

Weekly Update 10.02.23

What a busy week to end this half-term! We welcomed our PCSO into school on Monday as we marked Safer Internet Day, followed by parents for our 'busy end' and then our wonderful JAM messy church volunteers for another fun-filled after-school session.

On Tuesday the children were delighted to meet Sita from Settle Stories and enjoy some more story-telling, not to mention magic-paper painting! If you would still like to purchase a copy of her book, *The Dragon's Pearl*, it can be found here:

[Settle Stories - The Home of Adventurous Storytelling](#)

On Wednesday, the Y5/6 children headed off to Bedale High School to see their production of *A Little Shop of Horrors*, whilst the younger children were enjoying their usual swimming and forest school activities.

By Thursday, excitement was truly in the air as our Young Voices children headed off to Sheffield Arena. They had an amazing day and did us proud with their impeccable behaviour, singing and enthusiasm. Many thanks to Mrs Harris for organising such a fantastic opportunity for our children. We had a quiet day today – with a few sleepy children but well done for all making it in after such a late night! The half-term break has come just at the right time.

School Council

A huge thank you to Poppybell, Olivia, Mark, Katelynn and Emily L for all their hard work on the School Council over the last year. Following last week's elections, they now hand over the reins to a new group of school councillors. Congratulations to: Jack, Autumn, Poppy, Kitty and Alexander who attended their first School Council meeting today.

All-age Worship

Many thanks to all the children and families who have volunteered to help at this Sunday's family service at St Nicholas Church at 9.30am. All welcome - looking forward to seeing you there.

Following the half-term break...

...school reopens on Monday 20th February

The Rockets (YR/1&2) will continue to swim on Wednesday afternoons, whilst the nursery and KS2 children will continue to take part in Forest School with Madeleine.

Toddler Forest School

Just a reminder that this begins again with Madeleine from 1st march 2023. Please spread the word. All information can be found on 'Outdoor Adventures Forest School' Facebook page.

Safeguarding, health and wellbeing updates

As mentioned above, PCSO Heather visited on Monday to talk to the children about how to keep safe on the internet. We know that it can be tricky for parents as they try to keep track of what their children are doing online. PCSO Heather recommends looking at the [Childnet website](#) which has lots of useful information to help with this.

We are aware that some of our older children are using Fortnite. Chapter 4 has just been released, which means that many children are going to be talking about this. Similarly, some children who grew bored with Chapter 3 are going to be checking out the new Chapter 4. So now is a good time for parents to revisit those parental controls to set up the game and devices appropriately to the age of the child. There is a step-by-step guide to setting up parental controls on Fortnite [here](#) and attached.

Wishing all our families a very happy half-term break.