



West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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9th November

Welcome back after the half term break!

I hope it provided a chance to recharge the batteries and prepare for another exciting and important half term. As a family, we went to Croyde Bay for a short break. Sitting on the beach, I watched the experienced surfers wade out on their boards, in order to catch the surf back in. However, some of the surfers, perhaps new to the venture, were unsure about whether to take the plunge, perhaps anxious about the cold or depth of the water. Upon reflection, school can often feel like this.

I am excitable when talking about our 'stretch zone;' a zone that feels more uncomfortable than our 'safety zone' but won't inhibit learning like our 'danger zone.' Learning isn't always comfortable and can often feel like we're being stretched - this is good. For me, surfing would put me in my stretch zone but like the beginners who had decided to take the plunge, the reward, on the in-bound surf, seemed to justify the risk. I would like to challenge all of us to work outside of our safety zone and feel the stretch of our learning, this half term.

Mr Blackmore

Important Information

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! It has been authorised that children are allowed to come in to school with their faces painted. 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.

School Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre is taking place on Friday 30th November from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in both the School Hall and the BACH. There are lots of lovely stall holders coming along, the church are providing refreshments in a Community Café style and the PTA are trying to get hold of a VIP special guest (one with a red suit!) for children to visit, and he may bring some extra helpers..! We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 23rd November, with payment by way of chocolate items (no nuts) for a chocolate tombola stall. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

Kilve

Year 6 had an incredible time at Kilve, every child thoroughly enjoyed it, trying new things, challenging themselves, conquering new heights and having lots of laughter - makes up for coming home tired!

Year 6

As part of our new topic this term, and thinking about being entrepreneurial, we need PINE CONES! If you're out and about and you see some; do pick them up and bring into school.

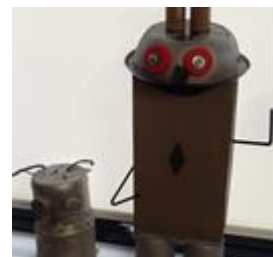
Family Learning

Thank you to all the Year R and 1 parents who attended our phonics and maths workshops. Everyone came with a great attitude to learning, and we are very proud to have parents who are so eager to engage adult learning. Thank you to Miss Ross for giving up her time to lead the maths sessions. Year 1 parents, please see the ParentMail about the upcoming Literacy Boost course. If you have any Family Learning questions or requests, please don't hesitate to see Mrs Lawrence.



Year 4- "The Iron Man"

Year 4 had a fantastic day to launch their new topic of 'The Iron Man.' The children created some wonderful robots out of recyclable materials which were very kindly donated by parents.



Operation Shoe Box

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

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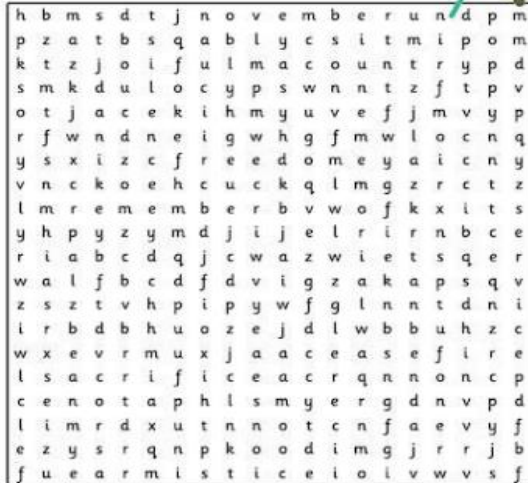
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Puzzle Corner

Can you find the words in the grid below

Remembrance Day Word Search



ceasefire	conflict	poppy	Flanders	wreath
remember	November	armistice	war	memorial
peace	sacrifice	freedom	service	country
silence	Cenotaph			



Phrase of the Fortnight

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

BF SKINNER

Reading Percentages

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

Year 1 - Pelican 61%	Yellow Wagtails 57%
Year 2 - Robin 78%	Puffin 71%
Year 3 - Buzzard 60%	Maggie 81%
Year 4 - Kiwi 57%	Eagle 86%
Year 5 - Crane 88%	Red Kite 92%
Year 6 - Peacock 77%	Peregrine Falcon 95%

Summer Fayre 2018

The PTA and the School would personally like to thank Dawn-Marie Owens for organising the match funding from Santander of £2,500 for the PTA, which will go towards funding various items that the children will benefit from at school. Thank you as well to Santander for agreeing to match fund!

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

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	
Friday 30 th Nov	School Christmas Fayre 2.30pm-4.30pm
Monday 10 th Dec & Tuesday 11 th Dec	EYFS Nativity performances 2pm both days
Wednesday 12 th Dec, Thursday 13 th Dec & Friday 14 th Dec	KS1 Nativity performances 2pm all three days
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

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