



West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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26 October 2018

Dear Parents,

We are in the final week of a long half term and a well-earned break is on the horizon. The children have started back extremely well and deserve a week to recharge their batteries in readiness for the second part of the Autumn Term and all the festivities it brings.

As the half term has progressed, we have considered our ambitions for the year and the school developments we are aiming to make. I particularly wanted to let you know that we are in the early stages of planning a new Forest School area, which will be situated on the field. Mr Benbow has undertaken the Forest School Qualification, and has designed an exciting plan which is in its first phase. I hope to keep you updated with photographs in forthcoming newsletters. That only leaves me to wish you all a happy half term break, and we look forward to seeing all of our school community on Monday 5th November.

Mr Blackmore

Important Information

Kilve

The Year 6 trip to Kilve is now well under way. We have had lots of positive reports back on the children, and look forward to them returning later today.

School Photos

On Tuesday 6th November, DSP Photography will be on site taking our school photographs. They will be setting up in the Brittons Ash Community Hall. Any siblings in school will have their photo taken together during the normal school day, however if you have younger siblings who you would like to be photographed with their older brothers/sisters, please bring them along to the BACH from 8.15am.

Milk

Cool Milk provide all pupils under the age of 5 in school with a portion of milk every day. Once children are over the age of 5 years, parents can choose to continue this provision. Milk costs around £15 per term, and parents can register directly on the cool milk website: www.coolmilk.com/parents. Please ensure that your child is aware that you have paid for them to have milk as we have previously had children decline their milk as they are not expecting to have it.

Parking

A reminder that the school car park is only for blue badge holder uses for school pick up and drop off for the main school day. (Those attending Kingfishers breakfast and after school, or after school activity clubs school can use the school car park, but please do not park in the yellow disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder). Please also be courteous to our local community and ensure that you do not park blocking driveways and access.

Year 3 Author Visit

Joe Lillington, the author and illustrator of the topic book Toby and The Ice Giants, came to visit Year 3. They had a great time thinking about the feelings and character of the Giants and Toby, then drawing woolly mammoths. Joe listened to the children's own stories based on his book and also met up with the Creative Writing Club too.

Lost Property/Uniform

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name, including PE kits, which should be in school every day. Please can you check all items you have at home as we have had lots of reports of missing property recently.

Tyre Success

Huge thank you to Oliver and his dad Wayne for collecting and delivering our tractor tyre!



Children in Need.

The School Council would like to raise money for Children in Need. They have decided to have a non-school uniform day on Friday 16th November where children can wear something 'spotty'- this could be a t-shirt, scarf, jacket etc and doesn't need to be a whole spotty outfit! The School Council would appreciate a 50p donation and will be out with a bucket (in all of the playgrounds) at the start of the day for any donations. Many thanks in advance for your support with this event. Thank you, The School Council.

Dogs on Site

Please remember that we are a dog free site and dogs should not be entering the school grounds. The only exception to this rule is service/assistance dogs. We currently have some service/assistance dogs accessing our school. These dogs play an important role in supporting people with their everyday lives. These dogs are easily identifiable as they will have a marked jacket on while working/on the school site.

Clubs

All school-run activity clubs will continue to run after half term. Art Club (Tuesday) will also commence on our return. Art Club is sold out. We will start arranging our Spring term clubs on return to school in November, and information & booking details for these will be sent out in due course.

Operation Shoe Box

Filled shoeboxes need to back in school no later than Thursday 15th November 2018.

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Puzzle Corner

Can you find the words in the grid below?

Firework Wordsearch



FIREWORKS	GUNPOWDER	GUYFAWKES
SPARKLER	ROCKET	BANGER
ROMAN CANDLE	FUSE	BONFIRE SMOKE

J	O	E	L	D	N	A	C	N	A	M	O	R
G	U	N	P	O	W	D	E	R	S	P	F	H
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Stay safe on Bonfire Night

Never touch fireworks

Stand well back from the bonfire

Never go near a firework after it has been lit

Only one sparkler at a time

Wear gloves when holding a sparkler

Keep pets indoors

Non-Uniform Day on Friday 23rd November – “payment” by chocolate. Chocolate items will be used for the chocolate tombola for the School Christmas Fayre.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance. After half term we will have poppies and a selection of other items available from the office. The suggested donation is between 50p and £1.

Community Links in the BACH and at School

Mondays

Yogalates 9.15am
Yogalates 6.15pm
Pure 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

Safeguarding Links

Distance Learning: Understanding Children and Young People’s Mental Health Level 2

Bridgwater & Taunton College are offering a free Distance Learning Course looking at children's mental health. This is not an online course, this is a distance learning course of 16-20 weeks, and includes 8 - 10 hours of guided learning dependent upon knowledge of the subject. To find out more, go to:

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/courses/distance-learning/early-years-childcare/understanding-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-level-2/>



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Dates for Autumn	
Week commencing 29 th Oct	October Half Term
Monday 5 th Nov	Autumn Term 2 commences
Tuesday 6 th Nov	Individual school photographs
Friday 30 th Nov	School Christmas Fayre 2.30pm-4.30pm
Friday 7 th Dec	PTA School Disco
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

Nursery Dates for Autumn	
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Nursery Nativity 3.30pm



LIGHT THE NIGHT
Wednesday 31st October
@ 16 Bishops Close

Drop in between 6 - 8:30pm
for treats, hot chocolate and
more besides and also
discover an historical
significance of Hallowe'en

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