



The Thursday GREEN'UP

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Christmas Cards

It's a bit early to be thinking of Christmas we know, but we are sending home a sheet for your child to design a Christmas card, that you can then purchase to send to your family and friends. The cards are printed on good quality card, with your child's design on the front, a Christmas greeting on the inside, and a section on the back that says "Design Created by...(your child's name)" and also our school name. We have samples in the school office if you would like to see them.

The packs of 12 cards cost £5.50 to purchase for the first pack, and then £4.50 for every pack after that. You can also purchase 16 gift tags for £2.50. Every pack of cards/tags that you order also helps us to raise valuable money for our School Fund.

If you would like to order these cards/tags, please send in your completed order form with your child's design **and full payment by Friday 25th October**. We cannot take any orders for cards after this date, and unfortunately, we also cannot place any orders that are not with full payment. The cards will be printed and ready by the beginning of December.

We are also holding a competition for the best design, which will then be used as our official Watercliffe Meadow Christmas Card, which Mr Read and Mrs Bradley send to friends and colleagues of our school. The winner will also receive a prize.

This project was very successful last year, and many of our parents were delighted with the cards.

Beacons Lantern Procession

This year's Lantern Procession will take place on **Saturday October 12th**, setting off from the car park on Cooks Wood Road at about **5.45pm**. On Monday morning, the Year 4s made a huge, multicoloured rainbow spider out of willow and tissue paper. This lantern will be placed at the top of Park Wood Springs at the finale of the procession.

We hope as many families from Watercliffe Meadow will join in the procession. We will meet at 5.15pm and will go through the trees to the viewpoint as the lights are turned on over the city.

After activities there, the Procession will return to the football field as dusk falls.

There will be a coffee/tea stall and Street Food before and after the procession. Last year there were some incredible lanterns, and the atmosphere was wonderful. It's a really good opportunity for young and old to walk round Parkwood Springs, see the views over the city as the dusk falls, and have a good time together. Everyone is welcome, but please come in sensible clothing and bring a torch. Everything takes place outdoors, and it will be dark by the end of the evening.

Baby News

A message from Miss Eden...

We'd like to introduce you to the most precious addition to our family, and a well-awaited one at that. This is Benjamin David Heaver. He arrived into the world on Saturday 5th October at 11:57am and weighed 8lb 8oz. All is well and mum and dad have lots of love for him!

We send lots of love to our newest WCM family from everyone at WCM!

10 Day Active Travel Challenge

The 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starts on Monday 7th October to Friday 18th October 2019. The challenge is for our children and families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 day period. There will be prizes for everyone who completes the challenge.

We need everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way...you might want to walk, stride, cycle, scoot and skate to school! If you live a long way from school and need to drive, you can still take part by parking away from school (at least 5 minutes away) and walking the last part of your journey!

This is a good way to improve health, be more active, reduce congestion and improve the air quality around school for our children.

We hope you will all take part and have fun!

Whirlow Residential

Look out for the final information letter coming home next week. Please remember to send your child in wellies/walking boots and with a rucksack, it is no fun carrying a pick and mix bag across the moors! The balance of the cost needs paying in

full by tomorrow. Any questions, please come and ask.

Maths Games Week

Week Beginning Monday 21st October

On the last week of this half term all the classes in school (with the exception of Y2 due to Whirlow) will be running maths games in their classrooms every morning until 9.15am. All parents are invited to join their child and watch them play or join in the games. This will allow parents to learn some games that can be used at home to develop times tables knowledge and number bond knowledge.

The classes will be open every day to allow parents to drop in with children in different year groups.

We hope as many of you will join us in playing the games.

Supervision Outside

Just a reminder that we supervise children in Breakfast Club from 8.00am and out on the yard from 8.40am. Please make sure you have a conversation with your child about being in the right place to ensure they stay safe. We have had children unsupervised on the yards quite early before school over the last week and we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of safe places for your child to be. We will also remind children in assembly.

Library opening times

Have you visited our school library yet? It is open Tuesday and Thursday from **8:30-8:50**. We want to give families the opportunity 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.

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.

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.

Applying for a Reception School Place

Applications for a place in Reception September 2020 are now being accepted. If you do not complete a form or apply online you will not be offered a place at a Sheffield school. Places are not "reserved" at your catchment area school. Forms need to be completed by 15th January 2019.

If you apply late, your application will be considered after all others so you will have less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school.

You are strongly advised to use all three preferences. Selecting a second and third preference does not weaken your first preference, it does however give you a possible fall back position if your first preference is unsuccessful. Do not select the same school twice, it will not increase your chances. If you need any support please call in to see Claire Bradley. Remember if your child is in our Nursery it does not guarantee you a place in school so please make sure you apply on time.

Nursery Places

If you have a child at home who is not yet three years old please make sure you register them for Nursery. Once you have filled in the form just drop it back to school and the Nursery staff will contact you to arrange a home visit, usually within the term of their 3rd birthday.

We now offer 30 hours for families that are eligible, please ask in the office for more information.

Pants and Wallpaper

Our Nursery team have asked if you have any spare girls' pants at home as their supplies are running low. Also, the children are really enjoying doing big pictures together on wallpaper so if you have any spare rolls at home could they please have those too! Thank you!

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM on **Friday 25th October**, just before we break up for half term! Children (and adults) can come dressed 'spookily' and there will be 'cosy reads' and themed activities for all children during the day! Further details will follow in the Green 'Un!

Parent Governor

We currently have a space on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you feel you would like to join us please call in to the office and speak to Liz Graham by tomorrow, **Friday 11th October**.

Half Term

We finish for the October Half Term break on **Friday 25th October** and return to school on **Monday 4th November**.