



# The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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## Pupil Progress Evening

We would like to invite **you and your child** into school to have a 10 minute meeting to talk together about their learning and progress. We are pleased to be able to offer you a choice of two dates for these meetings:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 3.30 and 5.30pm or**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 3.30 and 7.00pm**

These ten minute Progress Meetings will be held in your child's classroom where **you and your child can meet with their teacher(s)** to look at and talk about their progress in reading, writing and maths work in particular. Apart from having the chance to meet with your child's teacher(s), you will be able to review how well your child is doing, talk about their learning targets and about how you can support them at home. We will also be able to talk about how positive they are about their learning. Your child's books will be out in the classroom so that, if you want to, you can spend more time afterwards looking at their work.

Please return the letter sent out this week as soon as possible, **no later than next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The sooner you return your reply slip the more likely you are to have your preferred time.**

## Attendance

We would like to say a big well done to a number of our families who are making an effort to attend school on a regular basis. Here are some of the figures so far...

68% of children in F2 & Y1 still have 100% attendance.

72% of children in Y2 – Y6 still have 100% attendance.

We have also had an increase in the number of families who are now letting us know in the morning if their child will not be in due to illness. We would like to thank you for your support, we can only teach the children if they are in school.

## 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.

## Reading at Home!

Reading at home is really important as studies show that it has an impact on later academic success. Just a reminder that we count any reading at home, not only when your child reads

the book they have been given by school. It could be an older child reading to a younger child (both will benefit from that shared time together). It might be when you have read to your child, from a favourite book or from other reading material that you are both interested in. Record any of this in your child's Reading Record Book (Foundation to Year 2) or in the Learning Journals (Year 3 to Year 6). Also remember that we have plenty of books you could borrow to make story time special.

### Cross-Country

Well done to our Cross Country Team who turned up to Norfolk Park early Saturday morning to take part in the first race of the season. You all did so well with everyone finishing under 100. The second race is up at Parkwood Springs hosted by us on the **14<sup>th</sup> October**. If you think you could help out please contact Sam Dyson.

### Parkwood Students

It is always lovely to see our old students when they come back to visit us, hearing their stories and finding out how they are getting on is fab. We have though had a lot of students from Parkwood coming into school early on Fridays. In order to keep our children safe we can't have older students wondering around school, this interferes with Golden Time and a smooth finish to the end of the day. If your older children come into school before the end of the day they must stay with you in the Café. We will be insisting on this from tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

### Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

Many parents have told us over the past year that they would like to be able to come into class to find out what their children are learning. We are therefore inviting Y1 parents to come along to see their children working in their Big Maths sessions. You may have heard about "Learn Its" or 'PIM' and wondered what they were. These sessions will give you the answers and hopefully make it easier for you to support your child's learning at home. The sessions will start at 9.00am (the first one today) and last about 40 minutes. It would be lovely if you could come to them all to get a full picture of the learning we are doing. The next 3 dates are:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

There will also be an additional session on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm** for those of you that cannot attend the morning workshops. Please come along and share your children's learning in school.

### 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 (Tomorrow)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

We will start the workshop straight after register.

### Allotments

There are some empty allotments on the Roe Wood site. The open day is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

### Whirlow Residential

Thank you to the families who came along to the Whirlow meeting on Tuesday evening. There are only a few places left, call into the office to book one for your child. The £10.00 deposit needs to be paid by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and the remaining £20.00 by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. If you could not make the meeting but would like more information please call in and see class teachers or a member of the office team.

### 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.

### 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!