



Westminster Community Primary School

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Healthy School



Friday 29th September 2017

Hello everyone,



Thank you to everyone who joined us today for our special Harvest Festival assembly and MacMillan Coffee morning celebration. It was wonderful to see so many of you come out to support your children. Each class performed fantastically and worked so hard – it was a pleasure to watch them. We would also like to thank you for your donations, which have raised over £100 so far! Ms Finch will be taking the Heads of School on a shopping trip very soon, where they will purchase food items and then take the food to donate to the local Food Bank at Trinity Church.

What is a Harvest Festival?

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival', usually during the month of September.

Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In Schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

The Harvest Festival of the Jewish religion is called Sukkot or 'Feast of Ingathering' or 'the 'Feast of Tabernacles'. It is celebrated at the end of the year, after Rosh Hoshanah, the third of the great Annual Festivals.



A TRAIN RIDE

Year 5/6 pupils experienced safe train travel on Tuesday, when they were accompanied to Hooton and back via MerseyRail.

LIBRARY VISIT

Year 2 also enjoyed a trip out on the same day, and walked to Ellesmere Port Library and back. They had a wonderful time and got to choose two books each to read. As you can see from the photograph, they all have a very good time!



FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr Bartlett is launching a new after school Football Club, starting today, from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. This is open to all Year 5/6 children. If your child is attending, please ensure they have paid their £5 towards the cost. This club will be working towards a competition in November and we look forward to seeing how the team progresses.

Notes for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd October - Family Lunch 12:00. Please book your place with Mrs Rennie by the end of Monday, if you haven't already done so.

Friday 6th October – Year 1 children will be visiting the local Library.

Tuesday 10th October – Yr 1 & Yr2 visiting the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry

Friday 13th October – Go Orange for Orangutan Day (and Cake Sale during morning break)

Portside Children's Centre and Parklands Children's Centre have a number of free courses currently running including Buggy Burn & Firm and Family English. If you are interested, please pick up a leaflet from the front office.

Homework Club runs on Wednesdays for children in Years 1-6. This club will be dismissed onto the School playground at the appropriate time.

Please note that **Enrichment Club** takes place on Thursdays, in the school hall and at the end of the club (4.15 pm) the children can be picked up from the white school hall door on John Street.

Ms Hughes has a **little gift** for any KS1 parents who have filled in a **Free School Meals/Pupil Premium application form**. Please return your form to her and she will give you your gift as a Thank You. We know that we already have 10 people to give a gift to so please speak to her on the gate to claim it.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 2 w/c 2nd October 2017. (Menus can be viewed on the school website).

NB: *If you are sending grapes with a packed lunch for your child, please ensure that they cut in half to avoid a choking hazard. Please also note that we have children at our School with allergies, so we ask that you **do not include nut products** in any packed lunches.*

The Welcome Network presents...

A Halloween Bash!

Family food and fun meeting place

Come and join us for a Halloween themed party with activities including spooky arts and crafts and much more!

FREE lunch

*Children must be accompanied by an adult

Tuesday 31st October 11am - 2pm

Westminster Community Centre
Church Parade
Ellesmere Port
CH65 2ER

Fancy dress welcome!

Let us know you're coming by calling 0151 355 0205 or email ashleigh@healthboxcic.com