



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Have a Free Dinner!

It's free dinner day again on **Thursday 4th 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 from the "Spud Bar"	Pick 'n' Mix
Meatballs in tomato sauce with spaghetti or macaroni cheese (V) Choice of pudding or fruit/yoghurt	With a filling of: Cheese or Cottage cheese Baked Beans Tuna Coleslaw	Pasta pots Sandwiches and wraps Mini ploughman's lunch 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 3rd 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 evening on **Wednesday 3rd October**, where you can come and have a little taste of the food that we offer.

We do hope you can come and join us to see the fantastic food that our Catering Team offer our children on a daily basis.

Pupil Progress Evening

Don't forget to book your appointment to see your child's class teacher. We are pleased to be able to offer you a choice of two dates for these meetings:

Tuesday 2nd October between 3.30 and 5.30pm or

Wednesday 3rd 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 Monday 1st October**. **The sooner you return your reply slip the more likely you are to have your preferred time.**

Phonics Workshops

Thank you to the families who came along to our second workshop. We hope you enjoyed sharing your child's learning. There is 1 session left and we would love you to join us:

Thursday 4th October at 9am

We will start the workshop straight after register.

Cross-Country

We are so excited about the WCM Cross Country on Saturday. There is a lot of activity behind the scenes to get everything ready and the team have been busy training. Good luck to everyone taking part, we will let you know how everyone gets on.

Jubilee Food Bank & Harvest

We would like to thank all our families and staff who brought food in for the Harvest collection. The Jubilee Food Bank are very grateful for your support. If you ever need any help with food please call in and talk to us at school.

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.

Whirlow Residential

We have a few spaces left on the Y2 residential to Whirlow Hall Farm. The £10.00 deposit needs to be paid by **Wednesday 3rd October** with the remaining £20.00 by **Friday 12th October**. If you would like more information please call in and see class teachers or a member of the office team.

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.

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.

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 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 4 dates are:

Wednesday 3rd October

Wednesday 10th October

Wednesday 17th October

Wednesday 24th October

There will also be an additional session on **Thursday 25th 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.

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...

73% of children in F2 & Y1 still have 100% attendance. 68% 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.

Firefighter Clothes Collection

The collection of clothes will take place on **Friday 19th October**. Please bring any clothes into school from **Wednesday 10th October**. Please note that the charity has 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!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please see the attached flyer with this week's Green Un advertising the coffee morning on **Friday 28th October 9.15-10.15** in the café to support the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Any donations of cakes and buns will be greatly appreciated. Please come and join us if you can!