



Westminster Community Primary School

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Friday 20th October 2017

Hello everyone,

We are very proud of the award we received this week to celebrate our friendship project last term. The children made a video of themselves talking about what made a good friend as well as an art display. We enjoyed their work at the time, but receiving this Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Friend Award shows that the judges of the competition also valued our work. A big thank you to all our children for taking part and to the staff for helping them capture their work in creative ways.

During Assembly today, our Head of Houses made a public promise which I would like to share with you.

"I promise that I will do my best to be a good role model at school and in my community. I promise that I will be determined, keen, organised, focused and well behaved. I will represent my school with commitment and pride."

I would like to thank all those family members and friends who were able to join us today. The children loved seeing you.

It gave me great pleasure recently to take a walk to town with our Heads of School and our Chair of Governors to go food shopping. The Heads of School team split up into mini teams and with £10 per team to spend visited a local supermarket. After selecting groceries, paying and packing the children then took the goods to the Foodbank in Trinity Church. The children conducted themselves with pride and gave this important job the attention it deserved. This was a wonderful follow up to our Harvest Festival celebration and brings our sharing full circle.



If you have been invited to the Poetry Supper on **26th October**, please return the ticket request slip to us or let us know you do not want any places so that we can order our food.



A reminder if you haven't already done so, that you can purchase raffle tickets from members of our School Council. We have a great Trick or Treat selection as the prize and tickets are £1 per ticket. These are available from a member of the School Council Team in the mornings, break times and after school on the yard. The prize winner will be selected during assembly on **Wednesday 25th October**. The Team are hoping to beat last year's total of £100!

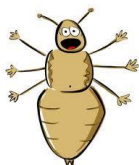
I am pleased to announce that our Key Stage 2 children will be able to attend a performance of 'Happily Ever After' next week. Action Transport Theatre have been invited to bring the play here as part of their tour. Our link with the theatre is strong and enhances our education in school in an enjoyable and thought provoking manner.

<http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/whats-on/productions/happily-ever-after>

Key Stage 2 will also be visiting the theatre in the new year for their production of The Jungle Book,

<http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/whats-on/productions/jungle-book>

Swimming sessions for Year 2 begins on **Thursday 23rd November**. Year 2 parents should have received a letter which was issued on 12th October. Please refer to this or speak to a member of staff if you have any queries.



A sprinkling of nits seems to have made its way into our school. Please help everyone by checking your hair regularly and treating your child when they have nits. Thank you.



After half term we will be launching our very own **ParentPay facility** which will enable you to pay electronically, online, for your child's school meals, Trips and other items. We are getting to grips with it ourselves at the moment but watch out for an update soon! Hopefully this will make everybody's life easier and mean less cash for you to remember.

Notes for your diary:

Tuesday 24th October - Our next PTA meeting will be at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

Thursday 26th October - Poetry Supper 18:30 – Our first poetry themed evening event! (See above)

Friday 27th October – **SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

Week beginning 30th October - Half Term Break

I would like to make you aware of a free Parent/Carer Forum, which is open to all. It will be taking place on **Wednesday 8th November** at Chester Rugby Club, Hare Lane, Littleton, Chester CH3 7DB, Registration, tea & coffee from 9.30am.

The Forum provides:

- Opportunity for parents and professionals to network and share information.
- To access decision makers and influence services.
- Parents to be able to offer feedback into the Local Authority with regard to Special Educational Needs and Disability issues
- Parents to be able to share experiences with other parents
- Possible future involvement in Local Authority strategic meetings
- Access to training for parents.

For more information or to book a place, please contact the Information, Advice And Support Service on Tel: 0300 123 7001

Reminders:

Reminder 1:

Could we please remind parents that it is **your** responsibility to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school, through sickness or for any other reason. Messages can be left on the Absence Line.

Football Club Every Friday at 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.

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.

Finally, if you are doing a shop this weekend, we would really appreciate donations of rice krispies or jam for the Breakfast Club. Many thanks indeed.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Reminder 2:

We have quite a few events coming up, including our Poetry Supper on Thursday. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that although we love you to attend and take pictures of your child, please remember that photographs and videos are for your own personal use only and should **not** be shared on Social Media. Please be respectful of others who may not wish their child's image to be shared.

Lunch Menu 2 w/c 23rd 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.