



The Thursday GREEN'UN

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Reading Workshop For KS2.

In the summer term we sent home a booklet explaining our approach to reading at Watercliffe Meadow. If you would like to find out more about how you can support your child with their reading, we will be running some workshops for parents this term. The first of these is for parents of Y3-6 children and will be held at **9.00am** on the **Thursday 28st September** in the studio. After you've taken your child to their class, come along for a cuppa and a biscuit and learn about our reading superheroes. A Y1&2 workshop will follow in early October.



Phonics Workshops

Phonics has started in F2 and we are very excited. Now we want to share our learning with our grown ups so please come and join us on the dates below:

Wednesday 20th September

Friday 29th September

Thursday 5th October

We will start the workshop straight after register.

Baby News

We would like to say a big congratulations to Emma Wells on the birth of her second daughter Dolly Mae, born on the 29th August weighing 7lb 5oz. Dolly and Emma are both doing well at home. We can't wait to meet her! Miss Wells has asked me to thank you all for the lovely comments that were written on the Facebook post.



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the families who attended these meetings last week. Here are the times of the meetings for next week:

- **Y2** Tuesday 19th September 9.00-9.30
- **Y6** Wednesday 20th September 9.00-9.30
- **Y4** Thursday 21st September 9.00-9.30

Missing Books

In July we encouraged our children to take books home to read over the summer, but this means that we now have a shortage in school because they have not all come back. Could you please have a look for any books at home that have the Watercliffe Meadow stamp inside, and return them to school so that other children can read them too.

Summer Reading Challenge

Tomorrow is the deadline for returning Summer Reading Challenges.

Congratulations to everyone who has completed it. Remember to record your 40 reads in your journal or reading record to collect your bronze badge in December.

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 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.

Residentials

Residentials are a big part of the additionality we add to our curriculum at WCM. We run residentials 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 residentials 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 residentials if there is a debt owed to school.

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.

Lego Club

We are starting a Lego Club in school to support children's learning and emotional development. If you have any spare Lego you would like to donate to school we would really appreciate it. Please drop it into the Learning Mentor room, or if it needs collecting we will come and get it from your house.

Firefighter Clothes Collection

The collection of clothes will take place on **Monday 2nd October**. Please bring any clothes into school from **Wednesday 27th September**. Please note the charity have said they cannot accept bedding or household textiles and any shoes need to be in a separate bag. Please call into the office for a bag or two!

Blogs

We have ordered new i-pods over the summer to enable staff to Blog more easily. These are currently being set up to connect to the school network but should be ready to go by the end of the week. This means that the class Blogs will be up and running next week so you can follow learning across school.

Facebook

Our Facebook page is becoming more popular but there are still some families we are not reaching. If you have parents as friends on Facebook who have not liked our page please tag them in.

https://www.facebook.com/WatercliffeMeadow/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

After School Clubs

After School Clubs are now up and running for the new school year. Please let the office know if your child changes their mind and no longer wishes to attend a club as we have a waiting list for many activities. Due to whole staff training after school next **Tuesday 19th September** all clubs are cancelled. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nursery Places

If you have a child at home who is not yet 3 years old please make sure you register them for Nursery. Once you have filled in the form just drop it back to school and the Nursery staff will contact you to arrange a home visit, usually within the term of their 3rd birthday.

We now offer 30 hours for families that are eligible, please ask in the office for more information.

Dressing up clothes - can you help?

We are looking to enhance outdoor provision to make lunchtimes more fun for our children. If you have any unwanted fancy dress clothes, old coats, hats or old blankets they would be very much appreciated - thank you!

Boxes!

F2 are making models but they need lots of different boxes of different sizes. If you have any at home please bring them into school so they can build amazing things!