

# Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



Heads Newsletter 23/24 Issue: 7

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## Messages:

*What a great half term we have had! Most year groups have had a family learning event, they've worked with experts or had visitors to speak with them or been on an off site visit. We have had a reading week, completed work on Black History Month and also finished with kindness week; all of this on top of their expeditions and curriculum learning!*

*I'd like to thank parents for their support, the children for working hard and producing beautiful work and the staff at Green Top for continually working hard to provide the best for our children! It's all very much appreciated!*

- Poppies will be on sale after half term - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/annual-poppy-appeal/>
- Check out this competition shared by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue: <https://greentopschool.co.uk/south-yorkshire-fire-and-rescue-kitchen-nightmares-competition/>
- Please find attached a letter shared this week via email regarding attendance:  Attendance 2023.pdf
- Thank you for your support today in raising money for NSPCC - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/nspcc-kindness-week-non-uniform-day/>
- Class fundraising Christmas card previews have been shared - please place your orders online! Thank you to 'Friend's of Green Top' for organising this!

## Next Week:

Half term

- **Monday 30th October** - school opens
- **Wednesday 1st November** - EYFS Family Learning  
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/nursery-reception-family-learning-wednesday-1st-november/>
- **Thursday 2nd November** - Neon Disco (wear bright and neon)

EYFS 2pm - 2:45pm (in school time)  
KS1 3pm - 3:45pm  
KS2 4pm - 5pm

£2 entrance to the disco will include a hotdog, juice and a glow stick!  
Additional drinks and sweets will be available to purchase.

*Uniform / clothes:*

*Nursery children are welcome to come to school in their DISCO clothes. F2, Y1 and Y2 will be in school uniform and will get changed in class before the DISCO begins.*

*KS2 will be in school uniform for the day and change at home or during their club (if they attend).*

## Coming soon:

Individual and family photographs - Wednesday 8th November  
Autumn 2 diary dates will be shared after the half term break!



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## Goodbye and Good Luck:

Today is a sad day because we say goodbye to two members of staff at Green Top.

Mrs Tonge joined us during the last school year as a HLTA and has had the pleasure of working with most children across the school. We have been very lucky to have her covering classes and delivering our G Block provision. Both staff and children will be very sad to see her go. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Dewsnap also leaves us today after 11 years! It goes without saying how much she will be missed by our whole school community. She has worked with many children over the years and I know that they will all have their own special memories of the support Mrs Dewsnap has given them. She has supported residential in Edinburgh and school visits such as Harry Potter over the years which have given children amazing experiences and memories to treasure. She has been part of our SEN and nurture team as well as delivering Roots of Empathy to a number of children over the years and I hope she is proud of all she has achieved and done for the children! We will all miss her and we wish her all the best for the future.

## Consent:

Email shared this week:

Please find below our request for school consent. You may have previously completed this for your child but we like to regularly update our records and are aware that circumstances can change. Kindly complete by Friday 3rd November.

[Green Top Primary Parental Consent](#)

You can withdraw or amend your consent at any time by emailing the school office with your changes.

Be advised that missing consent(s) may exclude your child from participating in off site visits or accessing part of the school computing curriculum.

Should you need to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,  
[Office@greentopschool.org](mailto:Office@greentopschool.org)



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Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Barnett, Crew Overson, Crew Carter with 100%**

Well done - great work!!



Sharing our stories as we go...

Beautiful Work:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/black-history-month-in-class-6-hmt-empire-windrush/>



Academic Success

Blog of the week:

**Kindness Week at Green Top**

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/kindness-week-in-nursery/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-schon-being-kind/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-shaw-are-a-very-kind-crew/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-knowles-kindness-week/>

**Mental Health Day**

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/mental-health-awareness-day-in-nursery/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/take-10-to-read/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/world-mental-health-day-in-class-6/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-9-took-10-to-read/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-knowles-take-10to-read/>

Shout out:



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Have you seen our recent XP Trust 'Sharing Our Stories' and 'Beautiful Work' blog post?

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/sharing-our-stories-06-10-2023/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-8-has-a-wesome-writers/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-7-amazing-speech-writers/>

***Amazing writers in year 6 - I'm blown away by the quality of your writing!***

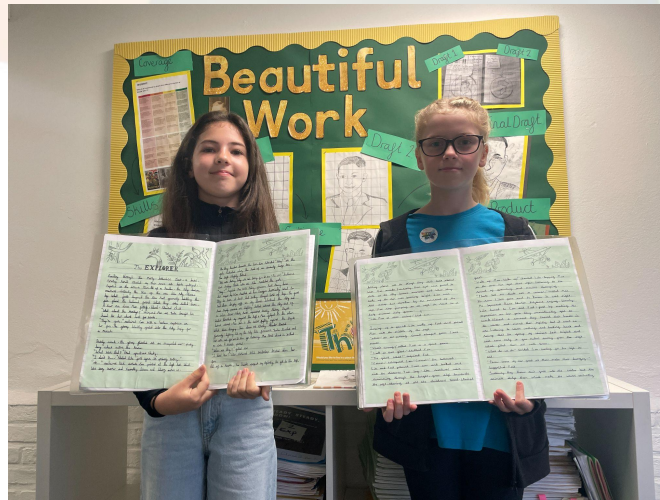
## Extended Study

Great work Class 5!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-5-home-work/>

Brilliant Class 7!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-hilton-du-tton-half-term-home-learning-out-of-school-achievements/>



Expedition:

Character Growth (Crew):

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EYFS have been drafting their artwork for their final product wildlife board that will be unveiled at the celebration of learning. The children have been focussing on how to make their work better using critique and have collated many facts linking to their animal of choice.

KS1 have been learning all about Martin Luther King as part of Black History Month. They have researched information about him and have written some fantastic speeches this week! They have been working hard on their reading too and have done work that is linked to Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and have answered questions about them.

Y3/4 have been enjoying Case Study 2 this week looking at how Doncaster developed as a result of the Romans. We were really interested to learn about Doncaster originally being called Danum and we looked at pictures of the remains of Doncaster's Roman fort. We have also looked at why the Romans settled in Doncaster near the River Don!

EYFS have been exploring kindness this week as part of the NSPCC Kindness challenge! The children have created crew artwork, learnt a new crew song and have thought carefully about their stewardship roles within the classrooms

KS1 have been talking about how to be kind to each other. We celebrated how kind we already are but we also thought about how we could be kinder to each other in the dinner hall and in the playground. We have also learnt about the Windrush generation and were upset to find out that people in England were unkind to the migrants from the Caribbean after World War 2. We are very lucky to have such sweet and caring children at Green Top.

Y3/4 have enjoyed our kindness week this week! We have looked at ways in which we can be kind to each other and ways that we have been kind in the past. We have also continued our learning around The Windrush Generation as part of Black History Month. We have researched the author Floella Benjamin who wrote Coming To England and have enjoyed learning about her bravery, resilience and her amazing achievements

## Message from 'The Friend's of GT':

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£2 entrance to the disco will include a hotdog, juice and a glow stick!  
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## Our next coffee morning/afternoon:

Dates coming soon for Autumn 2!



## Weekly lunch menus:

Summer Menu

[DINNER MENUS wc 17 April 2023.pdf](#)



## Communication

## Sunset

## Clubs

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Phase Leader email addresses:

EYFS - Miss Carter - [eyfs@greentopschool.org](mailto:eyfs@greentopschool.org)

KS1 - Mrs Shaw - [ks1@greentopschool.org](mailto:ks1@greentopschool.org)

Y3/4 - Miss Knowles - [y3-4@greentopschool.org](mailto:y3-4@greentopschool.org)

Y5/6 - Mr Mumby - [y5-6@greentopschool.org](mailto:y5-6@greentopschool.org)

*In the first instance please speak to crew leader or class teacher.*

Should you wish to access our **sunset club** you can book by contacting Mrs Fitzpatrick: [office@greentopschool.org](mailto:office@greentopschool.org).

*Please include the following details: name, teacher, any allergies/dietary requirements, days required and a Contact number.*

Sunset club runs from 4pm to 5:30pm daily at £5 per day which should be paid in advance via ParentPay.

If you no longer need your child's place at a club, please let the office know so we can offer the place to another child.

If you don't attend a club for three weeks, we will contact you and give your child's place to someone else.

We have waiting lists for clubs so we really appreciate your support with this!

## Thorne and Moorends Council information:

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

#### Fireworks 6pm onwards

Moorends Recreational Ground

Free Pyrotechnics fireworks display. Rides and refreshments available to purchase.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

#### Remembrance Sunday

Service held at Thorne Memorial Park 10.30am onwards.

Followed by parade to the church led by the Royal British Legions.

Further detail to follow.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Snow White Pantomime

2pm & 4.30pm at Moorends Community Centre

Ticketed event as there is limited space.

Tickets will be £3pp and include a juice carton and sweet cone.

Further details to follow on purchasing tickets.

*Please note this replaces the Moorends event usually hosted outside the Moorends Hotel. This has been cancelled due to lack of performers.*

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**3 NOV**

THORNE-MOORENDS TOWN COUNCIL  
**FIREWORKS**  
MOORENDS RECREATIONAL GROUND  
FUNFAIR • FOOD • OUTDOOR BAR  
**FREE ENTRY!**  
GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM  
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 6.30PM  
<https://www.thorne-moorends.gov.uk>

The poster features a vibrant image of fireworks exploding in a dark night sky, with the silhouettes of a crowd watching from the foreground. A yellow banner in the top left corner displays the date "3 NOV". A circular logo with an anchor is in the top right. The text is primarily in yellow and white on a black background.

MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL...  
2 SHOWS  
2PM & 4.30PM

**2023**  
**SNOW WHITE PANTOMIME**  
NOVEMBER 25 | TICKETS £3 EACH INCLUDES SWEETCONE & DRINK  
SATURDAY  
MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The poster is set against a red curtain background. It features a central image of a tiger in a red and gold costume. The text is in white and gold. The M&M logo is prominently displayed in the center.

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### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas light switch on 5-8pm

Plans are underway and we can confirm we will have the grotto, crafts tent and this year real reindeer all FOC.

We are also hosting for the first time an indoor Christmas market. And have also arranged for a better selection of rides.

We are currently seeking sponsors which will determine how much other entertainment will can put on FOC.

Road closure applications are currently with Doncaster Council and we await the outcome. The layout is being rethought and plans are in place to reduce crowding and improve safety around the stage area. A separate area will be cordoned off for performers. Full details of the layout will be confirmed once we have an outcome of the road closure applications.

Please can you confirm that your school is performing? We are looking at 20-minute slots on stage.

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

The indoor Christmas market continues 10am-4pm.

**GreenTop** | **XP. TABLET**

**THORNE-MOORENDS TOWN COUNCIL**  
presents

**Christmas**  
**LIGHT SWITCH-ON**  
**& MARKET**

**1/2 DEC** | **FREE GROTTO & MEET SANTA'S REINDEER, FUNFAIR, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND OUTDOOR BARS & LOTS MORE** | **5:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET WITH LOTS OF FESTIVE TREATS AND GIFT IDEAS**  
**FRIDAY 1ST DEC 5-8PM | SATURDAY 2ND DEC 10AM - 4PM**