



West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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14 September

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and hello to our new starters. It has already been a very busy couple of weeks with lots of changes in school, most importantly of course is the news that Mr Blackmore is now our Head of School, with Mr Robinson taking on the role of Executive Head. We hope that you are all as enthusiastic as we are about the potential changes ahead.

Zoe Farnham, School Business Manager

Important Information

Secondary school open evenings and mornings

For parents and pupils in Year 6, the local secondary schools are preparing their open evenings. We encourage parents to visit the schools you may be interested in as it can really help to get a feel for how the school runs.

The open evenings are as follows:
Bishop Fox's: 20th Sept 6pm-8pm
Heathfield: 27th Sept 6pm-8.30pm

The schools are also holding open mornings on:
Castle School: 18th & 20th Sept 9.30am-11.30am
Bishop Fox's: 20th & 21st Sept, by appointment only.
Heathfield: 3rd, 4th & 5th Oct 9.30am-10.45am
Queens College: 5th & 6th Oct 9.30am - 12noon
Brymore: 21st Sept & 5th Oct 9.30am - 12noon

Payments, Trips and Events - ParentMail

All parents please be aware that West Monkton is now a 'cashless' school. This means that the school office is unable to take cash payments for any items. All billable items will be invoiced via ParentMail. Please ensure that you are signed up and using your ParentMail account. If you are having any problems, please speak to a member of the school office team who will endeavour to help. In the first instance, we ask that parents try to sign in, and use the 'Forgotten password' link. <http://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/>

Lunch Menus

The next 3 weeks' worth of lunch menus have now been sent out via ParentMail. Please ensure you complete these forms by Friday 14th Sept. **We will not be able to accept any late orders.**

Reception Family Learning and Celebration Days

The phonics, maths, communication, language and literacy family learning workshops along with the Celebration Days will be 30 minutes per session.

Stonehenge & Cheddar Trip

On Thursday 27th Sept, Year 3 are going to Cheddar. On Friday 5th Oct, Year 4 are going to Stonehenge. For both trips, all children must be in school promptly for the coach to depart at 9am, and they are due to return to school **late at 4pm**. No child can take part in the trips if they do not have a completed consent form on ParentMail.

Football Club

We now have two spaces available in football club, the payment item is available in the ParentMail shop. Please pay £36 to book your child in (the item will show at £39).

Playground Safety

A reminder that bikes and scooters should be dismantled at the gates as you enter the school grounds, this is applicable for children AND adults.

Parking in and around the school

A reminder that the school car park is only for disabled badge holders to use during morning drop off and the afternoon pick up. If you are driving to school, please ensure you are parking safely. Do not park on the zig-zag markings next to the traffic light pedestrian crossing, or blocking emergency access points. We have received complaints from residents who are struggling to access their private parking spaces due to parents parking blocking the access areas. Please be reminded that these spaces are for the homeowners, not for public use. We would encourage you wherever possible to walk to and from the school, but understand that occasionally this is not possible.

Please ensure you park sensitively to our local community and do not block residents' access to their driveways and car parks.

Lost Property Shed

We are pleased that we have purchased a new Lost Property Shed which will be constructed in the near future. All lost property will be available to be checked by parents.

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Puzzle Corner

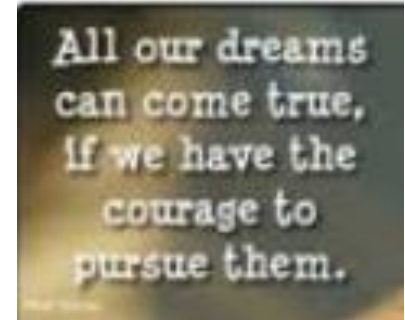
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SCARF	APPLE	BOOTS
TREE	FALL	RAKE
ACORN	PUMPKIN	PIE
HAY	SWEATER	LEAF

Phrase of the Fortnight



PTA News

The PTA tuck shop recommences today, Friday 14th September. Reception parents and those new to school, this is held regularly on Friday afternoons. We sell a variety of sweets, crisps and drinks from the PTA shed next to the KS2 gates.

PTA 100 Club Winners – uncollected prizes:

May: 2nd Prize – J Board, 3rd Prize – M Davis

June: 1st Prize – S.Barge, 3rd Prize – E.Rauki

July: 1st Prize – C.Redpath, 2nd Prize – H.West, 3rd Prize – J.Lee

August: 1st Prize – E.Smith, 2nd Prize – M.Davis, 3rd Prize – H.West

Community Links in the BACH and at School

Mondays

Yogalates 9.15am

Yogalates 6.15pm

Yoga Flow 6.30pm-7.30pm

Pound Rockout work out 7.30pm- 8.30pm

Tuesdays

Pilates/relaxation 9.30am

Community Café 2pm-3.30pm

Wednesdays

Purestretch 9.30am

Thursdays

Yogalates 9.15am

Sewing 10am-12pm except 2nd week 11am-1pm

Ballet Beatz (Dance studio) 6.30pm-7.30pm

Pure Pilates 6.30pm -7.30pm

Pound Rockout work out 7.30pm- 8.30pm

Fridays

Miranda Boom, Hartbeeps 9.30am-12pm Glow Club 6.30pm

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

Somerset Safeguarding Children Board:

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

Online Safety KS1:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

Online Safety KS2:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/cybercafe/

ParentZone:

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



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Dates for Autumn	
Week commencing 24 th Sept	Harvest Week
Thursday 27 th Sept	Year 3 trip to Cheddar
Friday 28 th Sept	Collective worship – Harvest donations
Friday 5 th Oct	Year 4 trip to Stonehenge
Monday 8 th Oct	Charity Shoe Box collection launch
Thursday 11 th Oct	PTA AGM Meeting - 7.30pm
Week commencing 22 nd Oct	Light Party *
Wednesday 24 th Oct & Thursday 25 th Oct	Parents Evening
Week commencing 29 th Oct	October Half Term
Tuesday 6 th Nov	Individual school photographs
Friday 30 th Nov	School Christmas Fair 2pm-4.30pm
Monday 10 th Dec & Tuesday 11 th Dec	EYFS Nativity performances (times tbc)
Thursday 13 th Dec & Friday 14 th Dec	KS1 Nativity performances (times tbc)
Tuesday 18 th Dec & Wednesday 19 th Dec	School Panto Trip to Tacchi Morris (Cinderella)
Thursday 20 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Whole school Christmas Lunch Candlelight Service 3.30pm
Friday 21 st Dec	Whole school Christmas Party Day Last day of term

*Exact date to be confirmed.

Nursery Dates for Autumn	
Week commencing 22 nd Oct	Parents week
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Nursery Nativity 3.30pm

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