



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the October half term. There were some beautiful Autumn days with lots of sunshine. We hope you had a lovely break together with your family and that you are now rested ready for the mad rush up to Christmas. As the weather turns cooler please remind your child about wearing their coats, although they run around so much outside they do not feel the cold like us adults! Please write names in coats, we already have 3 new looking ones in lost property without names on. We will be making more indoor space available for children who prefer to be inside in the cold.

Don't forget if you have anything on your mind that you want to discuss, call in to the office and make an appointment to see us. We would rather talk things through with you and work together to find a solution, than let issues grow or see them on Facebook. There will as usual be lots of things happening this half term and we will use the Green 'Un to keep you up to date.

Anti Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect.' You can visit the anti bullying alliance website for more information. Throughout the week we will be looking at how we can choose respect over bullying. We will start the week with '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 12th November** to celebrate us all being unique. Part of the learning that week will be to do with cyber bullying and staying safe online.

After School Clubs

Please note due to staff training there will be no after school activities next **Wednesday, 14th November**. Please collect your children at the end of the school day.

Learning Across School

In **F1** we have been learning all about the season of Autumn and to support this we have set home learning of taking an Autumn selfie. We are so impressed with the response we have had, have a look on our blog at some of them!

<https://f1wcm.wordpress.com>

In **F2** we have been busy going out and about. Just before the holidays we went to Whirlow Hall Farm to look at all the animals. It was a beautiful sunny day and all the animals enjoyed saying hello. On Monday of this week we went to the Crucible Theatre to take part in Music in the Round. We did some great singing and actions to the songs. <https://f2wcm.wordpress.com>

This week in **Y1** we have been busy learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We have learnt what happened all those years ago and why we have fireworks now. We even had a special Bonfire snack!

<https://y1wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y2** we are enjoying our learning about the Titanic. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about how the Titanic sank and how the people on board had different experiences depending if they were rich or poor.

<https://y2wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y3** we have been getting our hands mucky and creating some Stone Age masterpieces. We are creating replica Stone Age jewellery. Some of us thought they might've used animal teeth and bones, claws or acorns to make beads so we based our designs on that. We'll be painting them later on this week so check our blog to see the finished items!

<https://y3wcm.wordpress.com>

Before the holidays **Y4NH** spent a lovely afternoon at Herries Lodge, chatting with the residents and performing for them. It was a pleasure to see the children interacting with such good manners and many of the residents said they hoped we would come back.

On the blog there are a few pictures from the visit and a video of the children performing 'You've got a friend in me'.

<https://y4wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y5** one of the ways we are evidencing and improving our reading aloud skills is by having weekly reading circles. This is nothing different or fancy – but we like it as we get to listen to so many different people read! To begin with, Miss Eden reads to the class, modelling intonation and discussing how something would be read differently. Following Miss Eden reading, the children get into groups to do a 'pre-read' of the rest of the chapter. This allows everyone to read aloud and also learn any unfamiliar words and discuss anything we're not sure about. We are really enjoying our new text. Follow us on our blog to find out what we are up to.

<https://y5wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y6** we are having a focus this week on learning about why Remembrance Day is so important. We have been thinking about what it would have been like in the war. Tomorrow in assembly we will be performing a poem to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War 1.

Spooky Cosy Read Update

On Friday 26th October we had a spooky themed 'Cosy Read' day and everyone looked amazing in their costumes. You can see pictures on some of our class blogs. The children and staff really enjoyed sharing books together and talking about the characters. Nurturing a love of reading is the best way to get our children to read which will in turn improve their speaking, listening and writing skills. If you need any advice on how to support your child with reading why not talk to Kerry Heap or Steve Smith, they are full of great ideas.

Parent Governor

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who voted in our election and also thank you to the 3 candidates. Voting

closed on Monday and the person with the most votes was John Badger. John will now form part of the official Governing Body.

Children In Need

We will be selling Children In Need merchandise in the school office. The actual fundraising day is **Friday 16th November**; children can come to school dressed in yellow, spots or any of the official Children in Need merchandise for a donation towards the charity.



Poppies

We are selling poppies and other poppy related goods on the front desk. Please call in or send money with your child if you wish to purchase any. We will let you know how much money we collect.



Christmas Fayre

As the month of festivities is only 22 days away, Liz Graham is busy planning the 2018 WCM Christmas Fayre. It will take place on **Tuesday 4th December** from 2.00pm in the hall. You will be receiving a letter about this shortly. Please save any nearly new toys for our toy stall and if you can help on the day call in to see Liz, she will be very grateful.

Santa is coming to WCM again, he dropped us a note from the North Pole to say he will come to the Fayre, tickets will go on sale in the office from **Monday 19th November** and cost £2.00 to see him.



Nativity preparation is just beginning; the children have started learning all the songs and will very soon be in the hall practising. Tickets for Nativity will be on sale from **Monday 26th November** and are initially restricted to 2 per child. From **Monday 3rd December** any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Sheffield Council SEND inspection

With this week's Green Un is a letter about the Council's OfSTED inspection, which details ways in which you as parents can have your say about the provision for special needs in Sheffield.