

# Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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## Messages:

What an amazing term we have had! Our spring expeditions have been wonderful, hooking the children into their learning and giving them exciting experiences!

### Red Nose Day

Thank you from our crew councillors for supporting the Red Nose Day charity! We raised a massive £350!

### Local Community Group

I emailed you last week regarding supporting Green Top as a member of our Local Community Group. Today is the last day to email your interest in being a part of this.

## After Easter:

### This week

Immersion / hook week - new summer expeditions begin  
Year 5 bikeability - see separate information

### Monday

Spring data snapshots will be emailed home  
Y6 Crucial Crew

### Wednesday

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/y3-4-summer-term-family-learning/>  
Parent teacher check in - hall 3:15pm - 5pm

### Friday

MND awareness day - see blog post

**Summer one dates:** *coming soon*

## NEW!!!! Extended Study New!!!!

### Phase Extended Study Pages

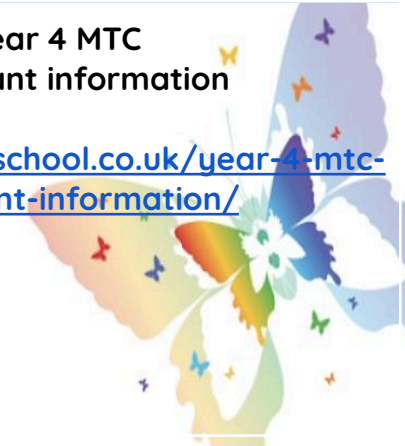
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### Letter Join

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

### Year 4 MTC Important information

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-4-mtc-important-information/>



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### Expedition

EYFS children have learnt about growth and change this week. The children have observed the life cycle of a plant and looked at new beginnings such as Easter.

Key stage 1 have been reflecting on all of their work this term. They have written their expedition reflections and have been remembering lots of key facts about animals as well as geographical information.

Thank you again to everyone that came to our celebration of learning last week also. We were so proud of the children's artwork and the experience that they received from having their work in an art gallery.

Y3/4 - After celebrating our artwork in the presentation of learning last week, we have finalised our expedition this week by completing our narrative writing, our magnet investigation and our expedition touchdown. We have absolutely loved this expedition learning all about climate change and how it is affecting our world, especially the arctic regions and are sad that it is finished! Watch out for our final product boards in the new half term!

It has been a whirlwind term! In Y5 and Y6 we are really proud that we have been able to contribute to a final product. This week has seen us finish our product writing, making it the best version by using the critique protocol. We have also put the finishing touches to our artwork which will feature in our leaflet. It has been an enjoyable term learning about the Industrial Revolution and Doncaster's rail heritage. It has been humbling to hear many positive comments from both parents and children about this expedition.

### Crew

EYFS children have continued to use sign language in Crew and have used this to sing days of the week songs. The children are thinking about our being kind HOWL and using their manners and being respectful.

In year 1 and 2 crew this week we have been working hard as stewards to tidy our classroom. We are all ready for next term! We have also loved our new singing crew sessions where we chose some popular songs to practise singing. We can't wait to share them all with you next term!

Y3/4 - This week in crew we have continued to think about our learning from British Sign Language Week and continued to practise using the different signs. We have also looked at recycling which linked nicely to our expedition and learnt about keeping our teeth healthy. It's been a lovely week of crew to finish off a great half term!

Y5/6-This week has seen us learn about the importance of Easter to the Christian faith. We looked in detail at the key events leading up to Jesus' resurrection; we also looked at how different countries celebrate Easter around the world. We found out about some very interesting traditions! Ask your child if they can recall any of these. All the staff from Y5/6 would like to wish our children, parents and wider community a restful Easter!



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## Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Mumby  
With 100% attendance**

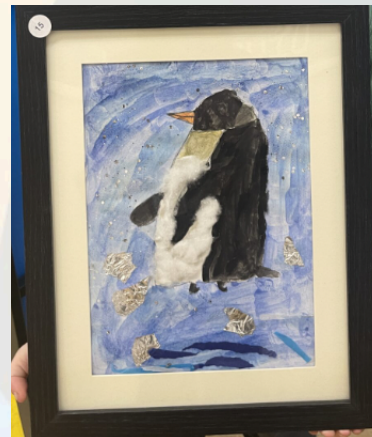
Well done - great work!!



## Beautiful Work:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/ks1-artists/>  
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/ks1-and-lks2-presentation-of-learning-2/>

KS1 and LKS2 Artists



## Blog of the week:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/ks1-and-lks2-presentation-of-learning/>

Have you seen this lovely video Mr Taylor pulled together following your presentation of learning?




## Academic Success:

We are delighted to have taken part in Sign Language Week last week at Green Top.

The children focussed on different things throughout the week linked to days of the week, family, colours and also the alphabet.

Across the whole school, the children took part in a sign and sing- we hope that you enjoy our video that the children worked incredibly hard to put together.

We cannot wait to learn more and incorporate BSL into our curriculum in the future.

 Sign Language Week - True Colours

## Shout out:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/ks1s-scaly-furry-and-hissing-visitors/>

Shout out to KS1 for their amazing Presentation of Learning and for being so brave with our visitors!





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Sharing our stories as we go...

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

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/sharing-our-stories-22-03-2024/>



Weekly lunch menus:

Please find dinner menus attached:

📎 DINNER MENUS wc 30-10-23.pdf



## Communication

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.*

## 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

### 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

### 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



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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 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!

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

news and information please visit our Green Top website and blogs.

away from the children due to them not being returned.

### 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.



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## Squirrels

Seeking bright  
eyed and bushy  
tailed new  
recruits

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-5 year olds can join in too.  
This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.

The Assembly Rooms, Thorne  
Tuesdays 4-5pm

To join in the fun with four free taster sessions, please get contact using the details below.

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[gsl@thorne62ndscouts.org](mailto:gsl@thorne62ndscouts.org)  
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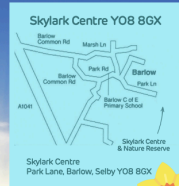
  
**Scouts**  
62nd Doncaster (Thorne)

## Come and join us for Easter Fun at the Skylark Centre

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April 3rd and 4th  
10am - 3pm (last entry 2:30pm)

- Easter Trail
- Craft activities
- STEM activity



**FREE  
ENTRY**

Booking required  
Please scan QR code  
Booking closes 28 March



WILDLINGS CAMP

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

#HAF

8 - 12TH APRIL

NEW ADVENTURES

CRAZYDAN

SKATEBOARD COACH

SPECIAL INDEPENDENT SKATEBOARD COACH

SAFEGUARDING / FIRST AID / DBS CHECKED / FULLY INSURED / Skateboard Skills

Department for Education

Food & Forest School activities provided at King Edward Primary School, Thorne  
Book via Bookwhen

Funded by the Department for Education and City of Doncaster Council for eligible children in receipt of means tested free school meals or SEND

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MAGAZINE & WEBSITE

THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

[raring2go.co.uk](http://raring2go.co.uk)

SPRING 2024

CLUB DONCASTER FOUNDATION COMMUNITY DAY

TheFoundation  
IMPROVING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
Club Doncaster



Exclusive schools offer

**Family match ticket\* only £15**

\*Two adults and three children saving you up to £42

**Saturday March 23, 2024**

There will be a range of FREE pre-match activities  
situated around the stadium footprint  
for all the family

#HeartofDoncaster

To book please visit [tickets.clubdoncaster.co.uk](http://tickets.clubdoncaster.co.uk) and quote the code on this email at the checkout (available in blocks F10-F13 only)



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Solihull Course  
Armthorpe Community  
Library

The Solihull Approach: Understanding your child - from toddler to teenager  
Course length: 10 weeks, 2 hours a week

Our Solihull parent group focuses on helping you to understand your child's behaviour and to build a positive relationship between you and your child.

We will look at things like:  
Different parenting styles

The developmental stages of your child - what is age appropriate behaviour  
Understanding your child's behaviour  
Having fun together through play

Sessions are every Thursday. Starting 25th April 2024 09:30AM - 11:30AM

The last session will be 4th July 2024

The first session will run till 12:00PM  
NO SESSION THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2024 DUE TO HALF TERM

How to book / refer:

Email: [YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk)

Phone: 01302 736336

Or pop in and see us!



## Doncaster EASTER HAF Programme



Supporting families through  
the Easter holidays

## FREE ACTIVITIES & FOOD CAMPS

Fun, enriching activities available  
for children aged from Reception  
to Year 11 who are in receipt of  
**free school meals**



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in your local  
area and book a  
place scan the  
QR code:

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