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## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Newsletter 45)

Dear All,

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Loud, all of the staff and governors for doing such a fantastic job in my absence. I am pleased to say that I am feeling much better and looking forward to the busy term ahead.

It is also with great delight (and a bit of an early surprise) that I can announce that Mrs Manning has had a baby boy. Congratulations to all the family – such lovely news.

### **A thank you from Mrs Manning**

“Could I please say a big thank you to all the lovely children and parents that gave me wonderful cards and gifts at the end of last half term. I was really overwhelmed by their kindness!”

### **National Book Tokens**

Help us win £5,000 of books for the school library. Simply fill out the form in the below link. The more entries the better chance we have of winning! Thank you.  
[www.nationalbooktokens.com](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com)

### **Transition letter**

A letter was sent out yesterday regarding the upcoming transitions. If you have not received this important information, please ask the office for a copy.

### **UKS2 Keymaster Performance**

Tickets for the UKS2 Keymaster performance on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm and 7pm** are available to buy from the Tacchi Morris. There are limited tickets remaining for the evening performance, and plenty for the afternoon. Tickets can be purchased via their website or by telephoning them directly.

As the production and performance involves an evening event, we need permission for your child to participate – it is the expectation that **ALL** children will participate in this rewarding activity. There are still a few slips outstanding, if you have not received one, please ask the school office. Reminders have been sent home for any outstanding.

### **Upper KS2 Dance Festival**

Don't forget, the Year 5 and 6 pupils are performing as part of the Dance Festival at the Tacchi Morris on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**.

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** (reserve date Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July)

9.15 – Opening ceremony

9.45-11.45 - EYFS and KS1 events

12-12.30 Family picnic lunch (children must stay onsite)

12.45-2.45 - KS2 events

3pm - Closing Ceremony

Families are welcome to watch some or all of the day and will need to sign in and out at the KS2 gate.

If you have ordered a meal for your child, we will provide a packed lunch. The lunch consists of a cheese or ham sandwich on granary bread, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, a biscuit and a bottle of water. If you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch from home, please let the office know so we can order the correct number, and for children whose lunches are paid for, we will arrange a refund.

Unlike our old site we have limited shaded areas, therefore if it is sunny we would appreciate the loan of any gazebo's.

If any parents or guardians with a current DBS are available to help, please inform the school office.

### **'Take One' week**

Our 'Take One' week before half-term was a huge success. Children were very enthusiastic to complete work surrounding the Civil War Coin Hoard. Some of the children's work has been selected to be displayed at the Museum of Somerset. The 'Take One' exhibition is open to the public on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Museums Family Fun Day all about 'Crazy Coins'. Lots of activities will be taking place celebrating coins through the ages, all **free**, from 11am - 3pm. Please do go along!



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### Pro Coaching Clubs

Due to some recent confusion, Pro Coaching have decided for next year clubs will run every week of the year, apart from the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September.

Activities starting next week can be booked online at [www.pro-coaching.co.uk](http://www.pro-coaching.co.uk)

Can we please request all children attending after school sports clubs wear clothes that they can wear home rather than getting changed back into their school uniform. Children will then be sent out to the playground to meet with parents.

### Sports Tournaments

Pro-Coaching have been reviewing how we organise our sports tournaments as this year we have had lower numbers coming forward for tournaments. For the remainder of this term, all letters regarding sports tournaments will be sent home as paper copies with an attached permission slip. The tournaments provide a fantastic opportunity for children of all abilities to have some friendly competition against other local schools.

### Staff Updates

Mrs Manning's class will be taught by Mrs Topps for the rest of this academic year.

Mrs Ward will be taking on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher for Lower Key Stage 2 for the next academic year.

In making new appointments, we have looked at creating a balance of experienced teachers and newly qualified teachers. In recent years, we have done well in appointing trainees who have already worked at West Monkton during their training, and we are pleased to be able to confirm we have appointed **Miss Curson and Miss Merrick** who will be joining us 'officially' in September. Miss Curson has spent the Spring Term at West Monkton, and both are currently doing their final placements with us too. We have also appointed **Mrs Mackay**, who is a highly experienced and skilled teacher, who many of the staff know and have worked with previously.

With further appointments to make I am not yet in a position to confirm the final placement of all staff; however these three new staff will be in school for the transition mornings and will be working with the children in the phase that we currently intend for them to be in.

Final arrangements for September, with both staffing and class placement, will be made and communicated to parents on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June ahead of the transition days the following week.

Kind Regards,

Ian Robinson  
Headteacher

### Meeting Dates for WMPs Governing Board

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

### Diary Dates - Summer Term

Date	Activity
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	LKS2 Family learning, 1pm-3pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Hestercombe trip (year 2)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Hestercombe trip (year 1)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper KS2 Production
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Heathfield transition days
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day <b>reserve date</b>

### Upcoming Tournaments - Summer 2017

Date	Activity
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Kwik cricket (friendlies)</b> at St Andrews cricket club, 3.50-5.40pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Girls kwik cricket (friendlies)</b> at Taunton Vale cricket club. 3.50-

Headteacher: Mr Ian Robinson

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jo Lowe

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	5.40pm
<b>Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 kwik cricket</b> (competition) at Taunton Vale competition at 3-5.45pm (Reserve date Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rounders</b> (competition) at Bishop Fox's 3.50-5.50pm.
<b>Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Rounders</b> (friendlies) at Bishop Fox's 3.50-5.50pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year3&amp;4 modified rounders</b> (friendlies) Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton centre) playing field. 4-5.45pm
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year3&amp;4 modified rounders</b> (friendlies) Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton centre) playing field. 4-5.45pm

### PTA News

#### PTA 100 Club Winners

Congratulations to our winners in May please come to the school office to claim your prize:

#### December

1 <sup>st</sup>	£25	57	A Rowe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	100	Beth Turner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£5	55	C Stone

If you are interested in joining the PTA 100 club please ask for a form at the school office.

#### Summer Fayre

**The PTA are very excited about the upcoming Summer Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

#### **We would like donations for the raffle stalls!**

We would ask for pupils in Reception & KS1 to bring in a 'Filled Jar'. This can be a jar of anything! Some suggestions are: cotton wool, small toy soldiers, sweets or paperclips. Let your imagination run wild!  
(Please ensure the jar is thoroughly cleaned before it is filled!)

Pupils in KS2 – we'd love donations of a lucky dip prize for either a boy or girl, new & unwrapped 😊  
Please bring in donations to the classes over the next couple of weeks, no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We are also looking for helpers on the day. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please let a member of the PTA or the office know.