



# The Thursday GREEN'UP

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## Lock down Number 2!

As you are probably fed up of hearing, today is the first day of a month lockdown for the whole country. The main difference this time round is that schools are remaining open for everyone. This is the main message from the Government:

*We will continue to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our children and young people and will not be closing early years settings, schools, colleges or universities. It remains very important for children and young people to attend, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be, and so they should continue to go to school.*

We have been advised to continue following our normal absence procedures and to expect all children to attend school. We will provide learning at home but only for children who are self isolating due to closure of a bubble, children tested positive or self isolation after exposure to someone who has tested positive. If you have any questions please email [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk)

## Self Isolating

Just a reminder that if a member of your household is self-isolating they are not able to come to school to drop off or pick up children. They should remain within the family home as advised by the Government.

## Need to Talk?

If you have got something that is on your mind or worrying you then please remember we are still here to listen and support, it will just have to be done from a 2 metre distance! We recognise that the stress of the world at the moment is different to anything we have ever had to deal with before. Together we can help each other get through. If you need support

with anything or just want to hear someone's voice you can either ring school, drop a message on Facebook Messenger or email [office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk) and one of our school team will get back to you. We will always make every effort to get back to you the same day but there are some days when it just is not possible. Remember one of our office team is outside the main entrance every morning and Mrs Bradley and Mr Read (or a Mr Read stand in when he is busy) will be outside most mornings apart from Tuesday. Together with our love we can get through this!



## Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Our theme this year is around online safety. We will be looking at how we keep safe online and protecting ourselves. We will also be learning about how to keep digitally happy and healthy by deciding what is appropriate online, getting enough sleep, limiting screen time and how to seek help if something makes us feel uncomfortable. More than ever we think it is important to promote kindness and this theme will also run through the week. We will be talking to the children about being kind whether that be face to face or online, kindness matters.

## Remembrance Day

Next Wednesday marks Remembrance Day and we want to make sure we show our respect for all the soldiers who gave their lives to make the world better for us. We will be

doing some learning in school and posting things on our Blogs. Every child will bring home an outline of a poppy that we would like you to display in your windows like we did with the rainbows during lockdown. We are also trying to get hold of some poppies to sell around school.

### **Children in Need**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need fundraising day and we will be dressing up in anything yellow or spotty for a 50p contribution. There will be buckets outside classrooms for donations to be dropped in. We have got some official merchandise to sell, ear headbands (£2.50) and wrist bands (£1). These will be available on the bottom yard before school from Monday. We only have limited stock so when they are gone, they are gone. We will also need you to bring the correct money as we can't give change out.



### **Learning Across School**

In **F1** we had a belated dressing up day on Wednesday and performed our end of term dance we have been learning. It has been lovely being back in nursery this week and getting back to our learning.

In **F2** we are blasting into space which is so exciting. We are reading "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy and acting out the story in the role play area. We are writing our names on rockets and getting on with using our phonics to help us with our reading.

In **Y1** we have started learning about the changes Autumn brings to our environment. We will be looking at significant people who have impacted our lives. We will let you know who we find out about!

In **Y2** we have started our new theme about the Titanic. We are very excited about this learning and to run alongside this we are doing our science learning based on floating and sinking. We are going to be very busy over the next few weeks.

In **Y3** we have started to look at instructions and how to follow them correctly. We looked especially closely at some steps to make a tasty "mammoth poo" biscuit. We mixed lot of ingredients together, following the steps carefully and ended up with some chocolatey goodness!

Today was our first music session in **Y4** with Amy from the Music Service. We began with introducing ourselves by singing Takele, Takele. We sang:  
Takele, Takele,  
Our name, Takele

Another fun activity we did was to chant the following chant:

Engine, engine number 9,  
Going down the Sheffield line.  
If she's polished how she'll shine.  
Engine, engine number 9.

We used red, amber and green signals to determine whether we were chanting out loud, clapping the rhythm, or just chanting silently in our heads. We were very good, although Miss Eden messed up a couple of times!

In **Y5** we are learning about a poem called the Highway Man. This will be a focus in our literacy learning. We have just come across cube numbers for the first time...it is a little tricky but we are enjoying the challenge!

In **Y6**, we sampled different biscuits to help us with some ideas for our writing. You wouldn't believe the excitement when tasting Rich Tea and Hobnobs (other biscuits are available). Lunch times are definitely an autumnal affair – who would believe all the fun we would get from playing in the leaves!

### **Applying for a Reception Place 2021**

Primary Admissions are now attempting to make as many of their processes as possible paperless, parents are encouraged to make their applications on-line at: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare).

Key dates:

Online site closes – 7<sup>th</sup> December

Closing date – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Offer date – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Please remember all families need to apply for a place for their child and just because a child attends our Nursery, they will not be guaranteed a place in Reception.

### **Training Day**

It is our first training day of the year on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. School will be closed to all children.