



The Thursday GREEN 'UN

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COVID19

As you will know by now, on Tuesday we had our first confirmed case on COVID19 in school. Our first action once we get a case confirmed is to contact Public Health to do an Action Plan to deal with the case. As a result of this conversation we were instructed to send home the Y6 children and the teachers for 14 days, they will be back in school on Monday 21st September. The most common question asked was:

Q. Do siblings or family members of the children sent home need to isolate as well?

A. No, other household members of the contact do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or adult they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

We recognise this is a very stressful time and so difficult to deal with as we are working day to day, the uncertainty is exhausting. We ask if you have any concerns or questions that you get in touch and ask. We will then find out the answer for you. By working together, we will get through. If you are in any doubt about your child's health or any symptoms that they are displaying the best advice is to contact the health care professionals on 111. If after advice you need to arrange a test do this via nhs.uk or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. Current advice is not to have a test if there are no symptoms present.

As you know from previous information, we are following all the guidance that has been published for schools to follow. The main way to keep the virus at bay is still good hygiene. Everywhere around school we are promoting this. We have hand sanitising units in every classroom and in key places around school. In class the focus is on hand washing and use of tissues or coughing into your arm.

The social bubbles also remain important but these are now as class groups and throughout the day children will only come into contact with other children from their class group.

Y6 Home Learning

We are missing you already! From now until 21st September, Y6 staff have to work from home too but we will be setting online work on the blog. Any learning that is completed and you want to share with us can be emailed to us using the Y6 email address: y6@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk. This address is written on the inside of your child's learning journal. Taking photographs is one way of doing this or if you have access to a computer you can send it to us as attachments. If you need us in any way please email and we will get straight back to you.

Learning in School

In **Nursery** we have been enjoying paint mixing on our creative table, making colours like green and pink, we have been playing with fairy tale figures in our small world making up stories. We are really enjoying collaging in our workshop area making lots of glittery pictures and in our construction area we have been creating lots of wonderful buildings and using words like tall.

In **F2** we have been settling in and learning our new routines. We have started to learn our letter sounds and reading stories about families. We did PE in the hall, learning how to find a space and move safely. We did brilliantly! We are learning about the golden rules and will be having circle time on Thursday.

In **Y1** we have been learning about ourselves. We have drawn ourselves and written sentences about how old we are and what we could do in the past and what we can do now. We have been investigating numbers to 10 and practicing counting past 10, counting amounts and writing numbers. We have all settled into Y1 and we are all trying our best with our learning.

In **Y2**, we have been writing about ourselves and what our favourite food is, our friends and what we like to play. This week we have been reading Lost and Found and will be using adjectives in our writing. Outdoor PE is on a Wednesday and we will be building on our hockey skills. Indoor PE is on a Thursday and we have started to learn some gymnastic holds

and will be starting to work with ribbons to develop a routine. It has been a lovely settled start to Y2.

Y3 have been writing their own versions of the Night Zoo story. They have been using lots of description in their writing. The children have also been working on their street dance skills with Jack and will keep doing so for this half term!

In **Y4**, we have been completing an investigation looking at how much liquid a sugar cube stack can absorb when there was a piece of material between it. We looked at four materials:

- paper
- paper towel
- dish cloth; and
- tinfoil

We all made our predictions and then completed our investigations. Most of us correctly predicted that the foil was the best material due to its properties of being waterproof and not absorbing liquid.

In **Y5** Literacy, we are starting the year with a great project all about wizards. This week we will be creating our own wizard character, making a wand and creating our own spell book ready for our first day at Watercliffe's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

We will be using Hogwarts and Harry Potter as inspiration for this work over the next couple of weeks and would therefore like to watch small sections of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' in class to inspire us.

Gardening Club

From this Friday, Y4s have the fantastic opportunity to do a gardening club during their lunchtime. We have two wonderful visitors in, that are also doing art with us, and together we have come up with great plans for several areas around school. The flower beds on the top yard, polytunnel on the roof above nursery and the area out there are all going to be developed. If this club interests you then you will need an old t-shirt and jogging bottoms or trousers to keep your clothes clean. New gardening gloves will be provided.

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 2021. 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**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received

from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address. Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2021**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

Facebook

Our Facebook page is becoming more popular but there are still some families we are not reaching. If you have parents as friends on Facebook who have not liked our page please tag them in.

https://www.facebook.com/WatercliffeMeadow/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Recycling Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate you donating it to school. We will look at ways to organise selling the uniform once this becomes possible and proceeds will go to school funds.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder that dinner money is £2.00 a day, £10.00 a week for a hot dinner or a 'pick 'n' mix. Like everywhere we are trying to move away as much as possible from handling money, call Liz in the office for information on how to pay online. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please see Sue Bibby and she will help you to apply.

Residentials

At the moment we are unsure about what residentials will be happening this academic year. We do know that the Y2 one to Whirlow can't happen, which is very sad for all involved. If and when the guidance changes, we will inform you all straight away and let you know the plans for the children in Y3-6.

You can still spread the cost of residentials across the year by setting up a direct debit, please call and see Liz Graham for more information about this. If the residential does not happen you can draw the money out or bank it for uniform or dinners. Please note we will not be allowing any children to sign up for residentials if there is a debt owed to school.

Training Days

This is just a reminder of our planned training days for this year. School will be closed to children for staff training on the following days:

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021