



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Parents' Evening

You should have received your letter for Parents' Evening this week. Please let your child's class teacher know when you can attend so they can book you a 10 minute slot of time to discuss learning. If your child has a Special Educational Need you will have the option of choosing a slot with the class teacher and the SENCo, Corina Antcliff. Please return the sheets as soon as possible to get a time that suits you and your family. The dates are:

Tuesday 23rd January 3.30 – 5.30
Wednesday 24th January 3.30 – 7.00

Archers Creative Writing

Active Archie has challenged you to write about a sporting experience you have been a part of and how this made you feel. This could be a news report, a story or even a poem. Entries to be handed to Steve Smith or Sam Dyson by Thursday 25th January.

New Nature Writing Competition

New Nature has launched a new writing competition that may be of interest to some of our Y5/6 writers. The competition information is on page 46 of the booklet following the link below:

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/15ec9b_fa1fe60623fa45c1b494e57c54941b20.pdf

BBC 2 500 Words...

Here is the last of our writing competitions; this one by BBC2. Follow the link for more information.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVsbJxY3g/500-words-2018>

Happy writing!

Free Dinner Day, 18th January

Today was free meal day and all children in school were given the opportunity to try a

school meal for free. We are trying to share the wonderful meals our café staff provide for the children on a daily basis and raise awareness of the variety on offer to our children. If you have any suggestions of ways we can improve the lunchtime service please call in to school and let us know.

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have had a jungle scene and a jungle role play area where we have been pretending to be explorers and vets. The children have also been printing with bubble wrap to make animal print.

This half term in **F2** we are lucky to have Fay from Archers coming in to lead our PE lessons in dance. The children enjoyed dancing along to the music as different toys, teddy bears, robots etc. When the music stopped they had to look in the toy box (the hoop) for the next toy to dance as. We are looking forward to our next session on Friday.

In **Y1** we have been starting the process of critiquing each others learning (looking at learning and saying what has been done well). We started this by drawing pictures to represent the 4 different seasons and then we looked at each other's pictures and wrote on postits things we thought had been done really well. We then take the good things we have seen and try to make our own learning even better. We will do this lots as we move through school.

This week in **Y2** we have been learning about basic needs of all living things.

We started imagining that we were going into space and discussed what we needed to survive. The children then decided on the three most important ones. We then made links to other animals and what they need to survive. One child started a great discussion point about what fish need and how they need water in a different way to us.

This week **Y3** have had an exciting visit from world famous rock climber Steve McClure AKA Rockman. He came in and spoke to us about his rock climbing adventures as well as all the different types of rocks you can climb and their special features. We got to hold some of them and test our finger strength to see if we'd make good rock climbers.

The **Y5s** have been having some wonderful 'Being Brilliant' sessions with author and scientist Andy Cope. He taught us about a principle called 'hygge'. The word originates in Denmark and has no direct English translation. However, it is all to do with well-being, and Andy told us the best words to use were 'snuggliness, comfort and cosiness'. During the Monday morning session, we were asked to think of examples of 'hygge' for different seasons.

Y6 have enjoyed an afternoon of basketball with The Sheffield Sharks. It was great working alongside such talented people and learning new basketball skills. We also had a follow up session in the classroom where we discussed healthy food choices. We learnt lots of ways to eat well.

WCM's Got Talent!

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2018 show will start after the half term holiday!

If you think you've got a talent, now might just be the time to start practising! We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Thursday 29th March**.

Uniform

It is great to see the children back in school in uniform looking all clean and tidy. Just a reminder that the sweatshirt needs to be a WCM one with the emblem on. The polo shirt can be plain royal or sky blue. There is some uniform in stock, please call to the office if you need some.

Thornbridge Residential

Please remember the last day to book a place on the Y4 residential is **Wednesday 24th February** and full payment needs to be made for **Friday 2nd February**.

London Residential

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 11th May** and return on **Saturday 12th May around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 6th March**.

Electronic Cigarettes

We have been asked by Sheffield City Council to remind all parents that electronic cigarettes should not be used on school premises, the same rule as is in place for real cigarettes. We expect all adults to respect this ruling as we feel it sets a good example to our children.

Snow

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of more snow. If we do get snow we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam and text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook.

Administering Medicines

Please remember we can administer medicines in school that have been prescribed for your child, this includes paracetamol. Please bring your medication into school and see Sue Bibby who will complete the relevant paperwork.

Scooters and Bikes

There are some lovely new bikes and scooters coming to school that were obviously Christmas presents, riding to school is a great way to get some early morning exercise. Can we please remind you that bikes and scooters need to be locked up, it is not school responsibility to keep them safe.

Have you got...

Mr Allsopp is trying to build up a wider school stock of construction materials to use with the children and he has asked if you have got any spare Lego, Mechano, Blox or other building items. If you have, please bring them to the office or if they are too heavy we will come and collect them from your house! Thank you.