



Dear Parents,

It has been quite a half term but on we can all look back on with some success. Although we did not publicise it beforehand, Bishop Peter came to visit us, last Tuesday, and planted an oak tree at the front of the school. It was a lovely visit and one to cherish for all of the children. We have also recently had Parents' Evening, which was well attended. It's great to just linger around the Heart Space and chat to you all at either end of your appointment; we hope you took a lot from the appointment and that it sets the children's learning up well for second half of the Autumn Term. In some ways, it's a shame to get to half term, as the momentum builds in a long half term. With new staff, I certainly feel we are making substantial progress in key areas and am already looking forward to coming back and carrying on with our good work. For now though, it just leaves me to wish you all a happy half term break and encourage you all to stay safe as the evenings draw in.

James Blackmore

Headteacher

Thank you

A huge thanks to parents, carers and children for their support and donations for the Hello Yellow campaign and the NSPCC Dance-a-thon. We raised a fantastic £403.63 for Young Mind's 'Hello Yellow'. A big thanks to the Year Six children who assisted in organising the day. The NSPCC Dance-a-thon raised a magnificent £2519.44! The children looked fantastic on the day (as did the staff!) and we had great fun dancing throughout the day. Thank you to the School Council for helping to organise and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Miss Collier



Year 5 – Request

Next half term, Year 5 will be starting their new topic. Any donations of clean 2 litre plastic bottles (the mineral ones are best) would be kindly appreciated & can be dropped off to Buzzard or Magpie class by 4th November.

Shoe Box Appeal – Shoe boxes need to be handed into school no later than 14th November (AM). Leaflets and shoe boxes are available from Reception. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications – The closing date for applications for transferring to secondary school is the **31st October**.

Y5's Exhibition - A massive well done to Magpie and Buzzard Class who created an excellent exhibition for parents. The exhibition was our 'Fabulous Finish' for our first unit of work. It demonstrated your hard work, enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to take on any challenge. Thank you also to parents and grandparents who supported this event- it was wonderful to share our first unit of work with you all. Many thanks also, to the BACH for lending us two display boards.

Bishop Peter's Visit - Bishop Peter visited our school on Tuesday 15 October. He was greeted by members of our school and worship council. The Bishop toured the building and grounds and met all the children. We celebrated his visit with a whole school collective worship and with the planting of an Oak tree near the school gates.



Parent Views - We would really appreciate your views as to how we can continue to improve our school. If you haven't already done so please can we ask you to complete the online survey (click on the link below) <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SK5J2G7>.

Sports Hall Athletics -West Monkton's team returned triumphant when they took on the challenge of teams from 12 other schools in the Tone Area Sports Hall Athletics competition at King's College. Monkton were represented by a team of 10 boys and 9 girls with athletes required to compete in two of six field and six track events. The field events consisted of the chest push, standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, soft javelin and speed bounce, while the battle on the track was contested over the obstacle race, 2x1 lap relay, 2x2 laps relay, over/under relay, 4x1 lap relay and a six-lap paarlauf race. The Monkton team were in outstanding form to top their group by a massive 24 points and are now waiting on results from the second pool of schools to see if they have qualified for the county championships! Well done to all who took part. Mr Williams



What's happening this fortnight?

Friday 25 th October	Inset Day
Monday 4 th November	School Returns
Monday 4 th November	Pound and Part Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 5 th November	School Photos
Thursday 7 th November	PTA Meeting – New Mill at 7pm
Thursday 14 th November	Shoe Box Deadline

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Puzzle Corner

Recycling Scramble
We've scrambled 20 recycling vocabulary words. Can you figure out the original words by unscrambling the letters?

NERVEG	
OTCOPSM	
ECSVTMEOS	
ECEDRU	
ERYMNINTEON	
ZOENO	
BOAEDBAEIÖDRL	
LISPCTA	
STAWE	
ERSUE	
COAÖRNI	
ROLSA	
IOISESMNS	
AERPP	
SÖASL	
NDALIFLL	
SEFMU	
TRHAE	
ÖRNAED	
IRRPÆ	

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th November – Non-uniform
'Pound and Part Day'

Tuesday 5th November – School Photos

Phrase of the Fortnight



Family Learning

Phonics Workshop for EYFS parents – 24th October.
Literacy Boost workshops continue on the 5th and 12th November. Thank you to all who have participated so far. Follow on Bread Making Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 – Thursday 7th November or Thursday 14th November.

Coming soon.....

Maths Workshops – date in November TBC

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lawrence (Family Learning Coordinator)

EU Settlement Scheme

Diversity Voice, a not-for-profit organisation in Bridgwater, is offering free support in all EU languages for anyone finding the application process difficult. For more details you can email eussenquiries@diversityvoice.org.uk or call 03000 750105. All the relevant information can be found on the Government's website www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status

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 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

Intra Sports Cup - The inaugural West Monkton Intra Sports Cup, which will be competed for by all of the year groups with the scores being collated together has been won by the blue house this half term. Catchball was the chosen sports. Well done Blue House!!! Who will win next half term?

