



West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Where everyone has the courage and confidence to fly.

12 October 2018

Dear Parents,

With the Autumn Term now in full swing and the weeks beginning to fly by, the summer holidays seem a lifetime ago. Our reception children have started well and all of the children are taking life in their year groups very much in their stride. We are implementing a new wider curriculum approach, which has meant a tight focus on this half term's value, which is self-control and democracy. It has been lovely to see and hear children busy and active in their learning, being able to talk about their work on these values with such fluency and enthusiasm. A big thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher and Family Learning events, and we look forward to offering more opportunities for you to come and see the children at work, in due course.

Mr Blackmore

Important Information

Kingfishers Breakfast and After School Club

Key terms in relation to the Kingfishers breakfast and after school clubs have been sent out on ParentMail this week. If you use the clubs please take some time to digest the content which includes important updated information on the signing in/out processes as well as payments.

A polite reminder that we ask for a minimum of 48 hours notice for bookings and they must be submitted to the school office on a booking form.

After school club is currently full every Monday to Wednesday. If you require a place on these days, we are operating a waiting list. Please submit a form in the usual way, and we will advise if a place becomes available.

Lunch Menus

Thursday 4th October marks the beginning of World Space Week. It was on this date in 1957 that the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, was launched. In the spirit of this year's theme, "Space Unites the World", we would like as many of our pupils as possible to unite on this day over a space themed lunch. Order forms have been sent to all parents via ParentMail. Please note this is a change to the original published menu for Thursday only next week and an order must be made with this new form if you wish for a lunch to be provided on this day. Orders need to be submitted by **12pm Friday 28th September**.

Nut Reminder & Lunches

We have recently seen an increase in children bringing in chocolate spread in sandwiches and items such as Kinder Hippo bars, please be reminded that items **MUST** be nut free.

Lunchtime Assistant – 'Bank' Vacancies

Any parents who may be interested in providing casual lunch cover as and when required, please speak to the School Office. (Please note, a DBS check will be required).

Food Tasting

We are delighted to invite our parents to come along on Tuesday 2nd October from 2.30pm-3.30pm to try some examples of the wonderful new food which is being offered for our pupils at lunchtimes. Please enter and exit via the external School Hall door.

Sporting Achievements:

Please encourage your child to see Miss Bailey if they have achieved something related to physical activity outside of school (e.g. achieving a level in swimming, a grading in martial arts, player of the match in a football match) as we would like to recognise/celebrate it in school and display it on our PE board in the heart space.

Family Learning

A huge thank you to all the Snowy and Tawny Owl adults who attended the first Family Learning sessions of the year! Over 40 adults learnt some skills to support early phonics and early mathematics! Thank you to Somerset Skills and Learning for funding these sessions.



Year 6 Memorial Tree

Thank you to Monkton Elm Garden Centre for donating the tree, which last year's Year 6 pupils planted. It has flourished over the summer and it is a great addition to the front of the school.

Snowy and Tawny Owl Garden

You may have noticed the transformation of the Reception flower bed – a wonderful log pile has been created and a beautiful bug house stands proud. The mud kitchen now has a soil bed to use, and an area of chippings to create something special! If anyone has green fingers and would like to offer time/knowledge of resources to further improve our outside area, please see Mrs Lawrence.

Thank you

A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Doble, and Mr Pete Smith who spent hours on improving the Reception area for the children to enjoy. Also for watering the Year 6 tree over the summer.

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Puzzle Corner

Can you find the words in the grid below?

Harvest Word Search

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harvest
crops
feast
grains
wheat
apples
plums
potatoes
onions
squash

House Points Update

Emerald	1133
Sapphire	1486
Ruby	1124
Diamond	1262

Reading Percentages

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

Year 1 - Pelican 75%	Yellow Wagtails 65%
Year 2 - Robin 82%	Puffin 71%
Year 3 - Buzzard 60%	Magpie 57%
Year 4 - Kiwi 52%	Eagle 75%
Year 5 - Crane 63%	Red Kite 85%
Year 6 - Peacock 84%	Peregrine Falcon 90%

Congratulations to C Lewis for winning the design the mascot competition for our new menu, with his entry of 'Bradley broccoli'.



Safeguarding - Somerset Safeguarding Children Board: <http://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

Sky News this week reported on 15 ways that criminals use the internet. The report was based on the fifth annual Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA). It is well-worth familiarising yourself with these internet risks.

The SkyNews report is here: <https://news.sky.com/story/europol-warns-of-15-ways-you-could-become-a-cyber-crime-victim-11501321>

The threat assessment is here: www.europol.europa.eu/internet-organised-crime-threat-assessment-2018

Community Links in the BACH and at School

Mondays

Yogalates 9.15am
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Pilates 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