



## West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,

It's very hard to believe that the end of the year is almost upon us, with transition at the very forefront of our minds. Whether we are welcoming new children and parents to the school, thinking about Year 6s and their next steps, or what September might look like for the children who will still be with us in the new academic year, a lot of hard work and consideration is being put into ensuring that transition, for all of our community, is successful.

Today, the children will be bringing home a letter informing parents of classes for next year. We have spent four transition mornings working with staff and children in order to be best placed to decide upon balanced classes. We are already excited about the prospect of a new academic year and, once a well earned break is enjoyed, are anticipating another successful year of learning together.

The letters home today are timely as our Year 6s are moving up to Heathfield, on Tuesday and Wednesday, for their transition days. For the rest of the children, they will enjoy spending two days in their new classes, where they will start to think about September and the expectations for a new year.

Please do look out for other end-of-year events and we look forward to seeing many of you at tomorrow's Summer Fayre.

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Deputy Headteacher

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## Important Information

### *Sports Day*

Sports Day is planned for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. It is anticipated to be a very active and fun day for the whole school with KS1 participating in main events throughout the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. The day will begin with a whole school opening ceremony and warm up activities and close with whole school participation in the Golden Mile and of course, an award ceremony. Parents are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch and the PTA will be providing refreshments throughout the day. A ParentMail will be sent out next week regarding timings for the day. Children will need to wear school PE kit and a plain coloured top to match the house group that they are in.

If for any reason Sports Day cannot go ahead, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### *Transition*

When teachers plan for transition, we have been keen to incorporate a growth mindset aspect to our weekly transition sessions which have been running on a Thursday morning while the incoming Reception pupils for September have been visiting the school. Children (and staff!) have all been learning brand new skills together. Our current EYFS and Y1 classes have been learning how to hula hoop; Y2 have been learning how to sketch an accurate drawing, Y3 have been learning how to say the alphabet backwards, Y4 have been learning how to juggle, and Y5 have been learning how to make origami models! This has been a valuable learning experience for everyone involved and it has demonstrated how we learn something new. Finally, it has been wonderful watching all of the children (and staff!) trying to improve their skills.

We have tried mixing up the children across their year group And have asked for feedback from staff and the pupils. We have now got their classes set ready for September, and we are looking forward to a positive return to school in September.

### *Road Truck Safety Visits*

Over the next couple of Fridays we have the Somerset Road Safety Truck and team visiting school. All children will attend a Trucks and Child Safety Demonstration. Nursery, EYFS and KS1 will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July and KS2 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This is a national safety programme run by the DHL UK Foundation. It is aimed at raising awareness of large vehicles and their associated dangers among children.

There will be a classroom based talk, and a demonstration of truck manoeuvring and visibility. The demonstrations are intended to deliver vital road safety messages and information to children in an age appropriate way.

### *Secondary school open evenings*

The open evenings are as follows, please be aware we now have confirmed timings for Taunton Academy, and Castle School have amended their date:

Taunton Academy: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 4.30pm-6.30pm  
 Castle School: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 6-8pm  
 Bishop Fox's: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 6-8pm  
 Heathfield: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 6-8.30pm

### *UKS2 Production*

On Monday, the Year 5 & 6 children performed 'Shakespeare Rocks' at the Tacchi Morris, they performed to the whole school in the morning, and then put on two official performances throughout the day. All the children were fabulous in their singing, dancing and performing. We were super proud of you all! A massive thank you to all those parents, grandparents and other family members who supported the children, it was lovely to see so many of you and we hope we kept you thoroughly entertained.

### *National Book Tokens*

National Book Tokens are running a competition to win £5000 worth of books for school. Please log on to the website below and nominate our school:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WzM8j6dKJIU>

## What's happening this fortnight:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	New Parents information evening 6pm (2018 Reception class)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up days
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Road Safety Truck visit for Nursery, EYFS & KS1 Year 5 Parents – Kilve Information Meeting 3.30pm in the school hall

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Pilgrimage Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Road Safety Truck visit for KS2



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## Puzzle Corner

**Summer Word Search**

S	U	N	F	Z	H	P	A	S
V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N	W
S	W	O	M	F	H	O	T	I
U	T	F	I	A	Q	L	L	M
M	J	U	L	J	U	N	E	M
M	U	N	Y	A	R	H	S	I
E	L	A	U	G	U	S	T	N
R	Y	M	B	E	A	C	H	G

Find these words.

family	sun	beach	June
summer	hot	pool	July
vacation	fun	swimming	August



## House Points Update

<b>Emerald</b>	<b>524</b>
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>567</b>
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>487</b>
<b>Diamond</b>	<b>545</b>



## Reading Percentages

Percentage of children in the class who have read a minimum of 5 times in the week:

Year 1 - Pelican	50%	Yellow Wagtails	68%
Year 2 - Robin	63%	Puffin	54%
Year 3 - Buzzard	82%	Magpie	83%
Year 4 - Kiwi	58%	Eagle	69%
Year 5 - Crane	87%	Red Kite	81%
Year 6 - Peacock	84%	Peregrine Falcon	87%

A reminder that the PTA summer fayre is TOMORROW! Please come along and support the school. There are lots of exciting visitors, including: Green 4 Go Driving School, Bouncy Castles, Fizzpop Science, Tombolas, Beat the Goalie, Prosecco and Cider bar, The Hot Sausage Co, The Pancake Pod, plus ice creams, refreshments, tuck shop and many more stalls!

## Community Links in the BACH and at School

### Mondays

- Yogalates 9.15am
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- Yoga Flow (drop in) 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Pound Rockout work out 7.30pm- 8.30pm (not on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July)
- Taunton Table Tennis 7.30pm-9.30pm

### Tuesdays

- Pilates/relaxation 9.30am
- Cuppa & A Chat with Rev. Mary 2.30-3.30pm
- Pound Rocket Workout 6.15pm- 7.15pm

### Wednesdays

- Purestretch 9.30am
- Glow Club 6.30pm (Heathfield Community Hall)

### Thursdays

- Yogalates 9.15am
- Sewing 10am-12pm except 2<sup>nd</sup> week 11am-1pm
- Ballet Beatz 6.15pm-7.15pm
- Pound Rockout Workout 7.30pm- 8.30pm

### Fridays

- Miranda Boom, Hartbeeps 9.30am-12pm

### Saturdays

- Taunton Table Tennis 10am-12pm
- Yogalates 7.30pm

## Useful websites and other information

### ParentMail

<http://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/>

### Mathletics (Year 1 – Year 6):

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

### Somerset Safeguarding Children Board:

<http://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

### Online Safety KS1:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/hectorsworld/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/)

### Online Safety KS2:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/cybercafe/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/cybercafe/)

### ParentZone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>