



# The Thursday Green 'Un

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## Have a Free Dinner!

It's free dinner day again on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**October.** All children can try a hot meal, jacket potato with a range of fillings, or have a pick and mix packed lunch. The best thing is for one day only it **won't cost you a penny** - we would like **every** child to have a dinner in school for **free!** On this day there will be a choice of:

Hot Dinner	Jacket potato	Pick 'n' Mix
Hunter's Chicken or Cheese Cannelloni (V)	With a filling of: Cheese or Cottage cheese Beans Tuna Coleslaw	Pasta pots Sandwiches and wraps Mini ploughman's lunch
Choice of pudding or fruit/yoghurt	Choice of pudding or fruit/yoghurt	Choice of pudding or fruit/yoghurt

So if your child usually has a packed lunch from home why not let them try one of our meals for free on this day - all children need to do is let their teacher know on Thursday morning that they are having a school meal.

We are also having **Family Meal Night** at parents evening on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.** All the family will be welcome to come and have a full meal with us for £2 each. The meal on this night will be Sausage and Mash (or quorn sausage for those who are vegetarian) and a pudding. Please call into the office or café to book and pay for your places for this as spaces will be limited.

In addition we will be holding free tasting sessions of our new dishes at parents evenings on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October,** where you can come and have a little taste of the food that we offer.

## Can you run a marathon?

Now that is a bit of a challenge and takes months of training but here is a challenge for you...If you complete 282 laps of our running

track then that is equivalent to a full marathon. Think you can do it? The running track is open every day at lunchtime with one of our play leaders and their helpers to count laps and ensure it is all done above board and accurately. You need to register your name with an adult before you run or your laps won't count. So go along and join in the challenge! We have already had Kian in Y4 complete the challenge this year (with laps carried over from last year) and others who are close. Why not get your name on the list in assembly!

## Cross-Country

The first cross-country race of the season is on Saturday at Norfolk Park. We have some new members of the team who are running for the first time in a competitive race and our old team members who have had a long summer break. We hope the weather will be kind to them! Good luck to everyone who is taking part. The second race is at Parkwood Springs hosted by us on the **14<sup>th</sup> October.** If you think you could help out please contact Sam Dyson.

## Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been reading the traditional tale of the 3 little pigs. One of the activities in the provision was to act out the story using puppets and we really enjoyed playing "What time is it Mr. Wolf?" in P.E. There are lots of photos on our blog of children learning in provision.

This half term in **F2** our home learning is a family selfie. There are lots already on our blog, have a look at our lovely families! Don't forget to send your selfies as everyone gets a sticker and you can see yourself on our blog.

During this term all our learning in **Y2** is going to be focussed on our key question of 'Is something ever truly lost?'

We have already had a P4C session on this where most of the children could use personal experiences to agree that something can be truly lost like a teddy on holiday or a toy on a train. Some children did disagree and say these could be brought again so they aren't truly lost.

It was a very interesting discussion. We will update you more as we continue with all our learning around this question.

In **Y3** we have been writing directions to instruct people how to get to different places in WCM like the sports hall, the cafe and the bottom MUGA. We then followed our instructions to check we were right and made corrections on directions needed. The final test was when we read our instructions out to the rest of the class and using a map of the school they had to guess where we had directed them too. Luckily we are amazing and accurate direction writers and everyone knew where our instructions were suppose to be taking them. There are some photos of us in action on our blog.

We will have updates from the other year groups next week. Have a look on our school website [www.watercliffemeadow.co.uk](http://www.watercliffemeadow.co.uk)

### 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 28<sup>st</sup> 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

Thank you to the families who came along to see their children learning phonics yesterday. We hope that by sharing what we do in school you will be able to support your child with reading at home. There are 2 more sessions for you to come along to. We would love to see you there!  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
We will start the workshop straight after register.



### Outdoor Provision

As you know we value the amazing outdoor space we have at WCM and are always looking for ways to improve provision for our children. Over the summer Mark Hallam has worked hard to transform the rotting sandpit into a new area to use. It is great and opened on Tuesday and caused great excitement with the children. Thank you Mark! If you can think of any other

ways we can improve outdoor provision for our children please let us know.

### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the families who have attended the meetings over the last 2 weeks. Please come and ask if you have any questions regarding your child's learning. If it is just a quick question, call in the morning or at the end of the day. If you would like a longer discussion please contact the office, one of the team will be happy to arrange a meeting time for you.

### Whirlow Residential

Our first residential visit of the year is to Whirlow Hall Farm with our lovely Y2 children, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October. The information meeting will take place in the hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm. If you can't make it please call into the office for an information pack and to book a place.

### 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. Please bring any clothes into school from **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.