

# Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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Messages:

This Week:

## Summer DISCO

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

EYFS 1:30pm – 2:30pm

KS1 3pm – 3:45pm

KS2 4pm – 5pm

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/summer-disco/>

## Parking around the school grounds

We have had several complaints from our neighbours and parents regarding parking over the last couple of weeks. Neighbours drives are being blocked, this is not OK. More importantly, our parents are concerned about the safety of our children and we couldn't agree more as we have shared this concern, along with parents using the school drive on many occasions. Once again we would like to remind you of the nearby Bridge Street car park, please use this to ensure the safety of our children. I also advise that anyone with further complaints should contact Doncaster council or even the community police who have supported us in the past.

## 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.

## Tuesday

Y6 residential

Year 1 family learning

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/key-stage-1-family-learning-2/>

## Wednesday

Year 2 family learning

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/key-stage-1-family-learning-2/>

Nursery book and a bun

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/nursery-book-and-a-biscuit/>

Reception book and a bun

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/book-and-a-biscuit/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/reception-disco-2/>

DISCO

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/summer-disco/>

## Friday

Break up for half term

Summer one dates:

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

Summer 2 dates will be shared soon!



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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/>

## Reading

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

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

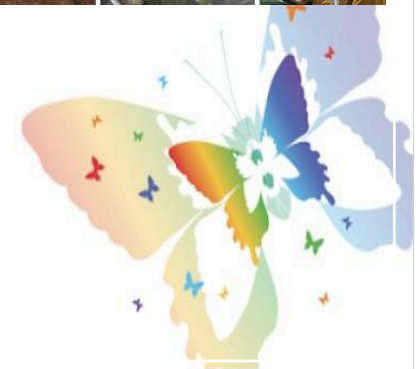
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/share-a-story-month-2/>

## Year 4 MTC - Important information

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

## Amazing Extended study!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-12-home-learning-2/>



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## Expedition

EYFS have been practising their sea shanties as a phase this week ready to record our product next week. They sound fantastic and we are excited for next week. We have also been reading the story of 'Commotion in the ocean' and have been learning about sea creatures under the sea.

Key stage 1 children have been busy learning about LS Lowry this week. The children will be using his art techniques to draw landmarks and buildings in Thorne. We can't wait to share the finished versions. We have also enjoyed a visit from the Doncaster mayor Ros Jones and our local walk to the methodist church.

In Year 3/4 we enjoyed a fantastic visit from Sugar Rush. Carlyne came in to talk to us about where chocolate comes from and how it is made and we even got to try her tasty treats! We have also finished our fact files on the Mayans and have really enjoyed learning about the origins of chocolate and how it has evolved over time!

In Year 5, children have embarked on case study two: Science. This week, the children have explored how vital nutrients are transported around the body. They conducted an experiment to see how the process of osmosis works. The work was followed up by creating some informative scientific diagrams that clearly explained the process. Great work, Year 5 staff and children!

## Crew

EYFS children have been talking about how to stay healthy by making good food choices and enjoying exercise. The children made pledges some of which were to drink more water, enjoy family walks and to eat more fruit!

Key stage 1 have designed their own healthy eating plate this week and we have talked about making good food choices. On top of that we have been learning our new crew songs again in our singing crew session and we can't wait to share them with you all.

In Year 3/4 this week we have looked at balanced diets and why it is important to ensure we are eating a balance of all the food groups. We have also enjoyed writing postcards to celebrate the different people who support us around school!

Y5/6 have been crew more than ever this week by supporting each other through their SATs tests. It was fantastic to see many children arrive early so that they were settled, well-fed and prepared for their tests. A huge well done to all of our Y6 students who took their tests week; they have worked hard this year and were more than ready to tackle the tests which seem to get trickier every year!

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## Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Knowles  
With 99.11% attendance**

Well done - great work!!



## Beautiful Work:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-2-visitor-don-caster-mayor/>



## Blog of the week:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/key-stage-1-celebration-dinner/>



Well done year 6! You have all worked so hard this week and we are all very proud of you!

## Sharing our stories as we go...

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



## Academic Success:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/eufs-a-visit-from-p-astor-kevin/>



## Shout out:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/healthy-eating/>

Great work nursery crew!



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Message from 'The Friends of GT':

More Beautiful Work:

Weekly lunch menus:

Summer events:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/the-rain-didnt-stop-us-%e2%98%94%ef%b8%8f/>

Please find dinner menus attached:

DISCO - WEDNESDAY 22nd May 2024

Summer Fayre - 19th June 2024

Additional information coming soon!

📎 MENUS - April to October 2024.pdf



## Communication

## Sunset

## Breakfast Club

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.**

Should you wish to access our **breakfast 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.*

Breakfast club runs from **7:30am to 8:30am daily at £2** per day which should be **paid in advance** via ParentPay.

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## Uniform

### 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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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)

### 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.

## Reminders

**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!

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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