



West Monkton C.E. Primary School

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Thursday 25th May 2017 (Newsletter 44)

Dear All,

It has been an extremely busy term, and as a result we have decided to send home an additional newsletter to cover a few key updates ahead of the half-term break.

SATs

We would like to say well done to all of the children in years 2 and 6 who have had a busy month sitting their SATs papers. We hope the results reflect the hard work and effort that has been put in. All the children worked extremely hard and we are incredibly proud of them.

Staff Updates

Mr Robinson

We are pleased to say Mr Robinson is almost fully recovered and is planning to return to school after half term.

Mrs Manning (Magpie teacher) will be going on Maternity leave and her last day is Friday 26th May. We look forward to hearing the news of the baby's safe arrival.

Mrs Coffee has decided to leave us at the end of this half term, in order to spend more time with her grandchildren. Hazel has been at West Monkton since 2006, and has been a great asset to the whole school, she will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her future adventures.

Cheyenne Spencer (Nursery Practitioner) is leaving Little Herons Nursery at the end of May to take up a new role, we wish her all the best.

Battery Competition

Well done to Peacock class who collected the most batteries and have won the competition. **Peacock class** will be able to wear **non-school uniform of Friday 26th May**.

West Monkton Parish Council

On a monthly basis West Monkton Parish Council organise a 'Parish Surgery' at Brittons Ash Community Hall (BACH) where County, District and Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk are available to assist with any information or issues that the local community has.

The Surgery is every second Thursday of the month from 8.30am until 10.30am. The next one is **Thursday 8th June**. Please take the opportunity to come and have a chat and a coffee. If you have any queries, please email clerk.westmonkton@yahoo.com or assistantclerk.wmpc@gmail.com

Sun Cream and Hats

Now that we are lucky enough to have some sunny weather, can we ask that your child comes to school with a hat and a drink (both clearly labelled). We recommend that you ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come to school.

Lower Key Stage Two

The children in LKS2 have kindly chosen to donate £100 from their 'Oink!' ticket sales to the Children's Ward at Musgrove Park Hospital. We are all very proud of you!

Pro-Coaching Tournaments

Following some discussion with Pro-Coaching, it has been agreed to trial arranging Sports Tournaments via ParentMail where possible, to allow more time for organising teams for tournaments. We will aim to get letters out to parents at least a week in advance, and will make a decision based on numbers for teams within 48 hours of the tournament if for any reason we cannot go ahead. If parents would like to know names of other children confirmed as attending in order to arrange lifts, please feel free to ask at the office.

Parent Volunteers

Please be aware that volunteer DBS clearances are valid for two years and after this they must be renewed if you are still volunteering in school. If you are out of the school for more than three months, your DBS will expire.



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Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for your voucher donations so far. Please continue to put any remaining ones in the box in the reception area before the 30th June.

Movie Night

A huge thank you to all staff, PTA members and parents who supported our Movie Night last week. It was a very successful evening and we will update soon on how the funds raised will be spent on resources for the school and children.

Attendance & Registers

A letter is going home via ParentMail this week to parents whose children's attendance level is below 90%. Please be aware this is to raise awareness, and at present no further action is being taken, but we are monitoring this.

We are also changing our registration times from September. Class registers close at 9:05am, and any children arriving after 9:10am will be 'U' Coded for Late After Registration. This is the same as an unauthorised absence.

We wish you all a lovely half term and hope this fantastic weather continues.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Loud
Acting Headteacher

Meeting Dates for WMPS Governing Board

Date & time	
Friday 23 rd June, 8.15am	Business
Tuesday 27 th June, 8.30am	Education
Monday 10 th July, 7pm	FGB

Diary Dates - Summer Term

Date	Activity
Tuesday 06 th June	New parents information evening
Thursday 08 th June	Parish Surgery at Brittons Ash Community Hall
Thursday 08 th June	LKS2 Family learning, 1pm-3pm
Thursday 15 th June	LKS2 Family learning, 1pm-3pm
Monday 26 th June	Upper KS2 Production
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 01 st July	Summer Fayre
4 th & 5 th July	Year 6 Heathfield transition
Friday 7 th July	Sports day reserve date

Upcoming Tournaments - Summer 2017

Date	Activity
Weds 21 st June	Kwik cricket (friendlies) at St Andrews cricket club, 3.50-5.40pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Girls kwik cricket (friendlies) at Taunton Vale cricket club. 3.50-5.40pm
Tuesday 06 th June	Year 5 kwik cricket (competition) at Taunton Vale competition at 3-5.45pm (Reserve date Tuesday 20 th June)
Monday 12 th June	Rounders (competition) at Bishop Fox's 3.50-5.50pm.
Monday 03 rd July	Rounders (friendlies) at Bishop Fox's 3.50-5.50pm
Thursday 25 th May	Year3&4 modified rounders (friendlies) Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton centre) playing field. 4-5.45pm
Monday 19 th June	Year3&4 modified rounders (friendlies) Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton centre) playing field. 4-5.45pm

Headteacher: Mr Ian Robinson

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jo Lowe

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