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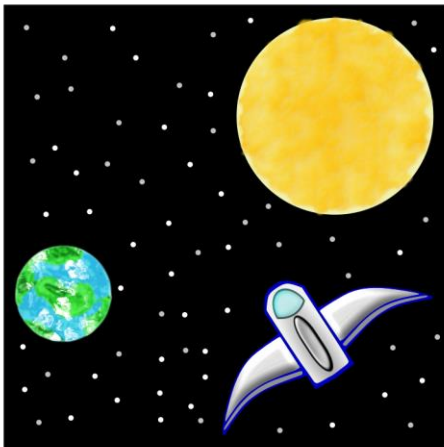


Friday 3rd February 2017

Hello everyone,

After working at Westminster for 12 years, Mrs Marsh has decided to retire on 31st March. We will all miss her very much but wish her well for her exciting new adventures. Please send any donations towards a leaving gift to Mrs Rennie in the office.

Parents' meetings will be held in the week beginning **13th February**, so your child's class teacher will be in touch with you to offer you a suitable slot for discussion. In our most recent Pupil Voice work it was pleasing to hear how many children really value these meeting slots to gain feedback for themselves and their families.



This week our Reception children have enjoyed a trip to Spaceport in Wallasey where they learned about stars, planets and space. Our Year 4/5 pupils had a taster of some French foods this week as part of their study.



World Book Day - We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. We are inviting the children to dress up as characters from Toys in Space and join in the fun as we experience wonderful reading and writing opportunities.

Red Nose Day - Comedy Classroom day - Friday 24th March - We have had some really funny jokes already, but would welcome a few more. If you have any 'rib - ticklers', please pass

them on to Mrs Gaynor or Mr Bartlett BEFORE **16th February**.

African drumming experience - Wednesday 15th February - Mr Bartlett is organising for our Year 1/2 children to take part in an African drumming workshop. In the afternoon, parents will be invited in to share African food and dancing. We will be asking for a contribution of £4 from each child. A letter will be sent out early next week with full details so look out for it!



30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds - You may have heard about a national initiative to increase the number of free hours of childcare available to some families across the country from 15 hours a week to 30 hours, for 3 and 4 year olds. Funding for places will not be available until September, 2017. In the meantime, the Council will be working with childcare providers across the borough and the Department for Education to help parents access local childcare that fits with their personal working patterns and hours. To help them to do this they have put together a questionnaire for parents.

By completing the Parent Questionnaire you can help ensure that there are enough childcare places available where needed for September 2017 onwards. The information that you provide will be used by Cheshire West and Chester and by local childcare providers to enable us to build a clear picture of the level of demand for 30 hour places. All answers will be kept anonymous. To complete the online questionnaire please go to: <http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/30HoursFree>

Residential Trips

Year 3/4 – trip to Beeston 29th to 31st March - £50 to be paid before the end of March please. **We will be holding a parents' meeting on the first Wednesday back after half term 1st March at 2.30 pm in the hall.**

Year 2 – trip to Tattenhall 6th to 7th June - £30 to be paid before the end May please.

Year 5/6 – trip to Conway 19th to 23rd June - £70 to be paid before the end of May please.

It is our Bikeability event for Years 5 & 6 next week. Please remember that if they are taking part, your child will need a correct sized, roadworthy cycle and cycle helmet. We do not have any spares for them to use. They will also need suitable warm clothing, including gloves, and some form of wet weather clothing in case of bad weather.

Spring Show categories :

- **Best Victoria Sponge Cake** – can you make the BEST Victoria Sponge Cake? Don your apron and get baking. Always best to have a practice run so that you can enjoy a cake before the judges do.
- **Spring has Sprung** – Warmer weather is just around the corner and we would love to see your best 'Spring' photographs, which can be of anything from daffodils and crocuses to lambs, chicks and blossom trees.... Get outside and start snapping! Entries can be emailed to Ms Hughes on admin@westminsterprimary.cheshire.sch.uk who will print them all out for you. Remember to include your child's name, age and class.
- **Most Egg-citing Shoebox Egg Scene** - let your imagination run wild! Art and craft your way to an egg-stravagant creation.
- **Most interesting Fruit/Vegetable Sculpture** – see what wonders you can create from fruit & veg.

Please let me know if you are willing to be part of the judging team. (We need our judges at 4pm on Monday 27th March.)

All our After School Clubs have now started back as follows:

- **Science Club for Reception and Year 1** (Mondays)
- **Study Support Club for Year 6** (Mondays)
- **Cookery** (Tuesdays) – this club is a book on only – please speak to the Office for more details
- **Homework Club** (Wednesdays)
- **Study Support Club for Years 2 & 6** (Wednesdays)
- **Enrichment Club** (Thursdays)
- **Street Dance Club** (Fridays)

If you are doing a shop this weekend, Breakfast Club would appreciate donations of apple or orange juice.

It's the time of year for our Disability Survey. If you consider your child to have a disability, please return the attached form so that we can monitor and evaluate our work.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 2 w/c 6th February 2017. (Menus can be viewed on the school website).