



The Thursday Celebration

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a lovely time together with your families. This term sees the beginning of a new year at Watercliffe Meadow and an important term for learning. Now the excitement of Christmas has passed we can use this term to focus on learning and help all our children make the best progress they possibly can. Together we can help your child reach for the stars and achieve to the best of their ability! You should have received your child's half termly newsletter with the Green 'Un telling you what is happening in their class and ways you can support learning at home. If you need any guidance on ways to support your child, please see their teacher.

Farewell!

At the end of today we will be saying a sad farewell to Sam Dyson. We wish Sam all the very best in the next phase of her life and we are sure Sam will be back at WCM sometime in the future in her new job after all her training is complete!

Parents' Evening

You should also have received your letter for Parents' Evening this week. Please let your child's class teacher know when you can attend so they can book you a 10 minute slot of time to discuss learning. Please return the sheets as soon as possible to get a time that suits you and your family. The dates are:

Tuesday 21st January 3.30 – 5.30

Wednesday 22nd January 3.30 – 7.00

100% Attendance

On the last Friday of the Autumn Term there was a special assembly where we had a draw for three £25 Amazon Vouchers. Our winners were Isabelle Cooke, Regan D'Arcy

and Keyaan Adnan. To be in the draw you needed to have had 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Across school there were 104 children that achieved this, well done to you all! We will repeat the draw at the end of the Spring term.

Year 6 SATs Information Meetings and Revision Books

If you have a child in Y6 and would like to know more about SATs Week (Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May) and how you can support your child's learning, then come along to one of two (identical) sessions next week: **Tuesday 14th January at 2:45pm** or **Thursday 16th January at 9.00am**.

A letter went home at the beginning of the week about an opportunity to buy revision workbooks for your child. As a school, we can purchase them at the discounted price of £2.25 for one and £5.00 for all 3 (Reading, Maths and SPaG). For more information, ask one of the Year 6 Team or view sample copies at parents' evening.

Bronze Badges

The Friday before Christmas, Mr Read and Mrs Bradley visited classrooms to give out Bronze Badges. To earn a Bronze Badge children need to have not lost any Golden Time from September until Christmas, a whole term. Altogether we gave out 201 badges! This is fantastic and shows how great the children are at making the right choices and following our Golden Rules. If your child did not manage to get a badge they can try again this term and aim for the badge at Easter, there were quite a number of children who only lost 5 minutes in the whole term! All those children who did get a badge are aiming for silver! A big well done to you all!



Neil Griffiths returns to Watercliffe

On **Wednesday 29th January**, author and inventor of 'story sacks', Neil Griffiths is coming to WCM. Neil has been before and produced with us a short film sharing his top tips for reading at home. Neil will start with a session for parents in the hall from 9.00-10.00 before working with children in school for the rest of his time with us. As well as sharing great ideas for making reading fun at home, he is also very entertaining. All parents are welcome...please come and join us.

Uniform

It is great to see the children back in school in uniform looking all clean and tidy. Just a reminder that the sweatshirt needs to be a WCM one with the emblem on. The polo shirt can be plain royal or sky blue. There is some uniform in stock, please call to the office if you need some. Also, indoor shoes are a must at this time of the year to save soggy socks and wet feet.

Contact Numbers

If you have a new telephone over Christmas please let the office know so we can update our records if we need to contact you. This will also ensure that you get any texts sent out from school.

After School Clubs

As usual we have had a very good take up on After School Clubs. There are still a few places spare, just call into the office to check what activities are still available. If your child is continuing an activity from last term then you do need to sign a new consent form. We will also be checking the registers from After School Clubs and if your child is not attending we will ring you to check if they do still want the place, this will ensure we can offer any unused places to other children on the waiting list.

Snow

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and RadioHallam and

text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

Names in Clothes

Can we please remind you to write your names in all your children's clothes, especially all the new coats that have been presents at Christmas! We are finding items of uniform around school and do not know who they belong to!

Scooters and Bikes

There are some lovely new bikes and scooters coming to school that were obviously Christmas presents, riding to school is a great way to get some early morning exercise. Can we please remind you that bikes and scooters need to be locked up, it is not school's responsibility to keep them safe.

Administering Medicines

Please remember we can administer medicines in school that have been prescribed for your child, this includes paracetamol. Please bring your medication into school and see Sue Bibby who will complete the relevant paperwork.

Green Un by email?

Do you find it difficult to read our Green Un on a weekly basis? If so, why not email Liz Graham in the office and she will add you to her weekly mailing list. You can also call in to the office and hand her your email address. Please pass this message on to your family and friends!

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It's Back...

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2020 show will start on Monday 20th January! Miss Gibson will be collecting names of acts and their song titles next week before collating audition times.

We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Friday 15th February**.