



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a lovely time together with your families. This term sees the beginning of a new year at Watercliffe Meadow and an important term for learning. Now the excitement of Christmas has passed we can use this term to focus in on learning and help all our children make the best progress they possibly can. Together we can help your child reach for the stars and achieve to the best of their ability!

You should have received your child's half termly newsletter with the Green 'Un telling you what is happening in their class and ways you can support learning at home. If you need any guidance on ways to support your child, please see their teacher.

100% Attendance

On the last Friday of the Autumn Term there was a special assembly where we had a draw for £25 Amazon Vouchers. Our winners were Gabrella Wedeingue, Grace Deverill and Kauthaur Al-Nowd. To be in the draw you needed to have had 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Across school there were 104 children that achieved this, well done to you all! We will repeat the draw at the end of the Spring term.

Y6 SATs Information Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came to the SATs information meetings this week. If you could not make the meeting and would like the information please contact one of the Y6 team.

Bronze Badges

The Friday before Christmas, Mr Read and Mrs Bradley visited classrooms to give out Bronze Badges. To earn a Bronze Badge children need to have not lost any Golden Time from September until Christmas, a whole term. Altogether we gave



out 203 badges! This is fantastic and shows how great the children are at making the right choices and following our Golden Rules. If your child did not manage to get a badge they can try again this term and aim for the badge at Easter, there were quite a number of children who only lost 5 minutes in the whole term! All those children who did get a badge are aiming for silver! A big well done to you all!

Breakfast Club

Our WCM Breakfast Club has been running now since we opened and over time it has grown in popularity to the point where we now have to open the Oasis for the overflow of families. Unlike most Breakfast Clubs we are unique because we do not charge children to attend and the food on sale is done at a cost price with no profit. In order for this to continue we need to ask children and adults to please clean away their rubbish. Over the last week, and before Christmas the Oasis especially has been left with rubbish on tables and pots not returned to the café. The Oasis is used by groups through the day so it is important it is kept tidy. So please...

- Put rubbish in bin
- Put pots on trolley
- Close the outside door
- Turn the heater off!

Thank you

Uniform

It is great to see the children back in school in uniform looking all clean and tidy. Just a reminder that the sweatshirt needs to be a WCM one with the emblem on. The polo shirt can be plain royal or sky blue. There is some uniform in stock, please call to the office if you need some.

Contact Numbers

If you have a new telephone over Christmas please let the office know so we can update our records if we need to contact you. This

will also ensure that you get any texts sent out from school.

After School Clubs

As usual we have had a very good take up on After School Clubs. There are still a few places spare, just call into the office to check what activities are still available. If your child is continuing an activity from last term then you do need to sign a new consent form. We will also be checking the registers from After School Clubs and if your child is not attending we will ring you to check if they do still want the place, this will ensure we can offer any unused places to other children on the waiting list.

Farewell to Dawn Hubbard

At the end of next week we will be saying a sad farewell to Dawn Hubbard who works with us as a TA in F2. Dawn has been with us since we opened and will be really missed by children and staff. We wish her the very best in her new job and hope she takes a little bit of Watercliffe Meadow with her.

Snow

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam and text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

Parking

We have had complaints from local residents that they can't access their drives at pick up and drop off times. Please be considerate where you park.

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!

egraham@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk

Names in Clothes

Can we please remind you to write your names in all your children's clothes, especially

all the new coats that have been presents at Christmas! We are finding items of uniform around school and do not know who they belong to!

Scooters and Bikes

There are some lovely new bikes and scooters coming to school that were obviously Christmas presents, riding to school is a great way to get some early morning exercise. Can we please remind you that bikes and scooters need to be locked up, it is not school's responsibility to keep them safe.

Administering Medicines

Please remember we can administer medicines in school that have been prescribed for your child, this includes paracetamol. Please bring your medication into school and see Sue Bibby who will complete the relevant paperwork.

Fire fighters Collection

We will be collecting clothes in school for the fire fighters on **Monday 21st January**. Please call into the office for bags if you need any. Filled bags can be brought into school.

Shoebox and Wallpaper Appeal

Mr Allsopp is appealing for empty shoe boxes for a project in school and Miss Moxam is wanting some rolls of wallpaper for a project in F2. Any shoe boxes or wallpaper will be gratefully received.

Messy Play

Please see the flier with tonight's Green Un promoting a messy play event at Shirecliffe Community Centre in January.

It's Back...

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2019 show will start next week! Miss Gibson will be sending audition times to class teachers for them to share with children.

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**.

INSET Day Change

We are changing the date of our 3rd INSET day from Wednesday 13th March to Thursday 18th April.