



The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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Jubilee Food Bank & Harvest

This year to mark the Harvest Celebration we are thinking about food and those people who are not always lucky enough to have enough food at home. Last year the Jubilee Food Bank, based at the Meadows Children's Centre, supported lots of families in the Shirecliffe area by providing food parcels. We would like to support the food bank by collecting food donations. These are the items that they are short on at the moment:

Soup

Tinned veg

Tinned potatoes or instant mash

Rice

Rice pudding

Porridge oats.

Any donations can be taken to your child's class or dropped at the office. Thank you in advance for your support. We will be bringing all the donated food together to Assembly on Friday 21st September. Here is their web page in-case you want more information.

<https://www.jubileefoodbank.org.uk/you-can-help/>

Learning Across School

In **Foundation Stage** we have been busy settling all our new children into the routines. We have been following the Golden Rules and helping each other to feel happy!

In **Y1** we are learning all about body parts and what we use our senses for. We have been learning the song 'Head's, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. Later on this month we are going to Eureka to learn more!

In **Y2** this week we have been looking at place value. We have been showing tens and ones in numbers in different ways. All of the Y2 team have been very impressed with their maths!

This morning in **Y3**, we began our dance topic with Jack the dance teacher. After we learnt part of the routine, we had a class dance off. All the

teachers were so impressed with how well we listened and followed instructions.

It's been a busy start to **Y4** with place value in maths and writing scrapbook entries from our 101 Things home learning. The children have really settled into school life again and are taking real pride in their learning.

In **Y5** we have been finding our feet and using our new found knowledge to create podcasts. We are already on with our handwriting but really need to practice our times tables. It is hard but we are loving the challenge.

Y6 has started at full speed, we are already on with our WW2 learning. It is really interesting, especially reading Carrie's War. We know this year will be a challenge for us but we are up for it!

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:

Monday 17th September at 9am

Wednesday 26th September at 9am

Thursday 4th October at 9am

We will start the workshop straight after register.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the families who attended these meetings this week. If you could not make the meeting and have a question please call in and see your child's class teacher or make an appointment in the office.

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.

Cross-Country

If your child would like to try cross-country please see Sam Dyson. Training is on Wednesday after school until 4.15. This year we are hosting the second race of the season on **Saturday 29th September** so if you would like to volunteer at this event please let Sam know! The first race is this Saturday at Bole Hills Park, good luck to the team!

Summer Reading Challenge

Tomorrow is the deadline for returning the 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 2019. 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 2019**. 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. The letter came home last 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.

Can You Help?

We are looking to develop a Golden Time activity around dolls and Barbies. If you have

any unwanted dolls and Barbies, or clothes and accessories, they would be very much appreciated.

Recycling Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of we would really appreciate you donating it to school. We will be selling the uniform every Thursday in the café for 50p per item and proceeds will go to school funds.

Bras!

Mrs Hubbard is collecting any old bras that you no longer need to donate to raise funds for Breast Cancer. Take a look at their website for more information

<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk>

Pop bottles

For a very different reason, Mr Allsopp is collecting empty pop bottles to create a poppy display around school in time for Remembrance Day.

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.

Nursery Places

If you have a child at home who is not yet 3 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.

Boxes and Juice Cartons!

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! Y4s need to collect tall juice cartons with a plastic screw lid. We will be using them in an exciting design and make project as part of our Viking theme during their PPA with Mrs Reid and Miss Moss.

Thank you