



# The Thursday Green Un

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## Welcome Back

Well here we are at the beginning of our 10<sup>th</sup> year at WCM. We will be celebrating 10 years of life at WCM at different points across the year. We are very proud of all that has been achieved since we opened in 2008. It was lovely to hear some of the success stories of our early cohorts of children as they collected their GCSE results over the summer. A huge congratulations to you all!

We welcome everyone back to Watercliffe Meadow after the long summer holidays. We would also like to welcome any new families to the school, if there is anything you need to know, just ask, staff will always be happy to help.

It has been so lovely in school over the last few days. Having all the children back and listening to the fantastic times they have shared with families and friends has been a delight. We have had quite a number of the Summer Reading challenges back. If you have not yet completed it you have until next Friday; 30 reads earns you a Reading Robot badge!

The 'Dream Jar' home learning challenges that have come in to school so far have been amazing. Keep them coming in.

We want to make WCM the best place possible for your children to attend but we can only do that with your help and support. If you think we are doing something wrong, come and see us with a better idea. Together we can sort anything! Please remember if you wish to see your child's class teacher to discuss any issues, please call to the office and a member of the team will make an appointment.

## Information from WCM!

This year we will be continuing to use the text system to keep you up to date with things that are happening at school. We have already sent texts out this week to mobile phone numbers you have given us. If you did not receive any texts it means that we haven't got your current phone number.

If this is the case, please call in to the office to update your contact information. Key

information will also be included in the Green Un so keep reading every week to be 'in the know'!

## Meet the Teacher

At the start of every year we provide an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and hear about what your child will be experiencing in their new class and some of the things coming up, as well as a chance to ask any questions you may have. The times of these meetings are:

- **Y3** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-9.30
- **Y5** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-9.30
- **Y1** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2.30-3.00
- **Y2** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-9.30
- **Y6** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-9.30
- **Y4** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9.00-9.30

## Newsletters

Please look at your child's newsletter that should have come home with tonight's Green Un. It tells you about all the topics that your child will be learning over the next half term and gives you ideas about ways to support their learning at home. You should have also received the 'dates card' at the end of last year with information about key events in the year ahead.

## Learning Journals Y3-6

Your child will have brought home their new learning journal this week. After suggestions from families we have changed a few things in the journal, please let us know what you think. Your child will need to have their journal in school every day as they will be used to support their learning in the classroom as well as at home.

## Uniform

We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has sent their children in full uniform. Seeing all the children in their classrooms so well presented is lovely. Please remember that indoor shoes are also part of our uniform when children are in class. If your child does not come in uniform we will give them spare to wear while they are in school. This will also be the case for PE kits. So...if you don't

want your child wearing spare uniform make sure they come to school in dress code. Don't forget to clearly mark all items with your child's name so we can return lost items to their owners! If you need any spare uniform please call in to the office, there is some in stock.

### Jewellery

Our jewellery policy allows children to wear one pair of stud earrings. These need to be taken out independently by your child for PE lessons and will be kept in a tin in the classroom during PE. Unfortunately, staff in school can't help to remove earrings. If your child chooses to wear them then they must take responsibility for them.

### Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £2.00 a day, £10.00 a week for a hot dinner or a 'pick 'n' mix'...please pay on a Monday. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please see Sue Bibby and she will help you to apply. Your dinner money bill will need to be up to date before you can start paying for residential.

### Applying for a Secondary School Place

If you have not already done so, then this half term is the time to apply for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2017. You can do this online at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions) or by filling in a paper form (you can request one of these by phoning Secondary Admissions on **0114 2735790**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address. Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2018**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

### Reception Children

We would like to say a big well done to all the children who have started full time school for the first time this week. The children have been fantastic! They are so sensible and are following the Golden Rules already!

### After School Programme

Our full programme of after school activities will begin next week. The timetables went out last term but you can collect another one from the office. Once your child has joined an activity please let Kim Walsh know if they will not be attending the activity or choose not to continue. This helps us to keep track of children or means we can offer the place to another child. Please

remember to pay on a regular basis or your child will lose their place.

After school clubs are a fantastic way to introduce your child to new activities and help them make friends with new children. Why not give one a go!

### Residential

Residential are a big part of the additionality we add to our curriculum at WCM. We run residential in every year group from Y2 to Y6. Look out for the letter that will be coming home next week with details of when they are and the cost. We heavily subsidise all the residential visits but we also realise that paying for them can be difficult. We will not be able to let any child go who has not paid by the 'cut off' date for the residential. To help with this we can provide a 'payment card' so you can start paying a little at a time. You can also spread the cost of residential across the year by setting up a direct debit, please call and see Liz Graham for more information about this. Please note we will not be allowing any children to sign up for residential if there is a debt owed to school.

### Cross-Country

If your child would like to try cross-country please see Sam Dyson. Training is on Wednesday after school until 4.15. This year we are hosting the second race of the season on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** so if you would like to volunteer at this event please let Sam know!

#### **Cross Country Dates:**

23rd September - Norfolk Park

14th October - Parkwood

11th November - Bradfield

25th November - Shirebrook

9th December - Longley Park

27th January - Concord Park

10th February - Brunswick

10th March- Graves Park

17th March- Y3/4 relays Hillsborough Park

24th March -Y5/6 relays Limsfield

Completing the cross-country races is a real challenge and something to be proud of for those who take part.

### Outdoor Curriculum

We have made plans this academic year to do more learning outside in the natural environment. Children will be doing more investigating outside so please ensure your child has suitable footwear and a warm coat in school.

### Allotments Available

There are some empty allotments on the Roe Wood site, there will be a chance on 30th September for people to look round, between 11.00am and 3.00pm.