



## West Monkton Church of England School

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### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,

With three more school weeks left, there is a sense of looking forward to the holidays, mixed with trepidation in regard to the amount of work that is still left to do before the end of term. Whilst a separate letter will go out to the community regarding arrangements for the end of term, it is certainly worth stating these here, in this week's newsletter:

Class structure/Transition Day letter - Today

Transition Day for the children - Wednesday 7th July

End of year reports - Friday 9th July

Parents' Consultations - w/b 12th July (**letter going out today - please read carefully**)

Communication regarding class placements - Friday 16th July

Whilst I completely understand a level of anxiety, at this time of year, regarding class placements etc. no one year ever seems the same, with differing staffing scenarios each time. Thank you in advance for your patience. The logical sequence of the above allows us to ensure we have the balance of the classes correct alongside the assessments we have recently undertaken with the children.

I would just like to add that I am naively hopeful that government guidance for September will arrive in school before the holidays begin so that I can communicate out any changes (stagger times, face coverings, new risk assessments etc.) in advance. It's just a note to say that as I hang on, any communications may arrive late or just into the holidays so please do check your ParentMail accounts at regular intervals throughout the holidays.

Have a fruitful fortnight...

James Blackmore  
Headteacher

#### **Thank you**

Thank you to the Ball family for their kind donation of 2 tractor tyres - they will help enrich the KS1 playground next year. We are still looking for strong pallets to turn into outside furniture if anyone can help!

#### **Parking**

Unfortunately, we are receiving multiple complaints about parking outside the school and in the BACH car park. We are appealing to all car users to carefully consider and respect local residents by not blocking driveways or park on junctions. Similarly, we are no longer able to use the BACH car park. Sometimes the gates are open because the BACH is being used - this is not to be used for school drop off/pick up. At best, it could be inconsiderate to others and, at worst, it could endanger an adult or child, which is not worth considering. Thank you for your understanding.

## Festival of Sport

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, all of the children took part in their hugely anticipated Festival of Sport, which consisted of eight different field events during the morning and track events in the afternoon.

The children participated in their house colours, jumping as long and high as they could in the vertical jump and long jump events, throwing the howler and javelins as far as possible and running as quickly as their legs could carry them in the 100-metre shuttle among other events. Some amazing efforts in the field events helped to accumulate some very big scores and overall victory was still to be decided moving into the afternoon track events.

The afternoon track events consisted of three different races - the relay, the sack race, and 40-to-60-metre sprint (depending which year group the children were in).

The races were all highly competitive and contested with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The results were revealed on Thursday morning in a special celebration assembly and were as follows:

Diamond	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire
5656	5625	5994	5780
3rd	4th	1st	2nd

Once again, my congratulations to Ruby team on winning the Sports House Trophy and a huge sporting well done to all of the children on how they participated, encouraged and showed passion to score so many points!

A great effort,  
Mr Williams



## PTA

Please visit our pre-loved uniform shop online at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools> and grab a bargain. New stock is added frequently, including Clarks shoes!

### PTA School Lottery News

Have you bought a ticket yet? You can sign up for a monthly direct debit or just buy one ticket! There is a weekly draw and the chance to win a jackpot prize of 25k. We have had 17 winners so far. Congratulations! The total funds raised so far for the school is £717.20. Thank you so much for supporting the school. This has been our main fundraising area so far this year and we really do appreciate all your support. Remember friends and family can buy tickets too! Please visit <https://yourschoollottery.co.uk> to buy your ticket!!

### Child Safety and Wellbeing – information for parents and carers

Here you will find links to information, advice, guidance and support on some of the safeguarding challenges facing children and young people, and their parents and carers today. Please click on the link below to access this information:

<https://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/information-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety/>

If you have any safeguarding concerns then please contact the safeguarding team

Thank you.

### Family Learning

A huge thank you to all the families who have engaged in learning alongside their children this year. Our project has not been a fluid as we would have planned but with thanks to online courses over 200 learners have joined across the trust schools. We also would like to thank SS&L for providing the funding for these sessions, the goodie bags have been a hit of this year's project!

Watch this space for more Family Learning opportunities next academic year and as always if you are interested in adult learning or volunteering, please see Mrs Lawrence who will be happy to help!

### Parent Board - We need your views!

Parent board have been a valued source of support for staff at school during 2020-21, helping with SEND communications, views and attitudes to our online learning and giving feedback on our visions and values. We would like Parent Board to be a forum for parents to raise questions, concerns or ideas in safe place with the support of other parents. If you have anything you would like to raise, (*Topics such as play times, lunches, school trips, parent involvement, communication ... anything that affects you or your child in school.*) Please see your parent board representative (names on the website) or

email: [parentboard@wm.oak.education](mailto:parentboard@wm.oak.education)

Next meeting: July 14th 6.30 pm via zoom

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Sleepover**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Pizza and Movie Day**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July – PTA Lottery Draw**

**WC 12<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Consultations**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Trip to Wessex Water**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Trip to Noah's Ark Farm Zoo**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Trip to Hollywood Bowl**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – PTA Lottery Draw**