



# The Thursday GREEN'UN

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## Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been learning about the Arctic. We had a story about all the animals that live there called "Say Hello to the Snowy Animals". We made polar bear faces using resources from our creative workshop and had an Arctic small world scene. On the painting table we mixed shaving foam with white paint to create puffy paint!!

In **F2** we have been visited by a naughty Elf. He keeps getting up to mischief and doing things to trick us. We are going to teach him our Golden Rules to try and make him a good Elf before Christmas!

In **Y1** we have been so busy in the hall practicing the Nativity. We have worked so hard as a team and can't wait for you all to come and watch us next week.

In **Y2** we have continued our learning about the Titanic. We have been creating watercolour paintings to represent scenes from the ships' journey.

Last week, Watercliffe Meadow was the scene of a brazen theft. The culprit stole the extremely valuable Viking crown that the **Y4s** had been looking at. At the moment the crime is unsolved, but a main suspect has been identified by the children (with a little support from a local PC). We will keep you up to date with any developments.

In **Y6** this week, in maths, we have looked at decimals. The children have shown great resilience looking at the whole of this. Our writing was a newspaper report about the Great War Christmas Truce. The children have written really well about this and are proud of what they have produced. Last Friday, we went to the Octagon and saw a lecture from Professor Birkhead about

'The Life of Birds'. We saw birds flying across the auditorium – it was amazing!!! We found out so much information about birds that we previously didn't know. It was a fantastic day that we all enjoyed.

## Christmas Workshops

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who came along to the Christmas Workshops in Phase 1. We always like to get the Christmas activities off to a glittery start and this certainly happened thanks to your input. There were lots of different activities, and it was so nice seeing parents and children working alongside each other. Don't worry the glitter doesn't stop here, there will be much more in the next few weeks!

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre took place on Tuesday and it was a great success, altogether we raised over £1000 in profit. This money will go in to our school fund to enhance visits and equipment for our children. We would like to say a big thank you to the office staff, volunteers and staff who helped pull it all together and make it a success.

## Santa's Grotto

We would like to say an enormous thank you to Kirsty Holland and Robert Rooney for the hours they put into creating the Grotto. Santa was so impressed with his home for two days and said it was the best Grotto he had visited outside of the North Pole.

## Nativity

The time is nearly here for the Nativity to be performed to our families. The children are very excited (the staff are a little stressed).

Tickets for Nativity are now on general sale in the office.

### **Christmas Bake-Off**

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who supported our Christmas bake off. All the entries were unique and looked amazing. Selection boxes will be handed out to winners.

### **WCM Calendars**

Again this year we will be selling our very own WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had an input. Call in to the office to order your copy. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

### **Letters to Santa and Reindeer Food**

Reindeer food and Reindeer Dust is now being sold in the office to keep Rudolph and his pals going on Christmas Eve - £1 a bag. Santa has also asked us to sell magic keys for him this year. Some of the chimneys are a little tight for his tummy so a magic key just makes dropping those presents off a little easier. These are also on sale in the office for £1.00.

### **Celebrations and Parties**

You will be receiving a letter from your child's class informing you of any celebration event or parties they are having in the next few weeks at school. The class parties will be spread over the last week at school. On party day children in Phase 1 will be able to come to school in their party clothes and children in Phase 2 & 3 (Y2-Y6) will come in uniform and bring a change of clothes for party time. If you have any questions call in and ask your child's teacher.

### **Post Box**

The post box for Christmas Cards is in the main reception, it will be emptied daily by our Y6 postal service. Please make sure you address your cards with the child's **full name and class**...we struggle to deliver cards that say just first names!

### **Christmas Lunch**

Don't forget **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, is Christmas lunch day. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please call in to the office to order one for them. This will help our wonderful Café team prepare enough food

for everyone. Don't forget if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free lunch.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Due to popular demand we are having a Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. If you wish to make a donation to Sheffield Children's Hospital, there will be buckets in reception. Please note you can either come in a Christmas jumper or normal school uniform.

### **Milk Orders**

Orders need to be placed for any children who would like milk in the spring term. The cost will be £9.72 and this will take you up to the Easter holidays. If your child is entitled to free school meals you still need to order milk. Orders need to be in by **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, this is the deadline set by the dairy.

### **After School Clubs**

The letter has gone out for after school clubs ready for next term. All clubs need to be applied for even if you wish your child to continue with an activity. The office will let you know if your child has successfully got a place in a club. After school activities are a great way to make new friends and try new activities. It also gives your child the opportunity to collect hours towards their Children's University award. These are presented at a ceremony in the Town Hall for every 100 hours your child completes. It is very posh and a lovely evening out!

### **Attendance**

We currently have 157 children that are on target to hit 100% attendance with only 2 weeks to go and a further 143 that are on target to achieve 96% or above. That is well over half the school that have achieved the school target of 96% this term. We will hold the 100% draw on the last day of the Autumn Term.

### **Christmas Holidays**

We break up for the Christmas holidays at the end of the day on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** and come back for the Spring Term on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.