



# The Thursday Green Un

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## Jubilee Food Bank & Harvest

This year to mark the Harvest Celebration we are thinking about food and those people who are not always lucky enough to have enough food at home. Last year the Jubilee Food Bank, based at the Meadows Children's Centre, supported lots of families in the Shirecliffe area by providing food parcels. We would like to support the food bank by collecting food donations. These are the items that they are short on at the moment:

- UHT milk
- Canned veg
- Canned fruit
- Rice pudding
- Instant mash
- 40 or 80 teabags
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Peanut butter

At the moment they **don't** need:

- Pasta
- Baked beans
- Soup

Any donations can be taken to your child's class or dropped at the office. Thank you in advance for your support. We will be bringing all the donated food together to Assembly on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Here is their web page in-case you want more information.

<https://www.jubileefoodbank.org.uk/you-can-help/>

## 101 Reads Challenge

Every child in school now has an updated version of our 101 reads poster. These show a collection of great books that we encourage children to read during their time at Watercliffe Meadow. Many of these books are used in classrooms throughout school so they will already be familiar to children and they will be able to 'tick them off' on their poster. Why not

find time to have a look at the poster together and colour in a leaf for every 5 books read?

## Library opening times

Starting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be opening our school library from **8:30-8:50** for 2 days each week: **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. This will give parents a chance to come and help children choose or return books to read at home. We are very lucky to have such a well-stocked library and want our children to make the most of it and get as much enjoyment and pleasure from reading as possible.

## Reading Robot Badges

We gave out a very impressive 55 Reading Robot badges in assembly last Friday. The deadline for bringing your completed sheet in is tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Heap's class are way out in front at the moment, let's see if anyone can get close to them!

## 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'!

## Facebook

Our Facebook page is becoming more popular but there are still some families we are not reaching. If you have parents as friends on Facebook who have not liked our page please tag them in.

[https://www.facebook.com/WatercliffeMeadow/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/WatercliffeMeadow/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

## 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.

## False / Acrylic Nails

There were a number a 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 should not 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Residentials

Residentials are a big part of the additionality we add to our curriculum at WCM. We run residentials in every year group from Y2 to Y6. Last week we sent a letter about our residential to all families. 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 residentials 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 residentials if there is a debt owed to school.

## Whirlow Meeting

The first residential of the school year is for our Y2 children to Whirlow. So that you can find out more about what we have planned and what it looks like at Whirlow, we have arranged a meeting after school. At the meeting we will provide more details about the visit and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm** in the Hall.

This visit is limited to 48 places, as this is the maximum number of children Whirlow can accommodate. Places will be given on a first come first served basis to those who pay the £10 deposit (or set up a Payment Plan) and do not have outstanding debts to school.

## Cross-Country

The first Cross Country race of the season takes place on Saturday at Bole Hills. Good luck to the team, we hope the sun shines for you!

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 28<sup>th</sup> September** so if you would like to volunteer at this event please let Sam know!

## Training Days

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

**Wednesday 9th October**

**Wednesday 27th November**

**Wednesday 11th March**

## 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.

## Joke of the Week

Q. Where do sheep go on holiday?

A. To the Baa-hamas!

