

Helping Hands

You may have seen our new helping hands board outside the cafe. This is a re-launch of our job squad. Staff post jobs for children to do on the board. Children then earn credits to be spent at the school store. Keep an eye out for new jobs being posted. The first jobs went up yesterday and flew from the board within minutes!

Mobile Phones

Can we just remind parents that children are not allowed to use mobile phones in school. We understand that is this day and age you may want your child to bring a phone to school to contact you at the end of the day but through the day they need to remain in bags or handed into the office. If phones are taken out in school time then they will be kept by school until the end of the day.

Sheffield Junior Park Run

What is a junior parkrun?

- Weekly event for 4-14 year olds step
- Safe, traffic-free, timed 2km route to walk, jog or run [1]
- It's free & it's fun.

To register visit www.parkrun.org.uk \mathbb{F} Submit your details and get your barcode. Print your barcode to bring on the day \mathbb{F} *Where is it?*

Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park, Worksop Road, Sheffield, S9 3TL

Parking is available or there is easy access by tram and bus.

When is it?

Every Sunday at 9am

Contact sheffieldolp-juniors@parkrun.com for more details.

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have been investigating ice. We put water in containers and then made it into ice in our freezer, then put it in trays to see what happened. We had some lovely discussions about seeing it slowly melting and changing back into water. It was a bit like being scientists!

We are learning about space in **F2**. We are enjoying listening to stories about space. This week we read a story called The Way Back Home about a boy and an alien who help each other...we have been helping each other in class too! We are so interested in learning about the different planets in our solar system. We know we live on earth and that earth has lots of water and a moon, we also know that Saturn has rings and Neptune is a very stormy planet!

In **Y1** PE we have been practicing moving our ball with a hockey stick. It is very tricky trying to control the ball but we are not giving up! It is a good way to keep fit and have fun!

In **Y2** we have all been doing Read Write Inc in our different groups across school which has meant we have not done a lot of writing as a class. This week we have been writing diary entries and Mrs Wayper and Miss Gibson have been so impressed with our spelling and sentence formation. Call into our class to look at our writing!

Last week the **Y4s** worked with Active Travel from Sheffield City Council to find a zone around school that everyone could walk from. We split up into groups and walked in different directions from school to find the '5 minute walk zone'. It would be great if lots of families regularly walked some of the way to school. We thought about why walking part of the way to school would be good:

- It is better for the environment.
- The air around school will be cleaner.
- Less cars around school will be safer for children.
- Physical exercise is good for everyone.

• Walking to school can be sociable. Please look at our map and try to park and stride to school!

Last Thursday afternoon in **Y5** science, we were looking at reversible and irreversible changes to food and ingredients. We heated some items, such as egg, cheese, chocolate, popcorn and bread and watched how they changed. We talked about all of the ingredients and tried to identify if they were solid, liquid or gas and then predict how they would change.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting this event in school. Altogether we

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raised nearly **£700**, which will be deposited in the Children In Need bank account! It was great to have Blush in school as well, how lucky are we that she chose WCM to visit!

Christmas Fayre

As the month of festivities is only 9 days away, Liz Graham is busy planning the 2019 WCM Christmas Fayre. It will take place on **Wednesday 4th 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 are now on sale and are going fast! The cost is **£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 25th November** and are initially restricted to 2 per child. From **Monday 2nd** **December** any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

WCM Calendars

Again this year we will be selling our very own 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.

Firefighter Clothing Collection

The Firefighter charity are collecting clothes from school on **Monday 2nd December** (they usually come in the morning). If you are having a clear out ready for new Christmas clothes please bring your bags to school so we can cash them in for money to go in our school fund. Thank you!

Arriving and Collecting at WCM

Can we please remind you that you must take your child in to class through the outside door to their classroom unless you arrive after 8.55. This will ensure that we keep traffic on corridors to a minimum and also that children get their correct marks in the register.

If you are late please ensure you sign your child in on the computer in Reception. The same applies to collecting at the end of the day. If you arrive early and don't want to be out in the yard then call into the café for a cuppa!

Training Day

Our 4th Training Day is next week on **Wednesday 27th November**. School will be closed to children.

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.**



Joke of the Week

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter?

- A: Because it is too far for them to walk.
- Q: How does an elephant get

out of a tree?

A: It sits on a leaf and waits until autumn.

