



Dear Parents,

In the last newsletter of the 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support in this calendar year and wish you and all of your families the merriest of festivities.

This week has seen us have an inspection (SIAMS) by an inspector for the diocese. For Good and Outstanding church schools, this happens every five years. With the school's previous 'Outstanding' judgement in 2014, we were expecting a visit and although knee-deep in nativities and enterprise activity, we were pleased to be able to show the inspector all of our fantastic work in ensuring that all of God's children are valued and thriving. I await the final report in the new year and look forward to sharing this with you then. Of course, an integral part of our work is the role that Mrs Martin has played. The inspection could not have come at a better time for us all and has meant that Mrs Martin will retire next week having been able to celebrate the wonderful impact she has had on our church distinctiveness. I will write separately, next week, to celebrate Mrs Martin's time at West Monkton but suffice to say her contribution to West Monkton has been fully recognised.

I would like to finish by thanking all of our parental community for their support for the nativities, both this week and next and hope you have enjoyed the shows! The children have done a fantastic job and were very much looking forward to showcasing their talents...

James Blackmore
Headteacher

Wellington School Maths Challenge

Year 6 children make West Monkton PROUD!
On Saturday 28th November, 4 of our Year 6 children attended the Wellington School Maths Challenge. And believe me, it is a challenge! The team did us proud, practising in school and at home, resulting in them coming just behind 3rd place! An incredible achievement!

A huge well done to Rhyanna, Samuel, Holly and Jamie! Thank you for representing West Monkton with great success!

Mrs Newstead
(UKS2 Phase Leader)



UKS2 Enterprise

Children in UKS2 (Yr 5/6) are holding the annual Enterprise Christmas Fair in their classrooms on Tuesday 17th December to raise money for charity. Each group have designed a range of games/activities and are making a selection of Christmas crafts and baked goods to sell. This year's focus will also have a recycling theme to incorporate the children's learning this term on waste and recycling. Parents of children in UKS2 are invited to come along and visit the fair in the afternoon. You are welcome to join us from 2:30 – 3:30pm. If children are staying beyond 3:15pm, they must be accompanied by an adult. If you are able to attend, please sign in at our main reception.

West Monkton Girls Do It Again!!!

West Monkton girls were again in sparkling form as they took on some of the best young female footballers from across the district in this 7-aside Area Finals.

Monkton again excelled as they ran out eventual winners of the tournament, beating defending champions Trinity by four goals to nil in the final. Trinity had, up to that point, not conceded a goal throughout the competition.

This win ensures that Team Monkton go on to represent the area in the Avon, Bristol and Somerset Area Tournament.

Well done girls!



What's happening this fortnight?

Sunday 15 th December	Outdoor Lantern Service – Bathpool Chapel 3:30pm
Monday 16 th December	Flu Jabs in school
16 th , 17 th and 18 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm in school

Tuesday 17 th December	Year 6 enterprise after school
Wednesday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch Christmas jumper day
Thursday 19 th December	Candlelight Carole service in school – 3:30pm

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Puzzle Corner

Christmas Word Search



tinsel presents
sack Santa
lights tree
Rudolph sleigh
glitter Christmas
angel twinkle
stocking star

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Dates for the Diary

Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term (Party Day)

Monday 6th January – Start of Term

Phrase of the Fortnight



Books for Schools

Thanks to one of our parents, our school has registered for The Sun newspaper's campaign, 'Books for Schools'. We need to collect 3,500 tokens between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January in order to receive new books for our school library. 20,000 schools will get the chance to get a free pack of books worth more than £600. Please send any tokens into your child's teacher. Many thanks, Mrs Ward

Community Links in the BACH and at School

Mondays

Yogalates 9.15am

Pure Pilates 6.30pm-7.30pm

Yogalates 6.15pm

Taunton Table Tennis 7.30pm-9.30pm

Rachel Fortnum Glow Club 7.30pm

Tuesdays

Community Café in the BACH with Paul Elliston 2-4pm

Pound Fitness 6.15pm

Yogalates 7.30pm

Wednesdays

Bounce and Burn 5.45pm – 8pm

Thursdays

Yogalates 9.15am

Sewing 10am-12pm except 2nd week 11am-1pm

Ballet Beatz 6.30pm-7.30pm (Dance Studio)

Pure Pilates 6.30pm -7.30pm

Rachel Fortnum Fitness 7.30pm

Fridays

Miranda Boom, Hartbeeps 9.30am-12pm

Saturdays

Taunton Table Tennis 10am-12pm

Trash to treasure – If you have any of the following we would be extremely grateful: Unused bicycle helmets, balls of any shape or size, wooden kitchen (although we have the mud kitchen it would be great to have a non-mud kitchen on KS1), skipping ropes and plastic see-saws. The big wish is to have a wooden boat on site – does anyone have any connections that may help us get one?