



Dear Parents,

One of the highlights of my day is welcoming children to school every morning. I thoroughly enjoy the chats we have and the eagerness children show for their day ahead. This week it was especially fun to see Year 3 children coming in dressed up for their Egyptian day and to be greeted by Year 5 and 6 children who have responded to an impromptu competition to learn Pi to as many decimal places as possible! Well done children for embracing your learning so enthusiastically.

Individual (and sibling) pupil photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken by a visiting photographer on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March. Children who have PE on those days should wear a school jumper which can then be changed for PE.

Celebration Assembly

Unfortunately due to a technical problem we are unable to share photos on SeeSaw of those children who were celebrated in this morning's assembly. We're hopeful this will be resolved by Monday. Please do look out for certificates in children's bags though.

Fundraising

As a community it is important to remember and support those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. I am proud of the generosity that has been shown to local charities including the Children's Hospital and Food Bank, as well as national charities such as Children In Need. We do however need to be mindful not to be asking for donations too often, recognising the pressure this can put on families. For this reason we have chosen not to support Comic Relief this year. I would however like to congratulate Sydney, Ivy, Nyla and Daisy who have raised over £200 in sponsorship by rolling an Edam Cheese around Greenhill Park! Fantastic!

We do however have a new opportunity to support children in the Philippines through the donation of second-hand clothes and toys which might otherwise be destined for the bin. Some of you may remember that 5 years ago we collected shoes for children from orphanages and schools in the Philippines. Wendy Holmes has been in to school again this week to tell the children about the places in the Philippines that she supports. They are on the largest island, Luzon, in Zambales. We are asking for your help to donate second hand shoes, clothes and toys that your children have grown out of that we could send on to the Philippines. There will be a box in reception as well as in the Y5/6 and Y3/4 practical areas for the donations. Please only send items that are in good condition (no soft toys or electronic devices/games). Thank you.





Playground Friends

For most children, the playground is a space that children associate with fun and happy memories. However, for some of our children, playtime can be a little overwhelming especially if children are a little shy or struggling to connect with others.

Earlier this term, we approached our Year 5 and Year 6 children to ask if they would like to apply for the position of 'Playground Friends'. To our amazement a whopping 48 children completed an application form for the role and their enthusiasm has been outstanding. The role of Playground Friends is to model kindness and good social interactions, especially with our younger children on the infant playground. They have a large box, stocked with playground resources and playground activity / games cards.

Mrs Whitaker has already reported how helpful they have been and she has especially praised them for their problem-solving skills whilst independently resolving minor matters. Thank you to everyone who has taken on this role.

Easter Disco

Our FOBPS Easter Disco is taking place on Thursday 21st March: Infants 5 – 6:15 and Juniors 6:30 – 7:45. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased through Parent Pay. Please see the attached poster.

Sheffield Parents Guide

The Sheffield Parent Hub Spring 2024 What's on Guide is now available on the Sheffield Directory: [Sheffield Parent Hub | Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk). Please take a look.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Thomas'.

Mr Chris Thomas
Headteacher

