



# The Thursday Celebration

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## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the families who have returned slips for the parents' evening next week. If you have not yet done this please let your child's class teacher know when you can attend so they can book you a 10 minute slot of time to discuss learning. The dates are:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 3.30 – 5.30**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 3.30 – 7.00**

## Parent View

We will be asking you to complete a paper copy of the OFSTED Parent View Questionnaire. This is to allow us to look at your thoughts and opinions about aspects of school and see where we can make improvements to the service we provide. Any completed questionnaire will earn you a voucher for Tuck Shop. They will be available in your child's class or on the main reception.

## Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we had some very special visitors. Sam's Safari came to see us and brought lots of different animals with them for us to look at. They told us all about them, what they were called and what they ate. Then we had to sit in our circle really quietly so we didn't scare them. We stroked them really carefully, we were all very brave! It was really exciting.

In **F2** we have started collecting our learning keys this week. We have been so excited! One of our key jobs was to use construction materials to build a house for a penguin. We have made some super houses!

In **Y1 PE** we have been learning how to move by rocking and rolling. We tried to stand up by putting our feet together and

rocking our bodies forwards and backwards to get up on our feet.

**Y2** had a great visit to the Weston Park Museum this week. We learnt lots of new facts about animals and their habitats. Then we worked in teams to create our very own habitat for animals which was lots of fun! The children were brilliant and made us very proud! Well done Y2!

This week, **Y3** began their learning about Ancient Egypt. We found out about Howard Carter and how he discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. We then broke into an Egyptian tomb ourselves and became archaeologists! The children really enjoyed seeing what treasure they could discover and creating questions about what they want to find out this term about Ancient Egypt.

The **Y4s** began their 'Storyframe' project with Sheffield Theatres. Both classes had a great afternoon, creating freeze frames and sharing thoughts and ideas on Joe Scarborough's art work. We are working towards performing at the Crucible Theatre in March.

In **Y6** we went on a visit to Crucial Crew. This was a great experience that is planned to prepare us for real life situations. We learnt what to do if there was a fire, discussed antisocial behaviour and took part in a role play court situation. It was fun but also taught us some important skills we will need as we get older.

## Year 6 SATs Information Meetings and Revision Books

Thank you to the families who came along to the information sessions about Y6 SATs. If you were not able to attend please see

one of the Y6 team to collect the information. A letter went home at the beginning of the week about an opportunity to buy revision workbooks for your child. As a school, we can purchase them at the discounted price of £2.25 for one and £5.00 for all 3 (Reading, Maths and SPaG). For more information, ask one of the Year 6 Team or view sample copies at parents' evening.

### **Neil Griffiths returns to Watercliffe**

On **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**, author and inventor of 'story sacks', Neil Griffiths is coming to WCM. Neil has been before and produced with us a short film sharing his top tips for reading at home. Neil will start with a session for parents in the hall from 9.00-10.00 before working with children in school for the rest of his time with us. As well as sharing great ideas for making reading fun at home, he is also very entertaining. All parents are welcome...see the flyer with this week's Green Un, please come and join us.

### **Thank You For Your Help!**

We have a thank you letter from the Jubilee Foodbank to recognise the food donations made by the families and staff before Christmas. Altogether 69.5 KG of food was delivered by the Y2 children. We are very lucky to have this local service. Over 3 months, 152 homes were visited which included food for 195 adults and 144 children. If you would like any further information about the Food Bank you can get in touch by emailing [info@jubileefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@jubileefoodbank.org.uk)

### **Contact Numbers**

If you have a new telephone over Christmas please let the office know so we can update our records if we need to contact you. This will also ensure that you get any texts sent out from school.

### **Snow**

As the winter is now well and truly here there will be every possibility of it snowing. If we do get snow we will make every effort to open as usual, we have only ever closed twice in all the years we have been open because of snow. Please do not ring school

to find out if we are open, we will announce it on Radio Sheffield and Hallam and text you all. We will also keep you up to date on Facebook. Let's hope we are lucky enough to only have snow at the weekends!

### **London Residential**

We now have the date for the Y5 residential to London. We will set off on our adventure on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** and return on Saturday **18<sup>th</sup> June around 6pm**. There will be an information meeting for parents on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 5.00**. If you can't make the meeting your pack will be sent home after the meeting.

### **Thornbridge Residential**

The parent information meeting for the Y4 Thornbridge residential will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm** in the hall. Come along to collect your information pack and find out more about the 3 days. Mrs Gill and Mrs Read's class will be going 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March and Mr Barnes' class 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you can't make the meeting your pack will be sent home afterwards.

**Please note if you owe school dinner money or any other money this will affect your child's attendance at residential.**

### **It's Back...**

Yes, another year, another **Watercliffe's Got Talent** contest! Auditions for the 2020 show will start next Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January! Miss Gibson has been collecting names of acts and their song titles to allow her to collate audition times.

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 14<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Half Term Holiday**

We break up for the February half term holiday on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** and come back to school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **Inset Day**

Our last INSET Day of the year is on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. School will be closed to children.