



West Monkton C.E. Primary School

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Thursday 23rd November 2017 (Newsletter 06)

Dear all,

School Disco

Our School Christmas Disco will be next Friday 01st December.

Reception and KS1 from 6pm-7pm and KS2 is from 7.15pm-8.30pm. We do ask that Reception children have a parent/carer stay with them due to adult-child ratios. Entry is £2.50 which includes a raffle ticket.

Tuck shop items and refreshments will be available to purchase. Entrance is via the KS2 gates, pick up from the side entrance to the hall, situated near Reception. For KS1 parents please bear with us when collecting your children, we aim to get you in to the hall as quickly as possible to collect your child but need to ensure that Reception parents/carers and their children have left the hall safely first before we let you in.

Please can you ensure your child brings with them their signed form (this will be sent home next week) which provides contact details in case of any incidents. We also ask that children do not bring mobile phones to the disco; if they do they will be asked to hand them in on arrival and can collect at the end of the disco.

We look forward to seeing you all there. PTA

Chocolate Tombola Donations

We are collecting donations of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola stall at the Christmas Bazaar. Please can we ask that donations be brought into school by next Monday 27th November. Donations can be of any size, but please remember no bars with nuts in.

Parentboard

The next Parentboard meeting will be on Monday 11th December at 2.30pm and **not the last Monday of the term as we normally do, due to a clash with the Nativity rehearsals.**

Aldi Opening

Lilla and Nile met Samantha Murray with her modern pentathlon medal at the opening of Aldi last week.



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

The School Council is running a Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. We would ask that all children who would like to take part bring into school a homemade Christmas decoration which will be displayed in school up until the end of the term. Children will then be welcome to take their decorations home – Please remember to put names on them!

There will be some small prizes available to the winners, who will be selected by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Decorations should be brought into classes next Thursday 30th November in the morning ready for judging.

Decoration Donations

B&Q have kindly donated us a Christmas tree, which we will be displaying in school and using with our Christmas decorations from the competition. If anyone has any spare decorations and Christmas wrapping paper at home, we would appreciate donations to school. Thank you.



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Payments

We cannot emphasise strongly enough that payments for any items **MUST** come **directly to the school office** in a named sealed envelope. We have received multiple forms and payments for the panto this week via the class register boxes, some with loose change. We cannot take responsibility for payments brought to school this way, as we cannot guarantee safe receipt of them. With nearly 400 pupils in school, it is not possible to quickly check receipt of individual forms/payments until we have processed them.

As per our last newsletter, please ensure you have the correct amounts when paying cash and be aware that we cannot return change at a later date.

We would ask that if you are dropping forms and payments in for the office, that you use the dropbox by the main entrance, unless you need to speak to a member of the office team. The silver dropbox is in the main school office entrance, next to the letter rack, and is secure for all payments to be put into, in a named sealed envelope.

Community Choir

The community choir performed at Hestercombe Gardens on Friday 17th November. Thank you to all who took part in our first performance. It was lovely!

The choir meets at school every Tuesday at 3.15pm. New singers of all abilities are always welcome. Our next performance will be Wednesday 13th December at school at 3.30pm.

Pantomime Forms and Dates

Letters were sent home with all children last week regarding the upcoming Panto performances at the Tacchi Morris in December. Please return forms and payments to the school office by Friday 1st December. Due to scheduling we have swapped around Year 1 and Reception.

Children will attend as follows:

Tuesday 12th – Year R and Year 6

Wednesday 13th - Year 1, 2, 3 and 5

Tuesday 19th – Year 4

Reception Nativity Performances

Please be aware that the Nativity performances are on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December**. Due to Reception attending the Pantomime on Tuesday afternoon, the **Tuesday performance will be at 10am not 2pm**.

Cycle Safety

As the nights are drawing in, a reminder to ensure that pupils who cycle to school have working lights on their bicycles and high visibility clothing to ensure they are visible to road users. We have noticed some children leaving without these. Be Safe. Be Seen.

Parent Governor Election

Following the ballot held for the post of our new Parent Governor, we are pleased to confirm that Leighton Ballantine has been elected and will join our Governing body.





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Christmas Bazaar

The community Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 02nd December at the West Monkton Village Hall from 10.15am until 12.30pm. The PTA will have a stall. It would be lovely to see the school community there in support.

Photograph Orders

DSP Photography orders were due back to school today. Any late orders can be placed directly on the DSP website using the information on your order envelope by next Monday 27th November for Christmas delivery back to school. Orders after this date will be charged Postage and Packaging and may not be returned in time for Christmas.

Report from Nick Williams, Pro Coaching

1400m Cross Country at Kings College

Seven athletes from West Monkton took on a field of nearly 170 runners in the 1400m cross-country race at Kings College, Taunton.

The first Monkton runner home was Samuel D, who finished 28th in a time of 7 minutes 31 seconds. Next to cross the line was Zack H, who clocked 7.45 to take 44th spot.

Charlie L finished 60th in 8.02, closely followed by Oliver S, who took 63rd spot in 8.08, with Imogen C clocking 8:26 to finish 75th. Jacob S was 134th in 10.32, while Daniel P finished 156th in 11.58.

Year 5 and 6 Football County Cup

West Monkton's Year 5 and 6 footballers came through a dramatic penalty shoot-out to progress to the next round of the county cup. After going unbeaten to top their first-round qualifying group in the seven-a-side tournament, West Monkton found themselves up against Trinity in a closely contested final, which ended in a 1-1 draw, which moved it into the tense penalties finale. West Monkton goalkeeper Josh, who had been in top form throughout the tournament, again distinguished himself, saving a couple of spot-kicks, paving the way for Max Trowell to score the winning penalty to take his team through to the next round.

Represented by a squad of eight boys, the earlier group matches began with West Monkton drawing 0-0 in a hard-fought game with St Andrew's before Rory's lone strike proved the difference in a 1-0 victory over Blackbrook. The next match saw Monkton come from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Holway thanks to a strike by Kieran.

A 2-0 victory over St James' saw West Monkton come through their qualifiers unbeaten. Continuous attacking saw Monkton hit the woodwork on several occasions before eventually winning through to the final, thanks to goals from Rory and Kyran.

Report – Nick Williams



Kind Regards,

Ian Robinson – Headteacher



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Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Friday 01st December	PTA School Disco
Monday 11th December	Parentboard at 2.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Nativity at 10am
	Year R and Year 6 Panto Trip
	Year 1 Family Learning session
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Nativity at 2pm
	Year 1, 2, 3 and 5 Panto Trip
	After School Messy Church*
Thursday 14th December	School Christmas Lunch
	Nursery Nativity at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm
	Year 4 Panto Trip
Wednesday 20th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm
	Candlelight Carol Service
Friday 02nd February	PTA School Disco
Friday 16th March	PTA Easter Bingo
10th, 11th, 12th & 13th April	Year Five Bikeability
May	KS1 SATS - TBC KS2 SATS – W/C 14 th May
07th, 14th, 21st & 28th June	2018 Reception Class Transition Mornings
Friday 22nd June	Non school uniform
Thursday 28th June	Sports day
Saturday 30th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 02nd July	New parents information evening (Reception class 2018) 6pm
Thursday 05th July	Reserve sports day
Friday 13th July	School Leavers Disco

Committee Dates

Tuesday 05th December	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 18th December	FGB 7pm
Friday 19th January	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 27th February	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 12th March	Business committee 8.15am
Friday 27th April	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 01st May	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 14th May	FGB 7pm
Friday 15th June	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 10th July	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 16th July	FGB 7pm

Headteacher: Mr Ian Robinson

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jo Lowe

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