



Westminster Community Primary School

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Hello everyone,

We have all enjoyed our new morning routine for lining up and it feels good to be able to see everyone at the start of each day.

I received an email from Miss Todd during the Summer Break and she would like to express her gratitude and appreciation by saying a HUGE 'THANK YOU' to everyone who donated towards her retirement present collection and for the many beautiful gifts, cards and wonderful good wishes she received. She was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and it meant so much to her. She was extremely happy and so proud to have worked at Westminster for 41.5 years and wishes all of the children and parents a very happy and successful future.

Thank you so much for the time you took to complete our parent/carer surveys at the end of last term. As you know all the feedback you provide helps us to reflect on our work and continue to improve all aspects of what we do. Here is this year's extract from the school website:

The Parent/Carer Surveys from **Summer 2016** tell us that our school is valued for:

- the dedication and support of the staff
- being a safe place with well-behaved children
- being a happy, welcoming place
- improving communication with parents
- good leadership
- great trips
- the way we keep parents up to date about their child's progress
- the family atmosphere

"Westminster is a fabulous school and all the staff are wonderful. Communication is excellent and everyone is approachable at any time."

"I wish school was this inspiring and rewarding when I was at school."

"It's fun, but serious when it needs to be."

"Any issues we have had have been dealt with well."

The surveys also tell us that parents would like us to:

- allocate more time to homework tasks that cost money for parents to complete
- have dates on the homework sheets so the due dates are clear
- have homework club right up to the end of term
- ensure our children are following the uniform policy for school shoes and are not wearing sandals or trainers

Our school was inspected by Ofsted in July 2016 and the report was finalised yesterday. A copy was sent out yesterday. You will also be able to access it on the Ofsted Website.

<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk> in 5 days time. If you have any questions after reading the Ofsted Report then you are very welcome to make an appointment to meet with me. Please let us know if you need a copy.

I am in the process of setting up an **Autumn Show** for our school and would love to hear from you if you think you and your child would like to enter. I will also need a judging panel so if you think you could assist on that side of things that would be great. The categories are:

Victoria Sponge Cake
Fruit/Vegetable Sculpture
Handmade Present
Handwriting
Greeting Card
5 by 7 Nature Photo

We would be awarding first, second and third prizes as well as taking time to enjoy browsing all the entries. Judging would take place on Thursday 20th October. Drop me an email or catch me on the playground if you would enjoy being involved for any part of this.

Dates

Mrs Rennie is organising all our club permission forms and these will be sent home with your child. To keep you up to date here are the options so far this term:

- **Enrichment Club** members need to know that this club starts again on: Thursday 22nd September.
- **Homework Club** commences Wednesday 14th September

Wednesday 14th September: **The Fire Brigade will be visiting Year R - Year 2**

Tuesday 20th September: **Year 2 Library Visit**

Friday 23rd September: **Year 1 Library Visit**

Monday 26th September: **Year R Library Visit**

5th October **Clothing Collection for the Starlight Appeal**

Friday 21st October 10am: **Harvest Festival**. You are invited to join us for this event. The children will present a special assembly to you and then invite you to share bread, biscuits, cheese and fruit with them in their classrooms.

Pupil Progress Appointments will be arranged with you in the week of 24th October.

Monday 14th November: **Cinema Trip for Year 3/4 (Pete's Dragon)** Please send £2 to help us meet the cost of the coach hire for this trip.

Thursday 17th November: **Cinema Trip for Year 5/6 (Jungle Book in 3D)** Please send £2 to

Mrs Davenport's baby was born on Wednesday and mother and daughter are doing well. Esme weighed in at 8lbs 6oz.

Yours Faithfully,
Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 2 next week. (Menus can be viewed on the school website.)