

# Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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Messages:

Next Week:

## WC 5th February

We have lots planned next week. Please keep up to date on the school website. Blog links have been added to the newsletter to help you too.

## Uniform

Please ensure you add your child's name to ALL of their belongings. We are improving the amount of lost property in school with the things we are putting in place but names not being added to uniform seems to be the main issue we need to resolve.

Also, if you require support with uniform, please contact us and we will support where possible.

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## Can you help KS1?

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-1-and-2-xp-outdoors-request/>

## Letter Join

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/accessing-letter-join-at-home-2/>

## Children's Mental Health Week

### Tuesday

Safer Internet Day - competition launched in school

Year 5/6 Family Learning

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/y5-6-family-learning-4/>

### Wednesday

World read aloud day

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/world-read-aloud-day/>

EYFS book and a biscuit and toy sale

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/eufs-book-a-biscuit-toy-sale-wednesday-7th-february/>

Year 2 family learning

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-2-family-learning-2/>

### Thursday

Year 1 family learning

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-1-family-learning/>

### Friday

School closes for half term

**Spring one dates:** <https://greentopschool.co.uk/spring-1-diary-dates/>  
**Young Voices**

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/young-voices-lyrics/>



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## Expedition:

This week EYFS have started exploring their new key text 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears!' The children have been thinking about the question 'How can Goldilocks show that she is sorry?' The children have begun retelling the story in many ways including story yoga and writing their own speech bubbles from the narrative.

This week in Expedition KS1 have begun to prepare their artwork for our final product. We have chosen animals from the continent we are studying and have done 2 drafts of our chosen animal, focussing mainly on the outline. I am so impressed with the improvements already...we can't wait to show you the finished products!

Year 3/4 are really enjoying reading The Last Bear and we have been writing some beautiful setting descriptions of Bear Island. We were thrilled when April finally found a polar bear on the island! We have also been working hard on our polar bear artwork ready for our art gallery and final product.

Years 5 and 6 are hooked into our expedition anchor text 'Street Child' based on a young boy who finds himself trapped inside a London Workhouse during the Industrial Revolution. The children have written some superb diary extracts with a focus on using adverbs with purpose. Additionally, we became local historians by using secondary sources of evidence to find out about the Doncaster Plant Works. We learnt about the 5 phases it went through: the growth phase, WW1 years, between war years, WW2 and the decline. We used vocabulary such as 'significant' and 'transformational' when describing the change in each phase. We have really enjoyed our learning this week.

## Crew:

In EYFS we have been learning about one more of our learning aliens 'Have-a-go Henry!' We have been thinking about what our personal and learning challenges are and how this makes us feel. We are learning to be brave and grow our ideas together!

In KS1 we have been learning about how we have courage at school and what we do every day to be brave. The children have shown me that they are always brave when trying new things, as well as being brave enough to speak out in front of the class. I am always very proud of any child who has a go and does their best, particularly when they are finding something hard...that shows true courage.

In Y3/4 we've focused on developing Accelerated Reader norms and we have also spent lots of time thinking about our character traits. It's so lovely to see our children showing integrity, being courageous and working on their quality and craftsmanship! We've also continued our work around climate change which links directly to our expedition. It has been a busy week!



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## Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Barnett and  
Crew Good/Pearson  
With 100% attendance**

Well done - great work!!



## Beautiful Work:

### XP Outdoors

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/making-a-bug-hot-el-in-xp-outdoors/>



## Blog of the week:

Lovely activities for National Storytelling Week:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-knowles-storytime/>  
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-12-reading-with-the-learning-council-%f0%9f%93%96/>  
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-9s-story-time/>



## Sharing our stories as we go...

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



## Academic Success



## Shout out:

**We are very proud of you all!!**

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/u6-athletics-champs/>



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Message from 'The Friend's of GT':

Spring term plans:

Spring DISCO  
Easter Fayre

More details to follow soon



Recent Letter from the headteacher:

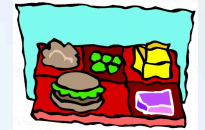
**January Letter**

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/january-letter/>

Weekly lunch menus:

Please find dinner menus attached:

📎 DINNER MENUS wc 30-10-23.pdf



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

## Sunset

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.

## School Drive

### **Driving into the school grounds**

*Please **DON'T** drive into the school grounds to drop off in a morning and pick up at the end of the day. This is becoming extremely dangerous for our children. Please use Bridge Street car park and help us to keep our children and community safe!*

Please walk down the path and not the drive, keep yourself safe!

Please dismount your bikes on the school premises for everyone's safety.

## Reminders

### Start of the day

Thank you to everyone for making our new 8:30 start so successful. After giving everyone a full term to get used to this, from January we will now be starting learning at 8:35 rather than 8:45 so it is important that you arrive at school on time. The gates will also be locked at 8:45 rather than 9am. This has had a very positive impact in

### Communication

If you use the Teachers2Parents APP for receiving school texts/emails please ensure you turn the notifications alert to 'on' so you don't miss any messages. For all the latest school news and information please visit our Green Top website and blogs.

### Yellow T-Shirts

Please can you ensure that you return yellow T-Shirts the week after your child receives the community crew award. We are getting low and don't want to have to take this lovely gesture away from the children due to them not being returned.

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school and so we thank you for your support with this.

We can't thank you enough for your efforts in being at school on time (8:30) this week. The change to the start of the day, which we started in September, has had a massive impact on school. The children are settled, focused and ready for learning. Thanks again for improving punctuality at Green Top!

### Health Advice from Doncaster Council

Please find attached a letter from Doncaster Council regarding back to school winter health advice.

Can I please remind you to contact the school office (01405 813181) to inform us when your child is ill. This should be done daily.

We are always available for additional advice should you require to check anything with us.

 [Copy to PARENTS Letter to Head Teachers ...](#)

### PE Kits

Please ensure that PE kits are in school on PE days. It is important that the children have the correct kit and footwear to ensure safety during the lesson. We also don't want children ruining their school shoes due to wearing them for PE and if it is outdoors, covering their shoes and uniform in mud!

All bags and kits will be sent home on a Friday so corridors are clear. Please send children's clean PE kits back into school on a Monday morning ready for their PE lesson.

### External Information

