



# The Thursday Green 'un

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to WCM after the Easter holidays. It was great to see everyone straight back into normal routines last Monday then again after the Bank Holiday weekend. It has certainly been strange having the holidays fall like this but the weather for the long weekend was beautiful! Come and have a chat to let us know how things are going and if you have any worries. The thoughts and feelings of you and your children are very important to us, so keep talking!

As usual this half term is jam-packed with events. It is an especially busy time for our Y6 children as they have last minute preparation for their SATS tests. Their hard work will be rewarded by a week long residential in Castleton at the end of this half term! The Year 5 children are off on their London adventure and there are also a number of day visits happening this half term, look out for further information from your child's class.

Our half termly newsletters went out this week. Please take time to read this and find out how you can support your child. Any additional support you can give your child will only enhance their learning. Just ask if there is anything you are unsure about!

## Learning Across School

Last Wednesday F1 went to Whirlow farm and had a fantastic day, we looked at lots of different farm animals and even got to stroke some, we were very gentle! We then acted out the story 'Farmer Duck' taking on the role of the duck and having to do all the work! It was great fun and the weather was lovely, we even got to sit and eat our lunch

outside in the garden! The Whirlow staff couldn't praise the children enough, they were so well behaved and a delight to be with!

We are so excited in F2 as we have tadpoles in our class! They have tails and swim very fast. We are wondering what they will grow into to? It is a great start to our learning about growing!

Y1 would like to say a big thank you to all the families who came along to their Fabulous Finish on the Friday before the holidays. We hope you liked the vases, they took a long time to create but they were very effective!

Last week Y2 had a very special visitor! Eddie is from Australia and he came to tell us all about his country. The children listened well and asked lots of questions. We also did the Australian wave and slip, slap, slop! Slip a T-shirt on, slap on a hat and slop on some sunscreen! This was a great start to our new learning about Australia, we look forward to sharing our learning with you over the next term!

We're straight back into our new topic in Y3, learning all about Kenya, which is our new topic! We started by using atlases to locate Kenya and find different features of the country such as the capital city, Nairobi. In Maths we are continuing our fraction learning and we began learning about equivalent fractions, using fraction bars and walls to find the equivalent fractions.

Children in Y4 have bounced back into learning this term with a focus on how we can reduce environmental impact of our actions! Look out for our findings over the term!

In **Y5**, we have been really enjoying reading our guided reading text. Last week, we got through a few more chapters of the book and had some excellent discussions. One of the things we did was to help Miss Eden create a diagram that summarised the main places (the underworld and Earth) and characters of the story. We also did our usual thing of discussing vocabulary we liked and found the word 'cacophony'. We learnt this to mean a lot of sounds at the same time that don't sound nice together.

What a fantastic experience a group of **Y6** children had the last Friday before the holidays. We participated in a lively debate against Emmaus school at the Town Hall in Sheffield about whether phones should or should not be allowed in schools – we argued against. Unfortunately, slightly more children voted that they should be allowed in school. However, this didn't prevent all six children having a brilliant morning.

### **The Easter Egg Challenge**

We would like to say a big thank you to the families who took part in our Easter Egg Decorating Challenge. As usual the entries were amazing, you are a very creative lot!



### **Easter Reads**

Don't forget to bring back your Easter Reads sheet in order to claim your Reading Robot badge. The last day for your recording sheets is tomorrow, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **London**

**Y5 London Science Museum Visit**  
Don't forget that places for our Y5 London Visit must be booked and full cost of £65 paid by **Friday 26th April** to allow us time to book tickets and trains etc.

As with all our residential visits, you will not be able to book your child a place on the visit if you owe money to school, unless you have a plan in place to repay the debt. Thank you for your support.

### **Castleton**

If you would like your child to take part in the Castleton residential a deposit of £10 is required to book a place by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** and the remainder needs to be paid before **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Fire Fighter Collection**

The Fire Fighter Charity will be collecting clothes on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. If you have any spare clothes please bring them into school. The money raised goes into school funds.

### **Change of Contact Details?**

Have you recently changed your address or phone number? If so, can you please let school know so that we can update our records. There have been a couple of times recently where we have tried to contact parents and have not been able to. If you have applied for a Nursery place and have changed address we also need to know as letters are sent out to the address you put on the Nursery application form.

### **Nursery Places**

Our Nursery team will soon be sorting out places for children who are 3 years old and ready to start in September. If you have already filled in an application form then you will be contacted soon with a time and date for a home visit. If you have not registered your child for Nursery or know any of your friends or family that have 3 year olds who are not attending Nursery, call in to the office for an application form. Children are admitted in date of birth order and we currently have spaces for September in all 4 of our sessions. We will continue to offer the 30 hour free early learning places.

### **Baby Steele**

We are pleased to announce that Jen and Martin Steele have had the second baby Rory Thomas weighing 6lb6oz. Mum and baby doing well. Martin Steele is taking his 2 weeks paternity leave so will be back in school with us on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Congratulations from everyone at WCM!

