



The Thursday Green 'Un

Summer 1 April 2024

Summer Term

Welcome back for the final term of this school year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter celebrations before the holidays, the fun of the Easter Bonnet Parade is always a great event, along with the creativity for the egg decorating competition. We finished the term off with our second residential of the year as the Y4s spent 3 days and 2 nights at Thornbridge. This was a soggy but fun time with lots of challenges and laughter over the week.

Plans for the Y6s to visit Castleton are well underway and the train tickets are all booked for the Y5s to go to London. The Y3s will also have their camping residential to Bakewell at the beginning of July. It is these types of events that make WCM a special place to be part of.

We will be welcoming back the crazy WCM Carnival at the end of the Summer Term along with Sports Days for you to come along and be a part of.

As ever just the usual reminder to let us know if there is anything you think we can do better or have got wrong. We will always listen and try to improve what we do but we can only do this if we know about it. Call in to the office and ask to talk to someone or email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk

New Website

We have been working hard behind the scene to rebuild our school website. This is now complete and will be launched in the next couple of weeks. We wanted it to hold more useful information for families with current dates, visit information and all letters. The class blogs will also be relaunched on the new platform. We would love to have your feedback or suggestions on the website, we want to make it as useful as possible for you.

Formal Assessments / SATs

This is the term of formal assessments taking place across school. SATs tests for the Y2 & Watercliffe Thursday Green 'Un

Y6s will go ahead as usual. The Y6 test week starts on Monday 13th May and the Y2 tests will take place across the whole of May. There will be an official data collection from the F2 children that is submitted by class teachers and the Y1 phonic screening assessment will take place over 2 weeks beginning 10th June. The Y4 children will all be part of the Multiplication Check which takes place from the week beginning 3rd June to Friday 16th June. If you have any questions about any of this, please ask us.

Helping Hands

At the end of each term there is a reward for our "helping hands." We had a delicious afternoon tea made by our wonderful cafe team! Children earn credits by completing helping hands jobs, these are then stored and counted up at the end of each term and anyone with enough credits is invited to the reward. Don't worry! There is still another term to go so plenty of time to be a helping hand, any credits from previous terms are carried over for children who have not yet had the reward.

Year 6 and Secondary School Transition

By now your child will have been allocated a place at secondary school. You should have received details about information evenings, uniform purchasing and transition days. If you haven't received anything, check that the secondary school has your correct home address and other contact details. If you do have any questions then please contact the Year 6 team as they do have contacts with each school.

Holidays

As you will probably know school is not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time for anyone. This advice is given by the local authority and it is the local authority who decide if fines are issued. We do recognise that for families this is

difficult. If you are thinking of booking a holiday for next year the best time to take children out of school is in the last half term as this will have a minimal affect on learning. If you would like to discuss this, please call in to school to see Claire Bradley.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery Team are busy arranging admission for the autumn term. If you know someone who has a child who will be 3, please get them to contact us for an application form. Email office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk if you would like an application form sending out.

Lost Property

If your child has recently lost any belongings at school, please call in to the entrance where our new lost property rail is situated. It is well organised and easy for you to spot anything that belongs to you.

Celebration for Eid

As we come to the end of Ramadan many of our children and families in school are looking forward to their Eid celebrations. We would like to invite you onto school grounds at the end of the day on **Wednesday 17th April** to celebrate Eid with us.

Parents who have been celebrating Eid are welcome to bring Eid food to place on stalls on the bottom MUGA, if they wish to, as well as dress in their Eid clothes. There will also be a piece of Eid cake available. In school, the children will be attending a special Eid assembly to learn more about Ramadan and Eid around the world. On that day, all children will be offered an Eid meal at lunchtime, as a part of the celebratory day. Children can bring Eid clothes to change into.

If you would like to bring food to share, please email sflanaghan@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk so we can co-ordinate this.

Eid is a special celebration, as are other religious festivals. We are proud to celebrate the diversity of our school and community, and hope that you will join us whatever your faith or beliefs.

Easter Reads

Thank you to everyone who has brought back their Easter Read sheet. Badges will be handed out in assembly on Friday. Reading at home is essential to language development and supports children to write and grow their imagination

New Classes September 2024

We will be sending home a letter just before the Spring Bank holiday telling you which class your child is in from September. After the Spring Bank holiday children will also start transition sessions with their teacher for next year. There will be a meet the teacher session with your new teacher. More information to follow nearer the time.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th April - Eid Celebration
3:15pm

Friday 26th April - Easter Reads deadline

Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday,
school closed

Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 20th May – Year 6 Castleton
Residential

Friday 24th May - Break up Spring Bank
Holiday week

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June - Y1
Phonics Screening Week

Tuesday 11th June - Sports Day AM:Y5/6
PM:Y3/4

Wednesday 12th June - Sports Day AM:
Nursery, PM: F2-Y2

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June - Year
5 & 6 Show

Wednesday 26th June - Class Photos
Meet the Teacher: 1st July Y3&4 (pm), **2nd
July Y5&6 (am)**, Y1&2 pm)

Wednesday 3rd July - INSET Day School
closed to children

Thursday 4th July - Year 3 Residential

Wednesday 10th July - Cosy Read

Wednesday 10th July – Drop-in for families
to discuss latest assessments

Friday 12th July - Y5 London Residential

Wednesday 17th July – Carnival

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Prom
(6:30pm for 7:00pm meal)

Friday 19th July - Reports
(Watercliffe Meadow University Folders)
going out

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers'
Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July - School closes
for summer break

Term dates for September 2024/25 academic
year can be found at

https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/term_dates_and_bank_holiday_2024-25.pdf