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**Healthy School**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Hello everyone,

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Forster, who leaves us today. She will be missed and I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every success for the future.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back a little bit taller and a little bit wiser on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Take good care of one another at Halloween and on bonfire night. You may wish to join in with Christchurch's special 'Light Party', details below.

On **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** the Centre4Renewal at Christ Church, Worcester Street, are holding their annual 'Light Party' as an alternative to Halloween and trick or treating. This is a free event and is an opportunity to show the light of Jesus to children. The party is free and is open to all children of primary school age. There will be lots of fun, games and music. Children are encouraged to come in fancy dress (but no Halloween outfits please). Prizes will be awarded for the best outfits which are Light themed.

We had an excellent Harvest Festival celebration last week which started with a presentation from each class in the hall. During the assembly the children shared facts, poems and songs with us and performed with confidence and pride. Afterwards it was lovely to see visitors and children enjoying food from our harvest platters alongside the sharing bread and spending time together.

The generous donations which families gave during the morning amounted to nearly £70 so the head Boy and Head Girl team went to Trinity Church to ask what donations were needed for the Food Bank before heading to the supermarket. After a good look round in their teams, during which they loaded their trolleys, they returned to the Church to deliver their gifts ready for collection next week. They also took down the bags of goodies that were donated to school as part of our harvest celebration. It was a good weekend for remembering the importance of sharing food. I hope you all had a good one. And remember if you know a family in our local community who need a Food Bank voucher we can point them in the right direction.

After half term, Mrs Rennie will be sending out payment cards to you all to help you pay for next years' residential trip. You will be able to pay in instalments rather than a lump sum, which will hopefully make managing this cost a little easier.

Our colleague at West Cheshire College, Sharon Tinn, has some new courses available for parents/carers starting in November. You can access Christmas Crafts (starting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Portside Hub, 9.30 am to 11.30 am, with a free crèche) or alternatively a Christmas Craft session at Joseph Groom Towers (Tower 3, in the Community Room) from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. This is a 5 week course, followed on week 6 with a free Christmas Bingo. Sharon also has a number of Qualification courses available, including Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector (starting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November) at Trinity Church. If you require any further information about any of these, please drop

into the Children's Centre and pick up a leaflet, or alternatively, contact Sharon directly on 07887 626059.

### **Reminders/Events:**

KS1 & Reception nativity performances will take place on:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (in the afternoon)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** (in the morning)



Mrs Gaynor has invited some special guests to lead a couple of our assemblies. UECA members of staff and 6th formers will be leading our assembly on:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** The theme will be Anti-Bullying as it is our National Anti-Bullying Week **'Power for Good'** will be led by 6th Formers.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** The theme will be Looking Forward to a Special Event led by James Forber, UCEA Vice Principal.

Please ask your children about these assemblies.

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A reminder that Portside Children's Centre are holding an outdoor session at their Friday "Let's Play" group, on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** The session is aimed at parents with children under 5, and will be a chance to enjoy some campfire fun including toasting marshmallows, singing songs and other fun outdoor activities. It will run from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. No need to book, just go along!

Mr Bartlett and Mrs Gaynor will be hosting a writing workshop on the morning of **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** This will be an exciting opportunity for Year 1 and 2 pupils to be involved in some fun writing workshops, based around the picture book "Clickety Clack Something to Pack". Parents are invited to come along to this session to support their child and enjoy working with the author Anthony Lishak.

Going forward, please could you make any cheques payable to **Cheshire West & Chester Council,** rather than to Westminster Community Primary School. This will help us start to streamline some of our financial procedures. But don't worry, it will not affect what you are paying for in any way. Cash payments can be made as usual.

As you know, some important improvements were made to the ceiling in our Year 6 class during the Summer holidays which makes for a better lit and nicer looking environment for our children. We would love Mr Bartlett's Year 1 class to have a ceiling as nice as this, but have run out of money. The governors have asked that parents sponsor a ceiling tile at £2 a tile so that Mr Lee could carry out the

work. We are really grateful to our sponsors so far and to allow us to develop this further we have raffled a basket of fruit that was donated to School and raised an additional £30.

We would really appreciate donations of **Weetabix** for Breakfast Club. Your support really helps us so if you are shopping over the next few days and could pop an extra box in for us that would be fantastic.

As previously outlined in a letter, our additional learning sessions for Year 2 children started on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. They will then run every Wednesday (from 3:15pm until 4pm) in preparation for the children's SATs in May. **All children are expected to attend this Improvement Club and the last session for this autumn term will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please send in your donations for the Year 3-6 cinema trips if you haven't already done so.

## Clubs

- **Enrichment Club** is up and running
- **Homework Club** is up and running
- **Study Support Club for Year 6** is up and running
- **Study Support Club for Year 2** is up and running
- **Circuit Training for Year 4 and 5 will start on Mondays after half term. This will also be available for Year 6 children in the Summer term.**

**Pupil Progress Appointments** will be arranged with you for Miss Begum's class for the week of 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November: Cinema Trip for Year 5/6 (Jungle Book in 3D)** Please send £2 to help us meet the cost of the coach hire for this trip.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Year 5/6 Orangutan Project begins.** Please send £2 to help us meet the cost of the coach hire for the associated zoo trip which will take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**Year 2 residential trip to Tattenhall** 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Yours faithfully,

*Sue Finch*

**Sue Finch (Head Teacher)**

**Lunch Menu 3 w/c 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.** (Menus can be viewed on the school website.)