



Watercliffe Mead**w*

The Thursday Celebration

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Y2s at Whirlow

On Monday Y2EW set off on their first ever WCM residential to Whirlow Hall Farm! The first day was an enormous challenge as the children had to walk across Houndkirk Moor, down the Limb Valley and across fields. They stopped on route to have a picnic and explore woods where the Gruffalo lives! Day 2 was based around the farm doing jobs such as collecting eggs, feeding rabbits and grooming the horses. In the afternoon we explored the farm to see where food comes from and how some of the bigger animals need caring for. On Wednesday the children headed back to school via Forge Dam and Endcliffe Park. Y2LG set off on Wednesday for the same adventure. They return to school on tomorrow. It has been an absolute delight spending time with the Y2 children; they have certainly enjoyed the challenge of their first school nights away from home.



Baby News

On Tuesday 22nd at 3.23am Mrs Hurst welcomed baby Harper into the world, weighing 9lb 4 oz! It all happened pretty quickly and her older brother Harvey slept through it all. We wish Mrs Hurst and her family much joy from all at Watercliffe Meadow.

Reading Miles

By now many of you will be well on your way to earning a bronze reading badge. As a reminder, you need to provide evidence of completing 40 reads or more at home during the autumn term. The closing date for counting is Friday 13th December. As you read this, it means you still have seven weeks to go to aim for 40! Good luck and happy reading. Having your Learning Journal or Reading Record in school every day will allow your teachers to see how you are doing and



also give yourself time in a morning to fill in your reading at home if you've been forgetting.

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.

Hillsborough Park All Wheeled Bike Park

Sheffield City Council is working in partnership with Access Sport and Sheffield Hallam University to propose a new open access, off-road, community all wheeled bike park based in Hillsborough Park.

We're currently seeking feedback on the proposal from the local community and users of the Park. Your views and opinions are important to us and we would appreciate you taking 5 minutes to complete the survey via the link below.

<http://bit.ly/hillsboroughbikepark>

For more information contact the Parks & Countryside Service on 0114 2500500 or email parksandcountryside@sheffield.gov.uk

Christmas Cards

Remember to return your Christmas card decoration and orders by tomorrow, Friday 25th October in order to have them produced. Any queries please contact Liz Graham.

Family Photos

The photographers are coming in to school on **Monday 28th October**, the first Monday of the holidays, to take family group photographs. We have organised this again to give you the opportunity to bring older siblings and extended family members in to school. We have requested 2 photographers to make the waiting time shorter. Please return your slip to book a place.

Children in Need

We will be selling Children In Need merchandise in the office after the holidays. The actual fundraising day is **Friday 15th November**, we will let you know nearer the time what we plan to do in school.



10 Day Active Travel Challenge

Well done to all the children who have completed the 10 day active travel challenge. Miss Mansell is collecting numbers from classes and will deliver badges as soon as they arrive in school.

Maths Games Week

Thank you to all the families who came along to the maths games sessions over the last week. It was lovely to see so many different faces in classrooms practicing maths skills in a fun way.

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.

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**). Applications close at the end of October.

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**.

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.

Halloween at WCM

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day at WCM tomorrow, **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! Our Nursery dress up day was on Wednesday, the outfits were amazing. The children enjoyed coming out of uniform having a disco and special snack food. They did try to be scary but really they were too cute!

Half Term

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

Spooky Jokes

Q. What do witches put in their hair?

A. Scare spray!

Q. What do you call two witches who share a room?

A. Broom mates!

Q: What is a vampire's favourite fruit?

A: A nectarine!

