



The Thursday Celebration

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Christmas is coming but learning never stops...

This week in **F1** we have been visiting the North and South poles in our Arctic area. We had to put on our scarves, woolly coats and hats to keep warm. We used our binoculars to see if we could spot the Arctic animals. We sat in our igloo and used our torches to help us see better, it was lots of fun!

We have had naughty elves in **F2**. The other day they moved everyone's slippers and covered them in glitter. They have been playing lots of tricks on us. If they don't start following our Golden Rules we will not let them come to our party next week!

In **Y1** we have been busy learning the sequence of the Christmas story. We know all about Mary, Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem. We have then acted out the story in the Nativity for all our families to come along and watch.

We love yoga in **Y2**. We are learning stories through yoga, our favourite at the moment is The Twits. Yoga is a great way to calm us down and help us be ready for learning.

In **Y3** we have been learning how to use inverted commas to show where someone is speaking in our writing. This is a bit tricky but we are getting much better at it.

In **Y4** we are so proud of the progress our children have made with their swimming. At the beginning of the sessions there were some children who were a little nervous to even get in the pool but this is not the case now. The sessions will carry on until the beginning of February by which time we are sure that more of the children will be swimming with confidence.

In **Y5** last week and the week before in science, we built a cardboard aqueduct! We talked about the property of waterproofness as we wanted to find out which material would work the best to line our aqueducts. We put the materials into our aqueducts and sent a cup full of water down them. We then went on to record our results.

In **Y6** we are looking at coding in ICT. This is a very tricky area of learning but we listened well and used a resource called Code bugs to help us write coding to make something work. Take a look on our blog to see what we did.

Y4s Recycling Campaign!

The Year 4s have been looking at getting some recycling bins for the school playground. We have looked at some animal themed bins and have picked a Tiger and Ladybird one. We think we have chosen some awesome bins! The bins can't be delivered for 8 to 12 weeks but hope they will eventually come as they will really help fix a problem!

Reported by Abi and Blossom

Food Bank

Christmas is a great time of the year but it can also be stressful with all the demands of special food and presents.

We can also access the food bank for any families who are struggling for food. Please see Mrs Bradley or Mrs Senior if you need any support.

Nativity

We would like to say a big well done to the children in Y1 for their amazing performance in this year's Nativity. They were so well supported by the singing from children in F2 and Nursery. To put on performances like this takes a lot of effort and time from the

staff, children and thank you to you all too for your support at home! It is so amazing seeing our youngest children on stage and very emotional, the perfect start to Christmas!

WCM Calendars

There is still time to buy your WCM calendars. The children have been busy designing and every year group has had an input. Call in to the office to order your copy. They cost £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

Letters to Santa and Reindeer Food

Reindeer food and Reindeer Dust is now being sold in the office to keep Rudolph and his pals going on Christmas Eve - £1 a bag. Santa has also asked us to sell magic keys for him this year. Some of the chimneys are a little tight for his tummy so a magic key just makes dropping those presents off a little easier. These are also on sale in the office for £1.00.

Celebrations and Parties

You should have received a letter from your child's class informing you of any celebration event or parties they are having in the next week at school. The class parties will be:

F1 – Wednesday am & pm

F2 – Thursday pm

Y1 – Thursday pm

Y2 – Wednesday pm

Y3 – Thursday pm

Y4 – Wednesday pm

Y5 – Thursday pm

Y6 – Friday pm

On party day children in Phase 1 will be able to come to school in their party clothes (no jeans) and children in Phase 2 & 3 (Y2-Y6) will come in uniform and bring a change of clothes for party time. If you have any questions call in and ask your child's teacher. The food this year is being provided from the Friends of Watercliffe, we would like to say a big thank you to them for their fundraising efforts over the last year.

Milk Orders

Orders need to be placed for any children who would like milk in the spring term. The cost will be £10.45 and this will take you up to the Easter holidays. If your child is

entitled to free school meals you still need to order milk. Orders need to be in by **Tuesday 18th December** where possible, or 10th January at the latest.

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget **Wednesday 18th December**, is Christmas lunch day. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please call in to the office to order one for them. This will help our wonderful Café team prepare enough food for everyone. Don't forget if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 they are entitled to a free lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

Due to popular demand we are having a Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 20th December**. If you wish to make a donation to Sheffield Children's Hospital, there will be buckets in reception. Please note you can either come in a Christmas jumper or normal school uniform.

It's Back...

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2020 show will start in the New Year!

If you think you've got a talent, Christmas might just be the time to start practising! We are looking forward to seeing how previous acts have improved and we are hoping to see some new and fresh talent. The show is looking for talented individuals and groups from Y2 to Y6!! The final will take place on **Friday 14th February**.

Jokes of the Week

Q. Why did the pupil eat his homework?

A. Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

Q. Why is Santa good at Karate?

A. Because he has a black belt!

Christmas Holidays

We break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 20th December** and come back for the Spring Term on **Monday 6th January 2020**.