



The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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Christmas is coming but learning never stops...

Last Wednesday in **F1** we had our Christmas workshop. We decorated Christmas trees, wrote Christmas lists, made Christmas crackers, printed Christmas shapes onto paper to make wrapping paper, made paper chains, decorated baubles and cut toys out of magazines to stick onto stockings. We had lots of fun.

In **F2** we have our very own naughty elf. He is tricking us every day as we come into school. We are aiming to teach him the Golden Rules before Santa comes!

In **Y1** we have been busy sequencing the Nativity and writing sentences about each scene. We know the story very well now as we have been acting it out in the hall.

In **Y2** we have been busy concluding our learning about the Titanic ready for our big finish next Monday in the hall. Come along to see all our interesting writing, art work and our dance!

Over the last few weeks in **Y3**, we've been creating and adding to our calendars. We'll be showing the change in seasons. All the teachers have been so impressed with how much care we are taking over them! We hope our families will love them when we send them home!

It is that exciting time of year again where Graham, who is one of our special visitors, has moved to teach bridge to the **Y5s**. Today, it was **Y5GE's** turn. They began with a recap of their learning with him last year. We recapped the basics (52 cards in a deck, two different colours, 4 suits) and then played some mini games to warm us up.

The aim of the mini-games were to familiarise ourselves with the cards, the suits, the values of the cards and of course – to work on our

team work. Whilst we were quite loud, we were just very enthusiastic! We learnt how to play Whist...why not have a go at home?!

In **Y6** we have been developing our writing skills, we have started to create our own versions of a film we have seen. We are using lots of writing features to achieve this. In **SPaG**, we are looking at using colons, semi-colons and commas for ambiguity. Ask your children if they can explain it to you!!! In maths, we have looked at decimals – and lots of work has been done to reinforce this. We have linked it to money and weights etc.

Farewell to Chelsea

At the end of next week we will be saying a sad farewell to Chelsea Fearn who works with us as a TA in **F2**. Chelsea has been with us for a good few years and will be really missed by children and staff. We wish her the very best in her new job at a nursery and hope she takes a little bit of Watercliffe Meadow with her.

Parent Parking Plea

As a parent who cares about this school, I find it frustrating that some select few parents use the grass outside the school as a car park, please treat the school as if it were your neighborhood.

Please don't park on the grass wheel spinning as you go in the wet, don't park on double yellow lines and don't speed or go the wrong way down the one-way system.

Lastly avoid putting your kids into the car on the road side, try and use the path side door to keep them a little safer...after all they're your everything.

Nativity

We would like to say a big well done to the children in **Y1** for their amazing performance in this year's Nativity. They were so well supported by the singing from children in **F2**

and Nursery. To put on performances like this takes a lot of effort and time from the staff, children and thank you to you all too for your support at home! It is so amazing seeing our youngest children on stage and very emotional, the perfect start to Christmas!

WCM Calendars

Once 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! Last delivery for post will be **Wednesday 19th December**.

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget **Wednesday 19th 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 21st 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 18th December**, this is the deadline set by the dairy.

Green Un by email?

Do you find it difficult to read our Green Un on a weekly basis? If so why not email Liz Graham in the office and she will add you to her weekly mailing list. You can also call in to the office and hand her your email address. Please pass this message on to your family and friends!

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It's Back...

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2019 show will start in the New Year!

If you think you've got a talent, Christmas might just be the time to start practising! We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Friday 15th February**.

Breakfast Club

Please remember Breakfast Club does not start until 8.00am. Please don't bring or drop off children before this as they will not be supervised - thank you.

Christmas Holidays

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