



## West Monkton C.E. Primary School

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### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January (Newsletter 10)

Dear all,

#### **ParentMail – Forms, Permissions and a Cashless School**

Our Year 4 parents will have already had a taster of our new Forms option on ParentMail. Going forward, we will be collecting permissions for trips and festivals electronically. We hope you will agree that this is a quick and easy way for you to provide permission for your children to take part in the school activities.

We will also start to take payments electronically via ParentMail after the Easter break, with a view to being a 'Cashless School' from September 2018. More details will be sent home in due course.

We will be working towards setting up ParentMail access in the Main Office for those who cannot access the site from home, to ensure that payments can be made this way.

#### **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening for the Spring Term will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30pm-5:30pm and Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm-6pm. Appointments will last for 10 minutes and can be booked via ParentMail.

#### **Violin Lessons**

Mrs Sutton is offering violin lessons. More details are available from the main office entrance, along with information on guitar, piano, and singing lessons.



#### **Lunch Menus**

The next lunch menus have been distributed to classes today for return to school by **01<sup>st</sup> February**. After Easter, your lunch menus will all be sent electronically via ParentMail

#### **Parking**

Please be mindful when dropping off and collecting children not to use or block residents' driveways. We have been contacted by members of the local community who have reported parents parking in resident only areas.

#### **School Disco**

Our next School Disco is on Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> February.

Reception and KS1 from 6pm-7pm, and KS2 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.

Forms will be sent home next week, for parents to provide contact details in case of any incidents and **must be given in on arrival at the disco**. 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.

#### **PTA 100 Club**

The School Office will only hold PTA 100 Club prizes in the office for collection for two months after they have been drawn due to regular non-collection. After this, they will be returned to the PTA.

Prize winners' names are posted on the PTA Facebook page, and will be published in the school newsletter.

If you would like to sign up to be a member of the PTA 100 club, forms are available from the school office.

#### **February Half Term**

February half term is from Friday 09<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. **Friday 09<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day.**



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### **Clothes Bank**

We now have a clothes bank on site which is located by Little Herons nursery entrance. Please donate items such as adult or children's clothing, shoes, hats, handbags, jewelry, soft toys, DVD's and mobile phones. The items will raise money for BIBIC and Meningitis Now. As well as supporting worthwhile charities, this also raises valuable funds for the school.

### **Tennis Courts**

The West Monkton Parish Council are looking for support with proposed planning permission for two tennis courts to be built within the development at Hartnells Farm in the village. (The farm land opposite the butchers and Heathfield Drive, turning on to the A3259). These tennis courts would be a fantastic facility for the local community and we are sure lots of members of our school community would benefit from the provision.

To support the Parish Council with this proposal, please visit the website <http://westmonkton.net>, scroll to the Polls section at the bottom right hand side of the page, and select 'Yes' to submit your vote.

### **Ground Force – We need you!**

We are currently awaiting a delivery of 420 sapling plants which are being donated by the Woodlands Trust to create a hedgerow around the school perimeter. The hedgerow work marks the beginning of improvement to the school grounds in terms of our outdoor learning environment for the children, as well as providing a habitat for wildlife and to act as a windshield to the school as the saplings grow.

We need volunteers who are available over the end of February and beginning of March who would be happy to donate some time to the school, helping prepare for the delivery as well as planting the saplings, which are due to arrive at school between March 04<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup>.

### **Premier Sport**

Over the upcoming February Half Term, Premier Sport are going to be running daily sessions at school Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Booking is via the Premier Sport website: [www.premiersport.org](http://www.premiersport.org)

### **Easter Holiday Club**

From Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 06<sup>th</sup> April, the school will be running an Easter Holiday club. Activities such as crafts, cooking, and art will be included. We will be sending information and booking details home next week.

Premier Sport will also be on site delivering a sports club across the two week Easter holiday.

Kind Regards,

Ian Robinson – Headteacher





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### Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Friday 02 <sup>nd</sup> February	PTA School Disco
Thursday 08 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Four Sports Festival
March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Puffin Class Trip*
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Bingo Robin Class Trip*
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Production
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Yellow Wagtails Class Trip*
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pelican Class Trip*
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Year Five Bikeability
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year One Sports Festival*
May	KS1 SATS - TBC KS2 SATS – W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> May
07 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> June	2018 Reception Class Transition Mornings
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Non School Uniform
Thursday 05 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 02 <sup>nd</sup> July	New parents information evening (Reception class 2018) 6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Leavers Disco

**\*Letters with more information will be sent home in due course**

### Committee Dates

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Business committee 8.15am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 01 <sup>st</sup> May	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	FGB 7pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Business committee 8.15am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Education committee 8.15am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	FGB 7pm