

Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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Messages:

This Week:

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness week. If you do something you love this week, be sure to share with your teachers!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/movement-for-mental-health/>

Reading

May is 'Share a story month'...make sure you get involved at home!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/share-a-story-month/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/share-a-story-month-2/>

Special celebratory lunch day

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/celebratory-party-lunch/>

Suncream, hats and water bottles

Now the weather is finally improving, please ensure your children have everything they need to stay safe in the sun. Please apply sunscreen before your child attends school in a morning. If they bring it to school, it must be named.

Gates will be locked at 8:50am daily. This gives a 20 minute window to ensure all parents are out of the school grounds before they are locked. We would like our children to be able to access the outside environment quicker but we can't do this until the gates are locked. We appreciate your support with this!

Reminder: doors open at 8:30am and learning starts as soon as the children are in class. If you are late daily, this loss of learning time adds up over time to a considerable amount!

This week

Y6 SATs week - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/y6-sats-2024/>

Mental Health Awareness Week

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/movement-for-mental-health/>

Tuesday - KS1 local walks to local church - expedition

Wednesday - Y3 expert visitor - expedition

Thursday

Special celebratory lunch day

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/celebratory-party-lunch/>

Y4 expert visitor - expedition

Y4 residential meeting for parents (see email)

The parents meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May and you can come along at either 3pm or 4pm. We advise that you do attend if you can and that you fetch your children to find out more information and ask any questions you may have.

Friday

Pyjamarama Day - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/pyjamarama-day-4/>

Summer one dates:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/summer-1-diary-dates-2/>



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

Phase Extended Study Pages

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/eyfs-extended-study/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/ks1-extended-study/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/lks2-extended-study/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/uks2-extended-study/>

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/>

Expedition

EYFS have enjoyed seeing their product come to life this week seeing their beautiful artwork transferred into a bin sticker to support recycling! The children have also engaged with sea shanties as part of understanding music and have been performing these to each other ready for our presentation of learning.

In expedition lessons this week, key stage 1 have been writing their final touchdown. They have been using the maps that they created last week in geography to write instructions of how to get from one place to another. We did our first draft, edited it with a friend and then wrote up our final piece, which we are really proud of!

In expedition this week, Year 3/4 have continued to focus on the Maya civilization and how chocolate was important to them. We also looked at how chocolate was first introduced to Britain and how it was used to treat ailments such as colds, headaches and fevers. The children have been working so hard to build up their knowledge of the Mayans!

Crew

In crew this week the EYFS children have been learning about healthy food and diet and how this helps us to feel happier in ourselves. We thought about all things that make us happy including taking walks in the great outdoors with our families. We have also shared story month and can't wait to see your photos!

In crew this week, years 1 and 2 have been learning about how to keep themselves healthy. We have looked at personal hygiene, food and fitness. In our academic crew this week, we had a maths quiz in our crews, which was lots of fun but also great to see what we need to revisit in maths lessons. Every Friday, we continue to do our Big Maths Beat That tests, which the children love and help to improve their maths fluency.

In crew this week, Year 3/4 have celebrated VE day and remembered those who fought for our country. It was lovely for our Year 4 children to look back on their learning from last year on WW2 and we even looked at the book we created! We've also thought about our quality and craftsmanship and thought of ways we can improve our beautiful work even further.

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In Year 5, we brought a close to our History case study by learning about why the Ancient Egyptians carried out mummification! We use this learning to write detailed instructions in English. It's safe to say that the year 5 children have had really enjoyable start to their new expedition!

In crew this week, year 5 and 6 have been exploring the physical and mental benefits of being active. We have begun some days with a 'Joe Wicks workout' in order to activate our minds and bodies for a day of learning. Additionally, we watched the XP Trust 'Better World Day' video in crew time. We were inspired by the many acts of kindness and were also proud that Jake, in year 6, featured in this year's video. You can see the video by clicking this link: [#BetterWorldDay 2024](#)

Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Taylor
With 99.23% attendance**

Well done - great work!!



Beautiful Work:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-5-bikeability-group-1/>



Blog of the week:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/a-gorgeous-afternoon-in-nursery/>



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-03-05-2024/>



Academic Success:

Amazing phonics and reading in Nursery!



Shout out:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-15-amazing-howls/>



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Message from 'The Friend's of GT':

Beautiful Praise for Y5

Weekly lunch menus:

Summer events:

DISCO - 22nd May 2024

Summer Fayre - 19th June 2024

Additional information coming soon!

Hello Mrs Walton and Year 5 of Green Top Primary School
We have just returned back to Danum Gallery Library and Museum after visiting your lovely school to deliver the Egyptian workshop sessions. We just wanted to send a message of thanks for being so engaged and enthusiastic about the workshops. We were blown away by the knowledge you already had and the brilliant questions you asked. We have delivered these workshops to lots of different schools but you have to be one of the most enthusiastic and welcoming year groups we have worked with. Your teachers (and parents) should be so proud of you all in the way you represented yourselves and your school. Oh and you all looked amazing!
If you do any more work about Egyptians and would like to send us some photographs we would be delighted to see them and maybe even display them in our learning room here at the museum.
Many Thanks and happy learning

Please find dinner menus attached:

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Communication

Sunset

Breakfast Club

Phase Leader email addresses:

EYFS - Miss Carter - euys@greentopschool.org

KS1 - Mrs Shaw - ks1@greentopschool.org

Y3/4 - Miss Knowles - y3-4@greentopschool.org

Y5/6 - Mr Mumby - y5-6@greentopschool.org

Should you wish to access our **sunset club** you can book by contacting Mrs Fitzpatrick: 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**

Should you wish to access our **breakfast club** you can book by contacting Mrs Fitzpatrick: office@greentopschool.org .

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

Breakfast club runs from **7:30am to 8:30am**

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£5 per day which should be **paid in advance via ParentPay.**

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

Uniform

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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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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.

XP Outdoor Kits

Suggested kit (if you need any support with the following items, please let us know - we don't expect you to buy additional clothing):

Winter Kit

- Long sleeved jumper
- Long trousers - waterproof if possible
- Warm hat and gloves
- Wellies or boots
- Waterproof coat

Summer Kit

- Sunscreen
- Sun hat
- Water bottle

Safety

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.

External Information

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Your Place Solihull Course Armthorpe Community Libray

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

Phone: 01302 736336

Or pop in and see us!



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

£25 COMPENSATION

Are your children entitled to free school meals?
Participate in an interview with the FixOurFood team and receive £25 compensation!



Free School Meal Auto- Enrolment

Children entitled to free school meals have been automatically registered to receive it within your local authority (rather than asking parents to apply) by receiving an "opt-out" letter.



What are we asking?

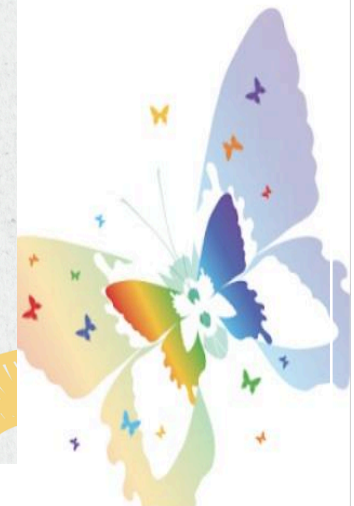
We are asking parents whose child(ren) have been **impacted by the auto-enrolment programme** to participate in a **45 minute interview** (in person or online) about their experiences and opinions.



How does this benefit you?

We will compensate you with a **£25 voucher** and reimburse up to £20 travel expenses if applicable.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact: fixourfoodinschools@york.ac.uk or visit <https://shorturl.at/rH248>





Sleep Tight Workshop



Does your child suffer from sleep problems?
Do you want to access support to help to improve bedtime?

Join us at our Sleep Tight Workshop



Starting Wednesday 19th June 2024
10.00am - 11.30am
for 5 weeks
At Central Family Hub, Welcome Way
DN1 3LE

To book or for more information, please contact
Emma O'Connor or Helen Roberts
Central Family Hub on 01302 737995
(For sleep advice for children aged 2 and above)



Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by
The Sleep Charity

Our workshops include :
Understanding sleep cycles
Common sleep issues and strategies to manage these
Establishing appropriate routines
Keeping sleep diaries and interpreting the data
Environments



Find out more:
WWW.DONCASTER.GOV.UK/FAMILYHUBS



Workshop
Transition from Primary to Secondary School
10.00am - 12.00pm

Booking is essential

This is a workshop for parents/carers of **Year 6 children/young people** where we will look at:

- Preparing for transitions to secondary schools
- The challenges our autistic children/young people may experience when transitioning to secondary school
- Strategies to support our autistic children/young people in preparing for the transition
- Managing anxieties around transition

**16th May
2024**

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