



The Thursday GREEN'UN

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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 **Friday 19th 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.

Beacons Lantern Procession

This year's Lantern Procession will take place on **Saturday October 13th**, setting off from the car park on Cooks Wood Road at about **5.45pm**. The WCM Y4s are going to make lanterns to take along on the night.

The Procession will set off at 5.45pm led by the Sheffield Samba Band, and will go through the trees to the viewpoint as the lights are turned on over the city. After activities there, the Procession will return to the football field as

dusk falls, for a lantern-lit finale with the Samba Band.

There will be a coffee/tea stall with Bean Rover, and Indian Street Food provided by 'Fancy an Indian'. Last year there were some incredible lanterns, and the atmosphere was wonderful. It's a really good opportunity for young and old to walk round Parkwood Springs, see the views over the city as the dusk falls, and have a good time together. Everyone is welcome, but please come in sensible clothing and bring a torch. Everything takes place outdoors, and it will be dark by the end of the evening.

10 Day Active Travel Challenge

WCM will be taking part in South Yorkshire's Safer Roads Partnership's 10 day Active Travel Challenge starting on Monday 15th October and finishing on Friday 26th October 2018.

The challenge is for our children and families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 days.

Each classroom will have a wall chart and children who have travelled actively will put a sticker on the chart. Children who have 10 stickers at the end of the challenge will be awarded a prize.

Walking, cycling or scooting are all active ways of travelling. If you usually come in the car, why not park further away and walk the rest of the way. If you travel by bus then maybe get off a stop earlier. This way your child will still get their sticker.

Please help us to complete the challenge by being active on your journey to 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.

Applying for a Primary School Place

Applications are now open for places in Reception for September 2019. You should have received your pack through the post.

Important Dates:

Applications invited from **10th September 2018**

On-line site closes on **4th December 2018**

Paper application closing date **15th January**

2019. Offer date **16th April 2019**. Appeals held June 2019 onwards. If you require any support please call in and ask the Nursery team or Claire Bradley.

Whirlow Residential

Look out for the final information letter coming home next week. Please remember to send your child in wellies/walking boots and with a rucksack, it is no fun carrying a pick and mix bag across the moors! The balance of the cost needs paying in full by tomorrow. Any questions please come and ask.

Cross-Country

The next race of the season is Saturday at Norfolk Park. After the success of the team at Parkwood Springs Sam and Mick are looking forward to seeing who can beat their personal best position! Good luck to you all.

Big Maths Workshop For Year 1

Thank you to the families who came along to the Big Maths workshops on Wednesday. There are still 2 sessions left and we hope they will give you the answers and 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 3 dates are:

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.

Nearly New Sale

The Friends of WCM (FoWCM) have arranged a Nearly New Sale on **Wednesday 17th October 2.30 – 3.30** in the hall. If you are having a clear out why not donate it to FoWCM. We are looking for good quality clothing, shoes and bags to sell in the hall. All money raised will be

put in school fund and go towards extra-curricular activities and special resources for the children.

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.

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 26th 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 24th October**.

Anti-Idling Campaign

We have been asked by the council to share this message with you:

We are urging all schools across Sheffield to encourage parents and carers to turn off their engines when waiting for their child(ren). From the 8th October fixed penalty notices will be issued for idling engines on the roads surrounding 21 schools in Sheffield. This will be rolled out to 20 further schools in the coming months. We will contact you before your area is affected by enforcement action.

The emissions that come from vehicle exhausts are harmful for everyone, especially children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults and whose health will be permanently damaged. For more information about the effects of idling and to watch our animation visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/anti-idling

SENCO Drop-in Sessions

After request from our Parent Group, Corina Antcliff has organised a trial of drop-in sessions for families to discuss issues related to their child and SEN support. Corina will be available every Tuesday morning from 8.15 – 8.45 with 3 x 10 minute slots to discuss your child. If you wish to book a slot please call in to the office.

Parent Governor

We currently have a space on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you feel you would like to join us please call in to the office and speak to Liz Graham by Friday 12th October.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 26th October** and return to school on **Monday 5th November**.