



# The Thursday Green 'un

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## Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely holiday with your families, it is a shame the sun didn't shine a bit more! Well here we are again in the last half term of the year! We can't believe that we are nearly at the end of our eleventh year at WCM. Time passes so quickly! As usual, we have plenty happening over the next 7 weeks, which we will keep you informed of in our weekly edition of the Green 'Un. You will have received a letter before the holidays about class organisation for next year. We have deliberately let you know earlier this year to enable your children to get to know their new teacher before they move in September. Please take time to say hello to your child's new teacher. If you have any questions about next year, please call and see us.

## Sports Days

It's that time of the year again...WCM Sports Days are approaching!

Nursery – **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June am**

F2 – Y2 – **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June am**

Y3 & Y4 – **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June pm**

Y5 & Y6 - **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June pm**

You may wish to bring a blanket or deck chair so you're comfortable. We will need families to stay in the viewing area and support the children as they take part in the events. Please note that we will be using the entrance on Shirecliffe Road (directly onto the field) as the entrance and exit point for parents.

## WCM does Aladdin!

So, we kicked off auditions with a bang before the holidays with over 40 Y6 actors and actresses auditioning to play roles in our end of year production, Aladdin.

We are so excited to embark on this new journey into the world of singing and dancing, this year is going to be the best performance we have ever done!

Stay posted, as tickets will soon be on sale!

## Uniform Orders

If you require new school uniform for your child in September you can start getting your orders into the office. To guarantee delivery for September your order needs to be into the office by the end of June. Order forms are in the office, please call into get one or ask any questions you may have.

## Nursery Places

If you think you are entitled to the 30 hours FEL in Nursery in September please follow the link below to check. It is a complicated process, so if you need any support to work out what you need to do ask the Nursery team or Liz Graham in the office.

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

## Busy busy!

As usual this last half term will be very busy. We have the London residential for the Y5s tomorrow and the last residential of the year coming up for the Y3 children to Bakewell as well as many visits across year groups. Please check your child's bags for letters that may be hidden away. If you think you have missed anything call in to the office to check or see your child's class teacher.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities in libraries during the summer holidays. Throughout the challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading,

### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library, it's free to take part, they will help our super space family, The Rockets, as they track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers, to complete their

super Space Race collector's folder, and incentives along the way

- Library staff and young volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal.

### **Tips to Minimise Danger of Social Media**

- Work through safety and privacy features on the apps that your child is using, or might use. Make sure they understand the point of these and how to use them. Don't be put off by believing your child knows more than you: the tools are actually quite easy to manage.
- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging.
- Explain how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images.
- Check if any of their apps have 'geo-location' enabled, sharing their location unintentionally.
- Show them how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them.
- Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos.
- Encourage your child to come and talk to you if they see anything that upsets them.

### **Closure of Boynton Road**

ModeshiftSTARS and Sheffield City Council are working in partnership with Watercliffe Meadow on a range of active travel projects designed to raise awareness of a variety of issues. Our collective aim is to keep children safe & healthy on their journey to school and to promote active alternatives to the car such as walking, scooting and cycling. Inconsiderate parking and dropping children off at the school gates is becoming increasingly dangerous and a huge problem here and across the city. We hope by temporarily closing Boynton Road to through traffic we will highlight the benefits of a safer and cleaner environment for the journey to school.

The school is also taking part in the South Yorkshire 10 day Active Travel challenge from **10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**, to try and persuade as many families as possible to leave their car at home and choose an active way to get to school. Closing the road will compliment the challenge and will also raise awareness of 'Clean Air Day' 2019.

Boynton Road will be closed to traffic from **8-9.15am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** from the junction

with Shirecliffe Road and the junction of Longley Avenue West. There will be appropriate signage on surrounding roads. If you have to drive to school please find an alternative safe place to park as you will be unable to enter Boynton Road with a vehicle.

Blue badge holders are exempt and will be allowed access but please get in touch before the event so we can plan accordingly (Officer contact details below).

We really appreciate your support for this event. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this temporary road closure, please do get in touch with:

Kathryn Harrison, Senior Transport Planner,  
Sheffield City Council TEL: 07853243440 or  
via email: [Kathryn.harrison@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Kathryn.harrison@sheffield.gov.uk).

### **Smoke Alarms**

Recently our Y2 and Y5 children were surveyed as part of the 'our voice matters' survey. The results show that many of our children in school stated that they do not have a smoke alarm in their homes. South Yorkshire Fire Service offer advice on completing your own home safety checks if you follow the links on their website [www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/do-your-own-safety-check](http://www.syfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/do-your-own-safety-check). You may also qualify for a free home visit from the fire service and they can also provide free smoke alarms if you complete an online request.

### **Tomato Plants**

We will be selling tomato plants in the office for 50p each. These have been grown from seed by Mick, our volunteer gardener. All money raised will go in to school fund. Why not try your hand at growing your own!

### **Things Coming Up...**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** -Y5 London Residential Sports Days

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June am** - Nursery

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June am** - F2 – Y2

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June pm** - Y3 & Y4

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June pm** - Y5 & Y6

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Y3 Camping Residential

**5<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports to families

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Performance

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – WCM Summer Carnival

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Silver Showroom

**22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y6 Always Children Visit

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Prom

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Y6 Leaver's Assembly

We break up for the Summer Holidays at the end of the day on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**.