



Thoughts of a Headteacher...

Dear Parents

Well, here we are at the end of the half term and it has been actioned packed! I am so proud of the children's achievements in a half term where we have targeted our planning to ensure we are responding to the children's Easter assessments. I know the staff have been pleased with the half term and all associated with West Monkton move into the half term break fully deserving a break.

Although I would describe our position as 'post-COVID,' this is, in many ways, one of the most difficult periods of time, as the guidance has not really changed yet society is loosening; it's clear that people have different interpretations of what can and can't happen. This makes the life of a Headteacher a difficult one as we try to arrange Sports Days, trips and other school activities. However, with Year 6 going travelling to Okehampton this week, it paves the way for our return to some sense of normality.

That only leaves me to thank you all for your ongoing support for us all in school. From Remote Learning to supporting transition back into school, each and every one of you have been fantastically supportive; on behalf of all the staff at West Monkton, have a happy half term - let's hope the sun shines for as much as possible...

Take Care...

James Blackmore
Headteacher

Science Week – 7th June

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to West Monkton STEM Explorers Week! We have managed to use this funding towards some exciting experiments and a show to kick off our week. There is still time to donate – go to parent mail > payments > shop.

Thank you

Thank you to the PTA for a kind donation of arts and craft resources using some of their rewards points! KS1 love getting arty and will put them to good use.

Sports Festival Dates



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 12 winners so far. Congratulations! The total funds raised so far for the school is £507.20. 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!!

KS2 Bike Sheds

Please use the KS2 bike sheds responsibly. Can you remind /ensure your children stack their bikes/scooters properly. This is for your children's safety.

School Email Address

If you need to email the school please use the email address office@wm.oak.education. Thank you.

Notice of Election of Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor – all applications need to be in by Tuesday 8th June. See the attached form alongside this newsletter.

What's coming up ...?

Saturday 29 th May	PTA Lottery Draw
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May	Half Term Begins

Saturday 5 th June	PTA Lottery Draw
Monday 7 th June	Return to School
Monday 7 th June	STEM Explorers Week Begins

West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Where everyone has the courage and confidence to fly.

Family Learning

Young Minds Matter

Thank you to all the families who joined our first trust wide family learning sessions. We have taken feedback and look forward to running more wellbeing sessions next year.

Phonics Workshops

Year R and 1 families please check Class Dojo for more information about upcoming Family Learning sessions beginning to think about transition up through KS1.

Forest School Sessions

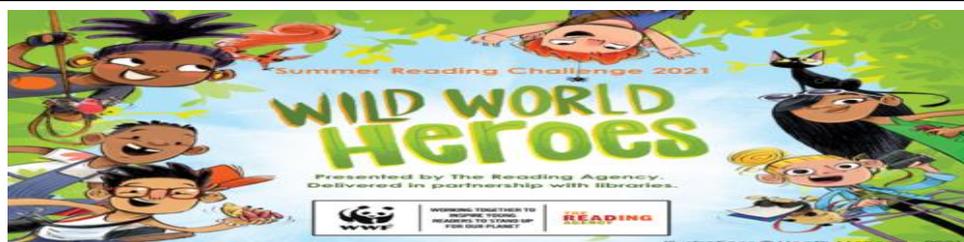
Watch this space for an opportunity to join Mr Benbow for some Family Learning in Forest School towards the end of June.

Mrs Lawrence



West Monkton Parent Board

Please see our Parent Board Page on the school website for more information and see Mrs Lawrence if you would like to know more. http://westmonktonprimaryschool.co.uk/web/parent_board/447163



We're so excited to reveal the theme for

the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **you can make a difference** to the environment too.

We're teaming up with **WWF** for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the #WildWorldHeroes this summer?

Keep an eye on our **blog** for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Pastoral and Safeguarding

The NSPCC have a 'Speak out and stay safe' programme. Please see the information below regarding the programme that is available. Miss Paling

This offer, available for primary schools, includes access to online assemblies and supporting resources which can be used in the classroom. They are an effective way to support your school's safeguarding duties and link directly to the curriculum.

They will also help reinforce key messages about abuse and neglect as part of a school's teaching on relationships. Together they will support children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

Versions are available in British Sign Language (BSL) for d/Deaf children as well as in Welsh. We also have a programme for children with special educational needs and disability (SEND). Please contact schools@nspcc.org.uk if you're interested in the SEND programme.

Please remember West Monkton is a NUT FREE school. We ask our families to support us in this, and not send children to school with any products containing nuts.