



The Thursday GREEN'EM

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COVID19

As the situation across the country and Sheffield is changing and evolving, we continue to follow the guidelines set out for us by the Government and the specific advice of Public Health Sheffield. To date we have still only had one positive case in school since lockdown began in March.

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](https://www.nhs.uk) or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. Please remember current advice is not to have a test if there are no symptoms present. This will just block up the testing system and mean there is a lack of tests when people really need them. If a member of your household is showing symptoms the whole household must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test is received for the person showing symptoms. Please keep school up to date with results from tests.

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.

Learning Across School

In **F1** we are so proud of our children for settling into our routine, getting to know their teachers and making new friends.

We had our first PE lesson since the break, the children have been enjoying using the big parachute.

Inside we have been mixing paint colours, playing with small word village shops and figures, reading fairy tales and making sticky pictures, some of us for the first time!

Outside we have been decorating the trees, racing, playing with Paw Patrol figures, riding bikes, playing hide and seek and drawing with chalks.

This week in **F2** we have had our first PE session, in the hall on the big apparatus, it was amazing. We climbed, jumped, rolled, followed the rules and had a great time!

In **Y1** we are developing our ball skills in our outdoor PE, while indoor we have been moving in different ways. We have been enjoying spending time playing outside and using the scoop bats and balls, hoops and investigating capacity in the water tray. We are practicing our handwriting so you could help by encouraging your child to write the numbers to 10 and write the letters of the alphabet in lower case.

We've had a really great second week in **Y2**. In writing, we've been using adjectives to describe the characters from Lost and Found. The children have written some brilliant descriptions and tried really hard to use their handwriting skills. We are really proud of how well they are all settling in! Keep up the good work Y2!

In **Y3**, we have finished writing our own Night Zoo stories ready for our University Files. In PE, we have been learning about handball and working on our throwing and catching skills. We have begun our 'Rocks and Soil' topic in science and have already had some great home learning back for this!

We are so impressed with the home learning we have received in **Y4** even though we only set it last week. What a wonderful learning attitude! There has been so much variety, ranging from an Anglo Saxon quiz, a shield to a labelled house. Thank you and keep sharing the learning.

This week, in maths the **Y5s** have been practising place value and reading numbers up to one million! The children have all worked really hard and have moved on to exploring negative numbers. In writing we have been finding out all about Pompeii and putting together a description of what happened during the disaster. Well done to all the children who have been coming into school with extra facts they have discovered at home.

This week it has been lovely to discover the learning that has been happening at home by the **Y6** children. We've had lots of maths completed, plenty of

spellings practised and even some baking! Children have been reading and answering questions about the books *Mortal Engines* and *Kensuke's Kingdom*. We've even seen some creative World War II historical timelines. We still continue to miss you and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 21st September.

Individual Photograph Day

On **Wednesday 30th September** we will have a photographer in school to take individual photographs of the children. Please make sure your child wears their school uniform as usual. Each class bubble will be brought down to the hall at a specified time so there will be no mixing of classes.

In order for you to get your photos in time for Christmas orders must be placed by the date on the proof card. It is advisable that you place your orders through the company's website.

PE kit

On PE days children need to come to school in uniform as normal and change into PE kit for the lesson with the exception of Foundation and Y1. PE kit needs to be a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. All children will need to be wearing trainers for outdoor PE. If PE is the last session of the day children may be sent home in PE kits in order to cut down on waiting time for families.

Earrings

It is very important that children are adhering to our jewellery policy and only wearing stud earring to school as this is in line with our health and safety policy. Earrings should be taken out for PE lessons.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Wednesdays:

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021