



# The Thursday Green\*Un

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## Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the October half term. There were some beautiful Autumn days with lots of sunshine. We hope you had a lovely break together with your family and that you are now rested ready for the mad rush up to Christmas. As the weather turns cooler please remind your child about wearing their coats, although they run around so much outside they do not feel the cold like us adults! Please write names in coats, we already have 3 new looking ones in lost property without names on. Over the next few weeks we will be making more indoor space available for children who prefer to be inside in the warm. Don't forget if you have anything on your mind that you want to discuss, call in to the office and make an appointment to see us. We would rather talk things through with you and work together to find a solution, than let issues grow or see them on Facebook. There will as usual be lots of things happening this half term and we will use the Green 'Un to keep you up to date.

## Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme Change Starts With Us and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

*Small change. Big difference.*

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a

conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

We will also be having an odd socks day on Tuesday 12th November 2019, come to school in odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

## Children in Need

We will be selling Children In Need merchandise in the office after the holidays. The actual fundraising day is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be dressing up in anything yellow or spotty for a 50p contribution.



## Poppies

We are selling poppies and other poppy related goods on the front desk. Please call in or send money with your child if you wish to purchase any. We will let you know how much money we collect.



## Aldi Kit Challenge

Thank you to all the families who have brought in kit stickers for the Aldi Kit Challenge. We have now completed the poster and our entry has been sent in. Fingers crossed that we win!



## Reducing Plastic

In Community Week last year our Y4 children were learning about our environment, and in particular they looked at how we can reduce the use of single use

plastic and other waste in our school, our homes, our local community and in our city. In support of this, as a school we have introduced jugs of squash at social times and fruit juice in our breakfast clubs instead of plastic cuplets and cartons with plastic straws. Children can pay 20p for a beaker of squash or fruit juice, or they can bring their own reusable bottle to be filled. After half term, we will no longer be selling cartons at all, and this will be the only option for drinks. We are also hoping to obtain some water bottles that children can buy from school to reuse.

Thank you for your support and thank you to the Y4 children for helping to make school more environmentally friendly. If you have any questions please call in and see Liz Graham in the office.

### **Spooky Cosy Read**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October we had a spooky themed 'Cosy Read' day and everyone looked amazing in their costumes. You can see pictures on some of our class blogs. The children and staff really enjoyed sharing books together and talking about the characters. Nurturing a love of reading is the best way to get our children to read which will in turn improve their speaking, listening and writing skills. If you need any advice on how to support your child with reading why not talk to Kerry Heap or Steve Smith, they are full of great ideas.

### **Halloween Day at WCM**

Friday before the holidays was a really spooky day at WCM. We were taken over by witches, ghouls, zombies and more for a fun filled day. There are lots of pictures on all the class blogs, please visit the WCM website, [www.watercliffmeadow.co.uk](http://www.watercliffmeadow.co.uk) and click on the blogs tab. A big thank you to all the families for the effort you put in to the costumes.

### **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.

### **Christmas Fayre**

As the month of festivities is only 23 days away, Liz Graham is busy planning the 2019 WCM Christmas Fayre. It will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** from 2.00pm in the hall. You will be receiving a letter about this in the next few weeks. Please save any nearly new toys for our toy stall and if you can help on the day call in to see Liz, she will be very grateful.

**Santa** is coming to WCM again, he dropped us a note from the North Pole to say he will come to the Fayre, tickets will go on sale in the office from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and cost £2.00 to see him.



**Nativity** preparation is just beginning; the children have started learning all the songs and will very soon be in the hall practising. Tickets for Nativity will be on sale from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** and are initially restricted to 2 per child. From **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

### **Parents Support Group**

We have invited the Parent Carer Forum along to our SNAPS support group meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Our meeting will be 9-11.15, in the Spud Bar, with a parent volunteer from the Forum joining us around 9.45am.

Parents are welcome to come at 9 for a drink before the session or just join us at 9.45am

### **Training Day**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Training Day is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, school will be closed to children.

### **Joke of the Week**

Q. What happened to the man who was taken to hospital after eating daffodil bulbs?

A. Doctors say he's recovering and he'll be out in the spring!

