



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Healthy Minds

We are happy to tell that our school will be involved in a joint project with Sheffield Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) called Healthy Minds.

Everyone involved in this project wants young people to flourish and fulfil their potential, and provide a school environment which best supports young people's emotional wellbeing. 45 schools across Sheffield are involved with this work over the next year.

Key activities offered within Healthy Minds are:

- Training for all school staff on the fundamentals of young people's mental health and the implications for learning.
- A Healthy Minds survey to be offered to students, families and staff to understand the specific needs of an individual school.
- Developing an action plan for each school based on its Healthy Minds survey. This will cover further training needs, development of PSHE materials or school protocols to further support young people's emotional wellbeing.
- Engage student voice through the development of Healthy Minds champions
- Provide clarity for staff, students and parents about who they can talk to if they are worried about a young person's mental health.
- Specialist mental health training for key staff in schools.
- Mental health consultation with key staff in schools.

Please help us to make the most of this project by letting us know what you think is working well in school and what more you would like for your child regarding their emotional wellbeing by filling in the Healthy Minds survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HealthyMindsParentCarer-2017-2018>

All responses will be anonymous. You can call into school next week any morning 8.30 – 9.30 or afternoon 2.00 – 3.30 to use school computers to complete the survey.

Your child will also be asked to complete the Healthy Minds survey in class. Please contact Claire Bradley or Jayne Senior if you want to find out more about this.

Beacons Lantern Procession

This year's Lantern Procession took place on Saturday up at Parkwood Springs. The Y4s lanterns looked great as the day turned to night. The Procession set off, led by the Sheffield Samba Band, and went through the trees to a view point as the lights are turned on over the city. After activities there, the Procession returned to the football field as dusk fell, for a lantern-lit finale with the Samba Band.

There was a great turnout of WCM families and it was lovely to see you all sharing in a now local tradition. A big well done to the children for making the lanterns.

Cross-Country

The WCM Cross Country at Parkwood Springs took place last Saturday and it was amazing. It was only the second race of the season and our team performed very well. There were over 600 children competing, it was lovely to see so much determination and resilience on one of the toughest courses of the season. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Sam and Jodi for organising it and all the staff, volunteers, family members and governors for coming along and helping out too. The refreshments stall made over **£300 profit** on the day, which is great, and will add more into school funds.

Ready for Whirlow

The Y2 children are getting excited about their residential next week to Whirlow Hall Farm. On Monday Miss Gibson's class will set off on their first WCM overnight stay with Miss Mallinson's class going Wednesday. Remember we will be outside whatever the weather so warm clothes and wellies are essential. We will be writing a report for the Green 'Un next week and also making a film.

Time For School

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for their school place. You can apply online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions

The closing date for applying is 15th January 2018. You can contact admissions on 0114 2735766. Please ensure you put 3 school preferences down to ensure that if you don't get your first choice you have thought about where you want your child to go.

We must remind you that attendance at WCM Nursery does not guarantee you a place in school. This is worked out by the Local Authority based on distance from school. If you need any support with your application or have any questions please call in to see a member of our Nursery team or Mrs Bradley.

Secondary School Places

Today members of staff from the new Astrea School came to talk to our Y5/6s about going to secondary. The school opens in September 2018 and is being built on the old Pye Bank site. Next **Tuesday 24th October**, Parkwood staff will be coming in to talk about what they offer in secondary. This presentation is 9.00-9.30 in the hall...parents are welcome.

Driving Around School

There have been a number of parents who have been in school to say cars that are dropping other children off at school are driving dangerously close to school, especially up and down Boynton Road. Please help keep all our children safe!

Family Photos

The photographers are coming in to school on **Monday 30th October**, the first Monday of the holidays, to take family group photographs. We have organised this again to give you the opportunity to bring older siblings and extended family members in to school. This year we have requested 2 photographers to make the waiting time shorter. Please return your slip to book a place. Individual photographs will take place in school on Wednesday 8th November.

Supervision Outside

Just a reminder that we supervise children in Breakfast Club from 8.00am and out on the yard from 8.40am. Please make sure you have a conversation with your child about being in the right place to ensure they stay safe. We have had children unsupervised on the balcony before school over the last week and we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of safe places for your child to be. We will also remind children in assembly.

Christmas Cards

It's a bit early to be thinking of Christmas we know, but we are sending home with your child a sheet for your child to design a Christmas card, that you can then purchase to send to your family and friends.

The cards are printed on good quality card, with your child's design on the front, a Christmas greeting on the inside, and a section on the back that says "Design Created by...(your child's name)" and also our school name. We have samples in the school office if you would like to see them.

The packs of 12 cards cost £5.50 to purchase for the first pack, and then £4.50 for every pack after that. You can also purchase 16 gift tags for £2.50. Every pack of cards/tags that you order also helps us to raise valuable money for our School Fund.

If you would like to order these cards/tags, please send in your completed order form with your child's design **and full payment by Tuesday 25th October**. We cannot take any orders for cards after this date, and unfortunately we also cannot place any orders that are not with full payment. The cards will be printed and ready by the beginning of December.

We are also holding a competition for the best design, which will then be used as our official Watercliffe Meadow Christmas Card, which Mr Read and Mrs Bradley send to friends and colleagues of our school. The winner will also receive a prize.

This project was very successful last year, and many of our parents were delighted with the cards.

Have you got...

The Y1 staff have asked if you could please raid your blue bin for cardboard boxes the children can use for junk modelling. If you have got any please drop them off in the Y1 classes.

Thank you.

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 27th October**, just before we break up for half term! Children (and adults) can come dressed 'spookily' and there will be 'cosy reads' and themed activities for all children during the day! Our Nursery Halloween day will be on **Wednesday 25th October**.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 27th October** and return to school on **Tuesday 7th November**. **Monday 6th November** is our third training day of the year.