



The Thursday Green 'Un

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Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome you back to school after the half term break. Hopefully this spring weather will continue. There will be a big focus this term on learning as we strive to deepen knowledge and skills and reach those targets set back in September, while preparing the Y2 & Y6 children for their SATs.

We always try to be on hand to answer any questions you may have or any worries you are harboring but it is not always possible or suitable to discuss things in front of children or other parents. If you need to see any of the adults in school please call in to the office and one of our lovely ladies will arrange an appointment for you. It is very important to us that you feel listened to and that your child is happy and learning to their full potential.

A Message from Mr Read

Going out with tonight's Green 'Un is a letter explaining about upcoming staffing changes. There are some important messages in the letter explaining the heart wrenching redundancy process we have had to go through. It also tells you about the Funding Campaign we are running to try and make the decision makers in Government realise how wrong the financial cuts are for our children and families. If you have any questions please come along and see Mr Read or Mrs Bradley. We will be holding a briefing for all of our families in the hall on **Wednesday 6th March at 9.15** (free tea and coffee will be served). Please come along and find out more.

Parent Champions

We are looking for parents to champion different activities in school for families.

This can be anything from sport to knitting to cooking. If you can think of an area or activity you have got a passion for and you would like to see it running in school come along to talk about it on **Thursday 7th March at 9.00am in the Café.**

Breakfast Club

Due to the increasing popularity of our Breakfast Club, we are trying a new system from next Monday to make things more comfortable and safe for all our children and families.

From Monday 4th March, Breakfast Club will be in the Café as usual for our families that come to eat together. For our children who do not come with their parents/carers, and who need to be supervised, we will also be opening up the Studio.

All children from Y2 and below who come to Breakfast Club on their own will need to go to the Studio and sign in. We will have the usual range of food, drinks and activities on offer, and there will be staff in there who will look after your children and make sure they are safe, and stay in Breakfast Club until it is school time.

Children from Y3 and above can also sign in at the Studio Breakfast Club to be supervised, or they can go to the Café for breakfast. Please be aware that if you choose to allow your child to go to the cafe then they will not be supervised by our staff, and will therefore be able to come and go as they please until school time. There are no staff on the yard until 8:40, and so we would encourage you to send children to the Studio Breakfast Club where they will be looked after if you are concerned about this.

Families who come to Breakfast Club together will continue to use the Café as usual.

We hope that you will continue to come and join us for breakfast.

Year 4 Performance

Children in Year 4 are currently refining their acting and singing skills for a performance of *Silent Town* on **Thursday 21st March** after school at the **Crucible Theatre** in town. Details of tickets and timing of the performance will go out to families in a letter shortly.

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is always a priority for schools and families. Here is some advice on ensuring your child is safe online:

1. Be present

The online safety advice organisation says it's vital to be present while your children are online. This will give you a much better understanding of what they are seeing and doing.

It will also provide you, as a parent or carer, the opportunity to talk openly and support them.

2. Talk regularly with you child

This will give you a better understanding of their online behaviours and will help your child feel comfortable in coming forward with any concerns they have.

It's important to be able to have honest and frequent conversations with your child about the online world.

3. Device settings and parental controls

Make sure you set up parental controls on all your devices at home.

This will ensure that your child won't be able to view certain types of content and will enable you to monitor their activity.

4. Peer pressure

The NOS says even scary and distressing viral challenges can be tempting to children.

It advises parents to talk to their children about resisting peer pressure and not doing anything they don't feel comfortable with.

Tell your child to talk to you or another trusted adult if they feel unsure about something online.

Learning Across School

In FS we are reading Traditional Tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. The activities in our continuous provision challenge us to practice our counting, reading and writing skills. We have already learnt that a fairy tale starts with "Once upon a time" and ends with "lived happily ever after."

In **Y2** we are looking at poetry this week and will be writing our own animal poem. Today we are looking at alliteration! Look out for our creations!

We're straight back to learning in **Y3** after a lovely week off!

In writing, we've been learning the story of Egyptian Cinderella and making comparisons between that and our more traditional version.

In Maths, we are beginning to improve our measuring skills in length and perimeter. Today, we've revised how to properly use a ruler and read centimetres and millimetres, and then we've been busy measuring things around the classroom!

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is **Friday 15th March** and we will be selling Red Noses in the Office for two weeks

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from this Friday 1st March. We have 400 noses for sale, but when they are gone, they are gone so get yours soon! Red Noses this year are £1.25 each. On the day children can pay 50p and come dressed in official Red Nose Day clothing or anything red.

Rainbows

Rainbows is held in St Catherine's school on Wednesdays during term time for girls aged between 4-7 years of age and the time is 4.45-5.50pm. There is a small weekly charge and children work towards badges in and out of group. The weekly groups consist of various craft activities and games, outings, occasional sleep overs and so on. The group is open to girls from all schools and is extremely welcoming. If you would like more information call Kirsty on 07863890144

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Wednesday 6th March and to help get into the spirit of characters and stories, children (and staff) can come to school dressed up. Please don't think you need to go out and buy an outfit, there are lots of ways you can join in without the expense. The official day is Thursday but we are doing it a day early so that all of Nursery can join in with us! Take a look on the official website for ideas:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

Thornbridge Residential

The closing date for booking a place for Thornbridge was Wednesday 13th February. If you have any questions or worries please call in and see a member of staff. Mr Steele's class will be going 25th – 27th March and Mrs Haque's class 27th – 29th March.

London Residential

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

INSET Day Change

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

Joke of the Week

Did you hear about the angry pancake?
He just flipped!

