

# William Westley Newsletter

## 19th October 2018



### Reminders for next week:

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October — HALF TERM

*Full diary below*

### School Meals

Please find attached the new Spring Menu from Ashlyns Organics that will start when we return from the half term holiday. In order to maintain the quality of our school lunches in times of rising prices, there will be a slight increase in the cost of lunches in Key Stage 2 in the new half term from £2.10 to £2.20.

If your child would like to have school meals next half term, please could you complete the lunch pattern form (also attached) and make payment by Friday 2nd November. The cost of the meals for this half term will be £83.60 if your child has a meal every day or £17.60 for Mondays, £17.60 for Tuesdays, £17.60 for Wednesdays, £15.40 for Thursdays or £15.40 for Fridays. School meals are free for all children in YR-2. Hard copies of the lunch pattern form are available in the School Office. As before, If your child would like a jacket potato instead of the scheduled meal, please can you request this via the School Office before 9am so we can ensure we have sufficient numbers. Many thanks.

### Phonics Evening

During the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes children take part in a daily phonics lesson. Phonics is a starting point for children to learn to read and write quickly and skilfully. They learn to recognise the sounds that different letters and combinations of letters make and to blend these together to make words. Children can then use this knowledge to decode new words that they see or hear. We would like to invite all parents and carers of children in Year R and KS1 to a Phonics Information Evening on **Monday 19th November at 7pm** where we will answer common questions such as: *What is phonics? What does a phonics lesson look like? What are the sounds my child will know? How can I best support my child at home?* During the evening, staff will also be on hand to answer any questions and to give you a look at the phonics activities that are used in school. We hope that you are able to attend and thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

### Autumn Homework

Alongside daily reading and weekly spelling and times table tasks, we will be asking children to carry out a

single piece of homework over the coming weeks for a whole school exhibition on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The theme for the piece of homework will be specific to each class and will be topic related. The children will be bringing home a Homework Menu today with more details and some creative ideas for their specific projects. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results of their creative endeavours in December. Thank you.

### Playground Equipment

We have again today reminded children that, for their safety, the Pirate Ship and climbing frames are **only** for use during school hours when they can be appropriately supervised and are adequately insured. We would very much appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that children do not play on the equipment before or after school. Thank you for your support in this.

### Contact Information

Your child should now have brought home a green form containing the contact information that we hold for your child. We would be very grateful if you would check all of the information is correct, amend any information that is incorrect or has changed, update the parent permission section on the reverse of the form and sign and return the green form to the school office or your child's class teacher by Friday 2nd November.

### Waitrose Green Token Scheme

We are pleased to let you know that William Westley has been selected to be part of Waitrose Green Token Scheme in the Waitrose Trumpington branch for the month of October 2018. Over the course of the month, William Westley will be displayed along with two other good causes in the "Community Matters" boxes. At the end of October, Waitrose will then donate a proportion of £1,000 to William Westley, based on the proportion of votes customers have casted for us and the two other good causes. If you, your family, or friends shop in Waitrose we would be very grateful for your green tokens.

***With every best wish for a relaxing half term and much gratitude for all your help and support.***

***Paul Bryant.***

## Autumn Term Events

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October	HALF TERM
Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November	Y6 Make, Do and Mend
Monday 29th October	YR Parent Appointments 4-6:30pm
Tuesday 30th October	YR Parent Appointments 4-6:30pm
Tuesday 6th November	YR Parent Appointments 6-9pm
Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th November	Year 4 to Burwell House
Monday 19th November	YR & KS1 Phonics Evening 7pm

*New events are added weekly and an up-to-date calendar can be found on our website at*

*<https://william-westley.eschools.co.uk/website>*

### **Term Dates:**

#### **2018 Term Dates:**

##### **Autumn Term 2018**

6th September – 19th December 2018

Half term 22nd – 26th October

##### **Spring Term 2019**

4th January – 5th April 2019

Staff Training Day - 3rd January

Half term 18th – 22nd February

##### **Summer Term 2019**

24th April – 24th July 2019

Staff Training Day - 23rd April

May Day 6th May 2019

Half term 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training Day - 3rd June