



The Thursday GREEN*W

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Christmas Cards

It's a bit early to be thinking of Christmas we know, but we are sending home with your child a sheet for your child to design a Christmas Card, that you can then purchase to send to your family and friends. The cards are printed on good quality card, with your child's design on the front, a Christmas greeting on the inside, and a section on the back that says "Design Created by.....(your child's name)" and also our school name.

The packs of 12 cards cost £5.50 to purchase. You can also purchase gift tags, mugs, wrapping paper or a bumper pack of cards/labels/wrapping paper for £20. Every item that you order helps us to raise valuable money for our School Fund.

This year all orders are placed online. You will need to return the completed artwork form to school as usual with your child's design by Wednesday 21st October. Make a note of the unique order code on your form and then place your order and pay online. Orders will not be produced unless payment is made via the website:

<https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

We are also holding a competition for the best design, which will then be used as our official Watercliffe Meadow Christmas Card, which Mr Read and Mrs Bradley send to friends and colleagues of our school. The winner will also receive a prize. This project was very successful last year, and many of our parents were delighted with their cards.

Start and End of the Day

Can we please ask that you don't come on to school grounds before the classroom doors open as this will compromise social distancing in the yard. We have put in place staggered start and finish times to enable social distancing to happen and make it easier for you to keep your family safe. At the end of the day please leave school as quickly as possible. We have had groups of adults and children congregating at the start and end of the day and in the current situation this is not appropriate.

Parents' Evenings

You should now have received your letter to book a parents' evening online. We are having a few teething problems with the system linking to our SIMS in school. If you are struggling please email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk and one of the team will get back to you.

Learning Across School

This week in **F1** we have enjoyed learning around Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We have really enjoyed the porridge that we had for snack time and also enjoyed playing with the porridge oats, bowls and spoons. In the role play area, we have had the bears and bowls so we can learn about small, medium and large.

The children really enjoyed being outside this week, now that it is Autumn, they have been looking for the different coloured leaves and have really enjoyed running around in the wind.

There are monsters about in **F2** this week! We are reading Not Now Bernard, it is a great book about a little boy who finds a monster in his garden but his mum and dad are too busy to listen to him! We have been making monsters of our own, even in the play dough! Keep your eye open, you never know where a monster might be hiding!

In maths in **Y1** we have been learning to partition numbers and find different parts of numbers. Alongside this we have been learning our number bonds to 10. These skills will be really useful when we move on to harder maths learning.

Friday in **Y2** was very exciting! We had so many different activities for Golden Time...it is very exciting. Here is what we got up to. Special dance time with Jack, scooters, the top yard trim trail and sports games with Arches. It is certainly worth following our Golden Rules in school.

In **Y3** science this week we have been looking and learning about fossils. We learnt about how they are formed and what we can learn from them. We even managed to make some of our own using clay! Do you know how fossils are made? If not come along and ask someone in Y3!

As part of our **Y4** PE, we designed our own fitness lesson activity. The ideas ranged from planning fitness circuits to games that incorporated fitness. The children listed exercises that we have used in lessons that they were going to include such as jumping jacks, arch holds, arm circles and jogging. Some groups also their own activities to the list – wall sits and burpees. The ones chosen were a mixture of static (one movement that is held for an amount of time) and dynamic exercises (more than one movement). It is a certainty that the lesson would be meet the requirement of the getting the children's hearts beating and make them feel warmer and

slightly out of breath! They will definitely be burning fat and building muscle over time.

This week in **Y5** we have started our 3 week block on Roman Britain. Today, the children have used a range of historical images and information to explain how the Romans changed Britain. The Roman legacy is absolutely immense! For sure, they changed the face of history across Europe and here in Britain. The children made some wonderful historical connections! Mr Tompkinson and Mr Boynton were very proud of what the children produced.

On the 14th of October for **Y6KH** and the 21st October for **Y6MB** we have an artist coming in to work with us. We will be creating a piece of artwork together based on our lockdown experiences. We would like you to find some photos taken during lockdown of things that you enjoyed doing during the time when we were not together. You can email them in to the Y6 email address and then we can print them out for you.

10 Day Active Travel Challenge

The 10 Day Active Travel Challenge starts next Monday, 12th October to Friday 23rd October 2020. The challenge is for our children and families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 day period. There will be prizes for everyone who completes the challenge.

We invite everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way...you might want to walk, stride, cycle, scoot and skate to school! If you live a long way from school and need to drive, you can still take part by parking away from school (at least 5 minutes away) and walking the last part of your journey! This is a good way to improve health, be more active, reduce congestion and improve the air quality around school for our children.

We hope you will all take part and have fun!

Food Parcels

Through lockdown we provided food parcels for families in need. Now we are back to school we can't do this to the same level. If you are struggling to feed your family there are 2 ways we can help.

- 1) On a Wednesday we have access to Fairshare and can provide a food parcel. These parcels will be random and content depends on what we have delivered to school. We will fill a referral form in with you over the phone.
 - 2) We can refer to the Food Banks and a parcel will be provided by them with 3 days worth of food.
- If you need more information please contact school.

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.

Uniform Orders

Did you know you can order WCM uniform directly from our supplier? Just go to the website www.logoleisurewear.com scroll down until you find the WCM school logo and click on it! All our uniform will come up at the same price as we sell them in school. Simply choose what you require and pay online. You can still have it delivered to school and cut out the middle man.

Virtual Tours

Ecclesfield School have asked us to let families know about their virtual tour for children looking to join them in Y7 next year. Have a look and see what you think. <https://youtu.be/ZeOeBi6hXlQ>

Bradfield School virtual Y6 open evening, can be accessed via their website at www.bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk or YouTube Channel Bradfield School 1957 at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCilp8ivnVswJM4GzYQpk8LQ> from week commencing 5th October.

Yewlands School have sent us the following link for their virtual Y5/6 opening evening.

<https://youtu.be/9Rf0icTqCQQ>

Here is the link to their prospectus and we have some paper copies in school if you would like one. https://www.yewlandsacademy.org/Data/About_Downloads/YewlandsAcademyProspectusWeb.pdf. Yewlands have also provided this email address if you have any questions you would like them to answer. LearningSupport@yewlandsacademy.org

Applying for a Reception Place 2021

Over the last week letters have gone out to parents of children born between the 1st September 2016 and the 31st August 2017, informing them that they need to apply for a school place in Reception 20/21.

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.

Key dates:

Applications are invited - 7th September

Online site closes – 7th December

Closing date – 15th January 2021

Offer date – 16th 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. If you have any questions or need support filling in the form please contact the office or see a member of the Nursery team. You can email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk if you need help.

Donations to Y2

If anyone has any of the following items at home and are happy to donate them to Y2, please could they bring them to the school entrance:

Lego, dinosaur figures, action figures, Barbies, plastic minibeasts. Thank you!