



Thoughts of a Headteacher

Dear Parents,

A thank you, this week, to those parents who came to either of the two sessions offered regarding our continual work on the school's Behaviour Policy. It was a great opportunity for us to communicate our thinking around our research-driven approach in supporting children's intrinsic motivation and whilst we are looking to build on what we have in place, it has been good to take on constructive feedback in order to improve. Last Friday was the launch of our recognition assembly, in which we are able to celebrate the children's achievements and attitudes in line with our half termly values. Although I am writing this prior to the next Collective Worship, there are lots more nominations for staff and children than last week and I am looking forward to celebrating these with the children. As promised a photo of the Recognition Board will be added to Facebook, each week. In addition to our celebration assemblies, children are now beginning to share their work on Class Dojo, which we have had some good feedback on. This will grow steadily and should give families an insight in to the work of the children. Alongside the daily Facebook updates, this is just the start of our commitment to supporting the children's intrinsic motivation.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon...

*James Blackmore*

Headteacher

**Forest School Fun!**

Another fun day of learning was had at our Forest School today. Year 2's enjoyed learning whittling, sawing and drilling skills using carrots (really - a great starting point for skill building) and Year 6 nurtured some key survival skills through lighting fires and tending to Kelly Kettles. The hot chocolate we made was very welcome on a cold, but wonderfully dry afternoon!



**PE Kit**

Please can you ensure that PE kit is brought into school when your child has PE (ideally leave it in school during term time). Where possible PE will be held outside and therefore children can wear hooded tops, tracksuit bottoms and gloves. Thank you.

**JUAL Uniform**

Jual uniform shop will be closed from 9-16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Godparents Sunday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm at WM**

We invite you to bring your children and their Godparents to an informal and fun gathering to celebrate the special relationship between children and their Godparents. We will give thanks, play, sing, do creative activities together and eat cake. We do hope you will be able to join us. Please let Rev Tracey Hallett know on 07854 489753 if you are able to attend.

**Year 1 Celebration Event**

Parents and carers are welcome to join the Year 1 children in their classrooms on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30-3.30pm to share some 'school-made' biscuits, have a chance to share our 'Watch out there are animals about!' work and to make a valentines craft activity. Keep an eye on parentmail for further details.

**Eggcellent News!**

Mr Benbow has modelled the excitement (and pride) we all felt today when Einstein, Cookie and Oreo, our school chickens, produced their very first eggs! Hopefully there will be many more to come...



**PTA**

The next PTA meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> February at the New Mill at 7:30pm. We are a friendly bunch and if you feel you would like to help out at all why not come along to our next meeting!!! If any volunteers would like to help at Tuck Shop on a Friday at all (only takes 15/20 minutes of your time) please let the office know. This would be really appreciated. **Future Events** - Easter Bingo is due to take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Mr Blackmore is hosting a quiz night on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. More details to follow soon on parentmail.

**OPAL**

We are looking for any donations of large tractor type tyres, balls, hoops and skipping ropes. You can drop any donations into the school office. We would be extremely grateful.

**What's happening this fortnight?**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 5/6 Football at Heathfield
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Café at the BACH from 2pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Trip to Wessex Water

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Basketball at Heathfield
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Godparents Sunday – 4pm at West Monkton Primary School
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Girls South West Regional Futsal Finals

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# West Monkton C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Where everyone has the courage and confidence to fly.

## Puzzle Corner

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## Dates for the Diary

Half Term – WC 17<sup>th</sup> February, returning to school 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
SPORTS DAY – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June and reserve date of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## Phrase of the Fortnight



## Family Learning

Thanks to all who attended the First Aid course.

### Coming soon ...

Breadmaking Workshop and 'The Truth about Food' talk for Years 2,3 and 4 parents/carers. Due to take place after half term, dates to be confirmed so watch out for the parentmail and book ASAP as places are limited.

Lucy Lawrence

Year 1 Teacher and Family Learning Coordinator

## Damage to the School Premises

You may have noticed smashed windows above the fire doors at the end of KS1/LKS2 corridor. This will be fixed next week but was caused from rocks being thrown, possibly from the lane during a recent weekend. This is in addition to people reportedly seen on site during night hours. We have reported these incidents to the police but thought it worth sharing with the wider school community. Many thanks - Mr Blackmore

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Christmas Sparkle Charity** – Last newsletter we thanked you for raising £83.16 for the Christmas Sparkle charity. Please see the photo below of what your contributions have been able to buy. This enables them to support children who otherwise may not receive any presents. Thanks again.



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.