembly. She spoke to the children about our safeguarding team and who they can go to if they feel worried about anything. She also shared our school targets and explained to the children what we will be focussing on this year. Democracy was also discussed in Mrs Thorlby's assembly. Mrs Handley will be talking to the children about Democracy later this half term.

In an effort to keep communication streamlined, we will be introducing a new format for the weekly newsletter. Every other week, you'll receive a more detailed newsletter with updates, events, and school news. On the alternate weeks, we'll be sending a shorter version that highlights key dates, celebrates children's achievements, and includes a brief message from myself. We hope this new approach will make it easier to stay informed while also celebrating the wonderful things happening at our school. We are in the process of finalising our 'Parental Engagement Offer'. Once completed, it will be emailed out to parents and carers and added to the website.

Whilst on the subject of communication, we urge you to activate and log in to your ParentPay account, if you haven't already done so. ParentPay is a vital communication tool which allows us to share information and also enables parents/carers to give consent for activities, trips and other permissions, such as giving photographic consents. Please check your ParentPay account to ensure all consents have been actioned for the start of this academic year.

The PTA team are looking forward to planning some more fun events for the children and wider community this year and hope to build on the success of last year. They will be in touch next week with a reminder of who they are, how you can get involved and the date of their first meeting.

It's been a fantastic start to the term, the older children have been incredible role models to our new Y<sub>3</sub> pupils and I am thoroughly looking forward to all the exciting learning and growth that lies ahead this academic year!

## **Key Dates**

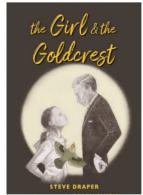
9th September	Y4 Parents' Information Evening 5.3opm
10th September	Y <sub>5</sub> Parents' Information Evening 5.3opm
11th September	Individual Photographs
11th September	Y <sub>3</sub> Parents' Information Evening 5.3opm
12th September	Y6 Parents' Information Evening 5.3opm
13th September	IR Parents' Information Meeting 2.15pm
16th September	SEND Parent/Carer coffee morning
24th September	Y6 visit to Endcliffe Park
October	Black History Month
3rd October	Y <sub>3</sub> visit to Creswell Crags
4th October	Y <sub>5</sub> visit to Jorvik
8th October	Y3/Y4 Reading Workshop, 5.3opm
9th October	Y5/Y6 Maths Workshop, 5.3opm

10th October	Hello Yellow Day Mental health awareness/fundraising
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11th October	Y <sub>5</sub> Viking Day in school
14th - 24th October	Y6 Bikeability
w/b 14th October	Y <sub>3</sub> SEND Review Meetings
15th October	Y5 Viking Assembly 2.45pm
18th October	SEND Family Communication Workshop, 9am - 10.30am
w/b 21st October	Y6 SEND Review Meetings
23rd & 24th October	Parent/Carer Evenings
25th October	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
28th October - 1st November	October Half Term Holiday
31st October - 1st November	Diwali
4th November	Children return to school
w/b 4th November	Y4 SEND Review Meetings

## Lunch Menu - w/b 9th September 2024







Teens save the planet! An adventure story..... Saturday 7th **S**eptember 11.00 - 12.00

Find out what happens with author Steve Draper

## **FAMILY EVENT FOR CHILDREN** Age 7 - 11

Story exploring, Quiz and Activity with illustrator Brian Smith

**BROOMHILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY** 10 Taptonville Road, Sheffield S10 5BR





**Scissors** Paper Stone

St John's Church, Ranmoor

Saturday 7 September

## **Heritage Open Day**

With a talk by local historians Val Hewson and Sue Roe

The life of Job Stone and other stonemasons of Ranmoor

> Church open to visitors from 2.00 Talk begins at 5.30

Displays from The Ranmoor Society, self-guided tours of the church, ringing room tours and there will be an opportunity to watch the video made of the stone masons marks found in the roof of St John's.



Children can explore the church with our NEW children's trail. create their own clav maker's mark or design their own stone tic tac toe.

Refreshments will be available.



