



# Westminster Community Primary School John Street, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 2ED.

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Healthy School



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Hello everyone,



■ School council pupils enjoy the Imagination Station they have designed with headteacher Sue Finch and Lisa Hughes, bursar. (SW110118A)

We are excited to find ourselves in the local newspaper (Ellesmere Port Standard) this week, celebrating our new Lottery Funded 'Imagination Station'. Our School Councillors were instrumental in getting this project completed and we are all very proud of the achievement.

Our new KS1 Drama Club has now been running for 2 weeks and is proving to be very popular. The children are really enjoying expressing themselves and finding their voices. In order to fit everything in, it has been decided to extend the running time slightly and therefore the club will finish at 4.15 pm from next week.

on **Thursday 1st February** Year 5 & 6 will be enjoying a professional dance workshop run by Cheshire Dance, in the morning and then visiting UCEA to take part in a history workshop based around the life of Anne Frank. We will be walking to the high school at 12.30pm, so don't forget your coats! We will be back in time for home time.

## Lottery funding allows Ellesmere Port school to create playground 'Imagination Station'

PUPILS at a school in Ellesmere Port now have a quiet area of the playground to read and make friends, thanks to lottery funding. Westminster Community Primary School, on John Street, was successful in its application to the Big Lottery Fund. It has allowed the school council

to transform a little-used area of tarmac into a "delightful green Imagination Station" for youngsters.

Headteacher Sue Finch said: "The children have been wanting a quieter area on their school playground and the fact that this also gives us some greenery is an

added bonus.

"We are very grateful to the Big Lottery Fund for giving us this opportunity. Our classes will be accessing the area during their curriculum times and our local community partners will also be invited to share this special facility."

We will have a parent governor vacancy from **25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. Forms will be distributed on Friday **9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, but if you are thinking of putting yourself forward for this role you may wish to speak to a governor about what the role entails. There is a full list of governors on our school website and if you wish to be put in contact Miss Hughes can facilitate this for you.



We are holding a Movie Night on Monday (**29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**) for our KS1 children. This will be in the school hall, starting at 4.45 pm. The children will receive a small snack and a drink included in the cost which will be £3 per child on the door. The movie will start promptly at 5.00 pm and will finish at approximately 6.15 pm. The movie will be an up to date one that is age appropriate. Collection from the hall white door please.

We still have quite a few of the Data Collection sheets outstanding. If you could please complete and return them to the office that would be much appreciated. It is essential that we keep our records up to date in order to be able to contact you should an emergency arise.

Don't forget you can now access the secure **ParentPay system** to pay for School Dinners, residentials, trips and Breakfast Club. You can make payments at any time of the day or night, allocate amounts to certain items or simply leave a credit on your account for when you may need it. I am pleased to see some of our parents actively using the online facility – thank you, this really helps us. If you feel you are missing out and would like to start using it, please speak to Mrs Rennie or Ms Hughes who will give you the relevant information and a further copy of your log in details.



**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Movie Night KS1 at 17:00  
(please note this is a change to the originally stated time)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Dance Through the Decades

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Pupil Progress Meetings 13:15 to 18:30

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** - Academic Awards Assembly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – School closed - Development Day for Staff

**Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term Break**

**Reminders:**

**NEW: Booster Club for Year 1 and Year 2 – Mondays** after school - all children to attend thank you. Children will be dismissed onto the yard at the end of the club at 4 pm.

**NEW: Drama Club (with Mrs Taylor)** - this will take place on **Mondays** for KS2 only (£5 per term)

**NEW: Dodge Ball for KS1** on **Wednesdays** after school. Please see Mrs Rennie for a form (£5 per term)

**KS2 Homework and Booster Clubs** remain on a **Wednesday** as normal.

**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.

**NEW: Drama Club (with Miss Dunn)** – this will take place on **Thursdays** for Reception and KS1 and is £5 per term. Limited to 15 places so please return your slips ASAP. Club finishes at 4.15 pm.

**NEW: Singing Club (with Miss Dunn)** for all year groups will be starting soon on a Friday. Please speak to Mrs Rennie for a form. NB: this will be limited to 30 places so first come, first served! (£5 per term)

**NEW: Gymnastics for KS2** on Fridays after school. Please see Mrs Rennie for a form (£5 per term)

**NEW: Street Dance for KS2** on Fridays after school. Please see Mrs Rennie for a form (£5 per term)

Yours faithfully,

*Sue Finch*

**Sue Finch (Head Teacher)**

**Lunch Menu 1 w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.** (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. Can I also remind you that one of our rules in School is that we do not share food from lunchboxes with others.