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February Newsletter



Dear Parents

We are a Nut Free School and Nursery as we have pupils and a staff member with severe nut allergies. We therefore ask that you do not send in nuts or products containing nuts of any kind to Nursery. We also have a child in the Nursery with a life threatening **ORANGE** allergy and we ask that you do not include food, drinks or anything orange related in your child's lunchbox or nursery bag. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Going forward with ParentMail, we will be using the 'Forms' option from March for ordering cooked lunches, and to collect permissions electronically. We hope you will agree that this is a quick and easy way for you to provide permission and information to the nursery. We already take payments electronically via ParentMail for nursery fees and hot lunches, and our view is to be a 'cashless school' from September 2018.

A letter was sent out on Monday via ParentMail confirming we have gone live with our on-line learning journal, you should also have received an activation code from Tapestry about this – if you haven't then please let me know. We look forward to you adding to your child's records.



Next week, we will be welcoming Emily Brown to the Nursery as a new member of staff. I'm sure you join me in wishing her well in her role as Nursery Practitioner.

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. Please also ensure you do not park on the pavement around the school site.



If you would like to sign up to be a member of the PTA 100 club, forms are available from the school office, there is a monthly chance of winning some cash. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA or Parentboard, please see either myself or Caroline. These are both informal meetings and a way of getting involved and having a say at your child's school and nursery.

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, jewellery, 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.

Please could we ask that if we send your child home in Nursery underwear that they be washed and returned straight away as we have been running very low. If you have any girls or boys pants that you would be happy to donate to the nursery for spares then please give them to a member of staff.

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.



Please remember that we are closed on Friday 9 February for all children as we have an INSET day. The following week is half term for term time children, and we **DO NOT** have hot lunches during half term.

9 February 2018	Closed for INSET Day
12 February 2018 – 16 February 2018	Half Term for term time children
23 March 2018	Last day of term for term time children
26 March 2018 – 6 April 2018	Easter Holidays for term time children
30 March 2018 – 2 April 2018	Closed for Easter for all children

If you have any queries, questions or anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see me or a member of my team.

Kind regards

Gemma Maxwell

Nursery Manager

