



# The Thursday GREEN'UN

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## Parking

As we have mentioned many times before, we know parking around school is an issue, but we were approached by a few parents last week about unsafe parking. They said they had to walk with young children and prams on the road because cars were parked so far on the pavement and on corners. Before you leave your car please think about families trying to walk past and if they will be safe. We really don't want to have any accidents involving any of our children.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the families who came to talk about their child's progress on Tuesday and Wednesday, it was very evident that there are a lot of proud families in and around WCM! If you have not yet made an appointment please see your child's class teacher who will sort a time out for you. We really want to work together so that we can help every child achieve their potential. Please note that due to training Mr Bebbington will not be in school for parents evening so his dates are **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

## Parent View

Thank you to all the families who have completed our online survey. Collecting your views and thoughts is essential to help us improve. If you have not yet done it the link is on our Facebook page, has been sent via text and is on all the class blogs. This is the link address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5DBX2H5>

## Learning Across School

In **F1** this week we have been doing 'Walking Through the Jungle' in stories for

talking. We had jungle animals from the story in our small world tray for children to act out the story and join in with the repeated phrases.

In **F2** we have been learning about places that are cold and the animals that live in cold climates. Today we found out that polar bears can be over 3 meters tall. That's 172 Uni-fix cubes, how enormous is that?

In **Y1** we are really focussing on our segmenting and blending in phonics. This helps us with our reading and writing. We are really enjoying our phonics sessions!

**Y2** had a brilliant day last Thursday at Wentworth Farm. We saw lots of different animals and even had the chance to hold a 5 stone python! The children made us proud. Well done **Y2**!

On Tuesday, we put our archaeologist hats on in **Y3** and went on a journey through images of the discovery of Tutankhamen. Following this, we'll be writing telegrams to Lord Carnarvon informing him of our finds! We are loving our theme learning!

It may not be Easter yet and time for a good old-fashioned hunt for eggs, but that did not stop **Y5GE** from hunting for spelling patterns! Around the room, Miss Eden had placed lots of words that contained the 'ci', 'cu' or 'cc' letter string around the room in different places. Each letter string, as well as others, have different sounds; such as 'shun', 'shul', 'acc/ x'. They had to find the words and record them in the correct place on the tables they were given. We had great fun!

## Journals

Can we just remind families how important it is to have journals in school every day. We put a lot of information into the journal to

support your child's learning at home and school. Journals are used to record maths 'CLIC gaps' and spellings as well as reading. We have invested a lot of money in them as a school because they can be really helpful in supporting learning. Thank you to the families who regularly support their child to bring journals to school.

### **Year 4 Swimming**

Swimming for the **Y4s** starts on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. This will be an 18 week block of swimming lessons. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children as all the costs for transport, pool access and swimming instructors have been paid for by school. These swimming sessions are part of the National Curriculum and are statutory for Y4 pupils across the city. Each class will have a 40 minute swimming lesson each week from three qualified swimming instructors. If you have any further questions about swimming, please speak to your child's teacher and they will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

### **Thornbridge Residential**

The parent information meeting for the Y4 Thornbridge residential will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm** in the hall. Come along to collect your information pack and find out more about the 3 days. Mr Steele's class will be going 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March and Mrs Haque's class 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you can't make the meeting your pack will be sent home.

### **London Residential**

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** and return on Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> June around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00**.

### **Electronic Cigarettes**

We have been asked by Sheffield City Council to remind all parents that electronic cigarettes should not be used on school premises, the same rule as is in place for real cigarettes. We expect all adults to respect this ruling as we feel it sets a good example to our children.

### **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!

### **Fire fighters Collection**

Thank you to families who brought clothes in for the Fire Fighter Charity. The next collection will be in May.

### **Wool Collection**

We are currently collecting wool for one of our holiday activities in February, when we will be making pom-poms. Mrs Walsh in the office will gratefully receive any donations.

### **It's Back...**

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2019 show started last week! Miss Gibson has sent audition times to children, please help them with their practice at home. Early feedback from the judges has indicated that the talent is high again but that not all acts are organised enough and that it is essential to practice and know what music you require!

The final will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **INSET Day Change**

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

### **Half Term Holiday**

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and come back to school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Joke of the Week!**

Q. What do you get when you throw a load of books into the ocean?

A. A title wave.