



# Westminster Community Primary School

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Healthy School



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Hello everyone,



It is with great sadness that I must pass on to you the news that June MacDonald, one of our Midday Assistants here for many years, passed away peacefully last Thursday. The children were told during assembly on Monday so may wish to speak to you about her or ask questions, which is natural. June had been poorly for a while and had recently been in hospital for an operation. Unfortunately, she was very unwell after this and passed away on Thursday. June was a much loved member of the community and of our School family. The children have been writing cards, with their thoughts and memories of her, which will be given to her sister, Val. She was a lovely, warm and compassionate lady who cared very much for the children and for the School. She will be hugely missed by everyone. We are awaiting confirmation of arrangements for donations and will hold on to any that you may wish to send.

Our School Councillors also have some good news to share with you all. Before the summer we applied for a Big Lottery Fund grant, with the idea that we would like to revamp a part of our playground, to make it more friendly, accessible and fun. The children had some great ideas and we decided that what we really needed was an Imagination Station, with some greenery, and a quiet area for anyone who wants to read or to sit quietly with friends during break times. We are thrilled to be able to tell you that we have successfully secured £10,000, which will be spent on bringing this to life! Work will be starting at the end of November and we are so excited to see it progress and to see the end result. We will be sharing our good news far and wide but wanted you to be the first to know. Watch this space!



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Mrs Rennie has sent out payment cards this week, to parents of all children who will be attending one of our residential trips next year. Further details of the trips will be communicated to you nearer the time, but the cards are to allow you plenty of time to pay off the appropriate amounts.

This also links nicely to our new ParentPay system, which will be available for you to use after half term. You will be able to pay for trips via this online system, as well as school meals. Ms Hughes and Mrs Rennie are currently setting it all up for us and will be letting you know as soon as it is ready to be used. You should have received a leaflet about this last week, but if you would like any more information about it please speak to Ms Hughes after half term.

A reminder from Mrs Gaynor that the Year 2 Improvement club will continue next half term. The purpose of this session will be to reinforce learning and prepare the children for their SATS. Please note that we would like ALL children to attend and the children's homework tasks will NOT be completed in these sessions.

### Notes for your diary:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Week beginning 30th October - Half Term Break**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 2 Swimming starts**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations taking place for years R to 4 (please refer to the letter you have received for details)**

Lastly, may I wish you all a lovely half term break. If you celebrate Halloween or Bonfire Night, please do so safely and I look forward to seeing the children back in on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November a little bit taller and a little bit wiser.

Yours faithfully,

*Sue Finch*

**Sue Finch (Head Teacher)**

