



West Monkton Church of England School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27th July 2021

Dear Parents,

I just wanted the opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support in what has been another trying year.

We are a good school, with amazing children, staff and parents. The connection between child, home and school is essential to a learner reaching their potential and we all thank you for the part you all play in fostering that relationship. We could not do it without you.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 6s on their time at Primary School. They leave with all our hopes and best wishes – they will be missed...

September

From September, drop-off and pick-up times will not be staggered. We will revert to our pre-COVID arrangements:

Reception/KS1: 9.00am – 3.05pm

KS2: 9.00am – 3.15pm

In September, parents and carers will continue to take their children to the classroom as they have previously, before leaving site. Depending on how the term starts with levels of infection etc. it is hoped that you will be able to stay with your child, during the morning activity (before 9am).

With Step 4 of the guidance allowing full resumption of services and with a new term ahead, we kindly ask that the uniform policy is fully adhered to, especially in regards to footwear. Children are able to wear trainers at lunchtime if playing particular games but should be brought separately and not interfere with learning time.

PE Days – We feel this has been a success in recent times and would very much like to continue this. Children are invited to arrive in school in their PE kit and stay in this for the day. It is worth pointing out, as the Autumn Term develops, that the kit will need to reflect the changing weather.

In addition to this, I just need to point out the INSET Days on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September. The children start back at school on Wednesday 8th September.

Our gates will open for all at 8.45am in readiness for a 9am start.

Many thanks, once again, for all you have done and I wish you and your families a restful and sunny summer. See you in September!

James Blackmore

Headteacher

Donations Wanted

If anyone is having a clear out over the summer, I would be very grateful to receive any donations of Lego or small world figures to be used in pastoral work with the children. If these could be brought to school labelled for my attention that would be brilliant! Have a great summer!

Many thanks,

Mrs Powell

Piano and Singing Lessons

Mr Holman has 4 spaces left next year for piano or singing lessons. You can pick up a form at the school office to register your interest.

WMPS Sunflower Planting Initiative



Now that the vast majority of planting packs have been collected, and we are now firmly in 'sunflower season' we have put together the following timeline for the rest of the project:

- End of July: end of planting pack pick up at Monkton Elm
- Week commencing 2nd August: competition opens - communicated widely on email and on WM Parish Council social media, and across the month
- Friday 10th September: competitions close
- Week commencing 13th/ 23rd September: judging and announcements to winners
- Saturday 2nd October: prize giving at Monkton Elm Garden Centre

We know that there is lots of growing going on at the moment, and if you need some tips on caring for your sunflower seedlings, refer to our subscribers' email which includes a growing guide:

[https://mailchi.mp/893d372ccf62/dont-forget-to-collect-your-free-planting-pack-4817938?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/893d372ccf62/dont-forget-to-collect-your-free-planting-pack-4817938?e=[UNIQID])

Planting Initiative Competitions

August will see the launch of the Planting Initiative competitions, with details of categories, prizes and the September prize giving event at Monkton Elm, so watch out for details on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/westmonktonparishcouncil

Any Questions? Please email us: plantingcompWMPC@gmail.com

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 21 winners so far. Congratulations! The total funds raised so far for the school is £902.40. Thank you so much for supporting the school. At the moment if you buy a ticket you are automatically entered into a draw to win £250.00 worth of Lego. 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!!

PTA Disco Day

Thank you everyone for your kind donations to support the PTA. We raised an impressive £622.05!! This will go along way to support our fundraising towards more outdoor shelter.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

PTA Lottery Draws – Every Saturday throughout the Summer Holidays

Summer School and Summer Holiday Club – Runs from 26th July – 20th August.

Inset Day – Monday 6th September

Inset Day – Tuesday 7th September

School Starts – Wednesday 8th September