



The Thursday Green Un

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Welcome Back

Well here we are at the beginning of our 12th year at WCM.

We welcome everyone back to Watercliffe Meadow after the long summer holidays. We would also like to welcome any new families to the school, if there is anything you need to know, just ask, staff will always be happy to help.

It has been so lovely in school over the last few days. Having all the children back and listening to the fantastic times they have shared with families and friends has been a delight. We have had quite a number of the Summer Reading challenges back. If you have not yet completed it you have until next Friday; 30 reads earns you a Reading Robot badge! We want to make WCM the best place possible for your children to attend but we can only do that with your help and support. If you think we are doing something wrong, come and see us with a better idea. Together we can sort anything! Please remember if you wish to see your child's class teacher to discuss any issues, please call to the office and a member of the team will make an appointment.

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Lucy Callery to F2, Joe Boynton to Y3 and Steven Barnes to Y4. Please give them the usual WCM welcome, let's make them part of our family!

We have had a wedding over the summer and so Miss Oxley is now Mrs Mullen, but she is happy to answer to both names! The photographs were stunning, we wish them much happiness for their future together.

Baby News

Stacey Beresford gave birth to baby Cayde on Saturday 10th August. He weighed a healthy 8lb13oz. We had cuddles in school on Monday. Congratulations to Stacey and her partner.



Information from WCM!

This year we will be continuing to use the text system to keep you up to date with things that are happening at school.

If you have changed your number, please call in to the office to update your contact information.

Key information will also be included in the Green Un so keep reading every week to be 'in the know'!

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the families that came along to the meet the teacher meetings this week. If you could not make the meetings you can call and chat to your child's class teacher with any questions you may have.

Recycling Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate you donating it to school. We will be selling the uniform every Thursday in the café for 50p per item and proceeds will go to school funds.

Newsletters

Please look at your child's newsletter that should have come home with tonight's Green Un. It tells you about all the topics that your child will be learning over the next half term and gives you ideas about ways to support their learning at home. The 'dates card' is also attached with information about key events in the year ahead.

Learning Journals Y3-6

Your child will have brought home their new learning journal this week. After suggestions from families we have changed a few things in the journal, please let us know what you think. Your child will need to have their journal in school every day as they will be used to support their learning in the classroom as well as at home.

Uniform

We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has sent their children in full uniform. Seeing all the children in their classrooms so well presented is lovely. Please remember that indoor shoes are also part of our uniform when children are in class. If your child does not come in uniform we will give them spare to wear while they are in school. This will also be the case for PE kits. So...if you don't want your child wearing spare uniform make sure they come to school in dress code. Don't forget to clearly mark all items with your child's name so we can return lost items to their owners! If you need any spare uniform please call in to the office, we keep some uniform in stock and orders are generally turned around quickly.

Jewellery

Our jewellery policy allows children to wear one pair of stud earrings. These need to be taken out

independently by your child for PE lessons and will be kept in a tin in the classroom during PE. Unfortunately, staff in school can't help to remove earrings. If your child chooses to wear them then they must take responsibility for them.

False / Acrylic Nails

There were a number of cases in school last year of children wearing false or acrylic nails. Can we please remind you that this is not part of our uniform policy and they are not allowed to be worn by children. We will be resending the Dress Code Policy home in the next week. If you have any questions please call in and see us.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £2.00 a day, £10.00 a week for a hot dinner or a 'pick 'n' mix'...please pay for dinners at the start of a week on a Monday. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please see Sue Bibby and she will help you to apply. Your dinner money bill will need to be up to date before you can start paying for residential.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

If you have not already done so, then this half term is the time to apply for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2020. You can do this online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions or by filling in a paper form (you can request one of these by phoning Secondary Admissions on **0114 2735790**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address. Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2020**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

Reception Children

We would like to say a big well done to all the children who have started full time school for the first time this week. The children have been fantastic! They are so sensible and are following the Golden Rules already!

After School Programme

Our full programme of after school activities will begin next week. The timetables went out last term but you can collect another one from the office. Once your child has joined an activity please let Kim Walsh know if they will not be attending the activity or choose not to continue. This helps us to keep track of children or means we can offer the place to another child. Please remember to pay on a regular basis or your child will lose their place.

After school clubs are a fantastic way to introduce your child to new activities and help them make friends with new children. Why not give one a go!

Residentials

Residential are a big part of the additionality we add to our curriculum at WCM. We run residential in every year group from Y2 to Y6. Look out for the letter that will be coming home next week with details of when they are and the cost. We heavily subsidise all the residential visits but we also realise that paying for them can be difficult. We will not be able to let any child go who has not paid by the 'cut off' date for the residential. To help with this we can provide a 'payment card' so you can start paying a little at a time. You can also spread the cost of residential across the year by setting up a direct debit, please call and see Liz Graham for more information about this. Please note we will not be allowing any children to sign up for residential if there is a debt owed to school.

Cross-Country

If your child would like to try cross-country please see Sam Dyson. Training is on Wednesday after school until 4.15. This year we are hosting the second race of the season on **Saturday 28th September** so if you would like to volunteer at this event please let Sam know!

Cross Country Dates:

14th September – Bole Hills Park
28th September – Parkwood Springs
12th October - Brunswick
16th November - Bradfield
30th November - Longley Park
25th January – Norfolk Park
8th February - Concord Park
29th February - Graves Park

Completing the cross-country races is a real challenge and something to be proud of for those who take part.

Training Days

This is just a reminder of our planned training days for this year. School will be closed to children for staff training on the following Wednesdays:

Wednesday 11th September (please note this is next week)

Wednesday 9th October

Wednesday 27th November

Wednesday 11th March

We apologise for the miscommunication around the training day next week. We should have made it clear at the end of the last school year, we will learn from this and ensure all families know training days in advance in the future.

Read Write Inc

Over the next term we will be transitioning to a new scheme to support reading, writing and spelling across school. Read Write Inc is a popular scheme used by many schools and is recommended by OFSTED. You may notice a difference in the books your children start to bring home and in some of the language they use around phonics. Once staff are fully trained, we will run information sessions for you all so you can support your children.