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November Newsletter

Dear Parents

We hope you had a lovely half term break and made the most of the warm and mild weather.

Reminders

We are holding parent/keyworker meetings week beginning 6 November and appointments can still be booked on the white board in the nursery foyer. Please complete and return the Tapestry permission slip as soon as possible so that we can roll out the next phase of this exciting new electronic journal.

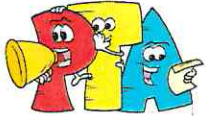


We are having individual, sibling and group photographs on Tuesday 7 November, if your child is normally in on this day their photographs will be taken during the day but if they are not in on a Tuesday and you wish for them to have a photograph please come into the Nursery for 9.15 and we will aim to get them done as soon as we can. If you would like a photo with a younger sibling please come in to the school entrance at 8.45am as these will be done first.

Shoe Box Appeal

Leaflets and shoe boxes are available to collect from the school office for anyone who wishes to take part in the shoe box appeal. The shoeboxes need to be back in school no later than Friday 3 November 2017 ready for collection. More information is also available on the school website.

PTA



The PTA find many ways of fundraising to purchase many different resources for the school, this includes the Nursery and they are always looking for new members to help or to come up with new ideas to fund raise. As the nursery is a valuable part of West Monkton Primary School we would like to ask if any parents would like to join the PTA and have an active part in their child's school life. The meetings take place once every half term and if you would like to attend please let us know and we will make the PTA Chair aware of this.

The PTA runs a 100 Club to raise money and there are numbers available to buy. The cost is £1.00 per month and payments are 6 monthly or yearly via standing order. There is a monthly draw with a first prize of £25, second prize of £10 and third prize of £5, if you would be interested in joining this club please come and see Caroline.

Match Funding Scheme

The Summer Fayre is just one of the fantastic events that the PTA organise and run each year to raise funds for our school. The money donated from such significant events is extremely valuable to school funds and greatly assists in providing our children with an environment and resources that the allocated school budget would not be able to provide. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds in support of our school and PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from

the School/PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised. However, some Companies are simply happy to just give for a worthy cause.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the School/Nursery and PTA and help us raise money for our School learning environment/play equipment and many other valuable resources that our budget does not stretch to buy.

If you are able to help us this way, please speak to Zoe Farnham, our School Business Manager, and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.

ParentBoard

This is run by Nick Prinn, a Year 6 teacher and it is where parents from each year group have a voice and meet regularly for discussions. The ParentBoard usually meet on the last Monday of each half term at 2.30 for about 30 minutes, as this is a busy half term they will be meeting on 11 December. Please let me know if you would be interested and you can go along with a Nursery staff member.



A huge thank you to Carly and Josh Penny who have made us a mud kitchen and delivered it to us over half term, it is amazing and the nursery children will get many hours of learning through play with this. We have a limited amount of pots and pans and we need many more so we are asking for any donations of kitchen equipment please.



Allergies

We have a child in the Nursery with a severe allergy to ORANGES, if this child comes into contact with any type of orange it could be life threatening so we ask that you do not put oranges, satsumas or tangerines in your child's lunchbox and that you **do not** send your child in with orange squash or juice in their drinks bottle. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

30 Hours Funding-Reconfirming Eligibility

If your child receives 30 hours funding entitlement please note that eligibility lasts 3 months and parents will be prompted to reconfirm their eligibility by HMRC via an email notification. Parents must log into their secure Childcare Service account to reconfirm that their circumstances haven't changed. If your eligibility does change we will bill you for the hours over the 15 hours universal entitlement that your child attends.

Please come and see me or a member of nursery staff if you have anything you need to discuss.

Kind regards

Gemma Maxwell
Nursery Manager

