



# Westminster Community Primary School

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Healthy School



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Hello everyone,



It was a real privilege to take three of our children to work with the author, Colin R Parsons, this week and to see the good writing that was achieved during the day. I have a feeling that we might well see a published book from one of our students in the future. Just as we arrived back from this trip Mrs Rennie emailed me details of the next writing workshop which will be run by the poet Tony Walsh and of course I was quick to ask her to book me a place on this one so that I could attend with a couple of our children. I am sure we will make the most of these opportunities each time they are offered.

We will be saying Goodbye to Marie, our School Cook, on **16<sup>th</sup> February**. Marie has been with us for quite some time, and we have loved her sense of humour, calmness and of course her excellent food! She will be leaving for pastures new and will be much missed by the children and staff alike. We all wish her well for the future.

Our Year 5/6 pupils have enjoyed working with a range of different people this week, including a dance teacher, a chaplain and a group of Year 9 pupils. They have also worked together as a team (they are a great team by the way) to produce a video about the benefits of dance. It is very professional. Perhaps you will come along and show your support during our Dance Through the Decades day on **14<sup>th</sup> February 2018**.

Mr Bartlett has invited Anna Jackson, Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Player to our school and she will be telling us all about her life. You are most welcome to join us for her inspirational assembly on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. Please report to the hall door and we will be glad to welcome you in.

February includes a Pokemon workshop for our Key Stage 2 pupils, some finding out about famous LGBT+ people, a talk from our community safety warden and an art day for Year 3/4 so there is plenty to pack in before we take our half term break. (We would love your child to have an old shirt for art as we feel they then don't have to worry about their uniform getting gluey or painty so please help out if you can. They look particularly cool if you use a sharpie pen to write their name on the back.)

School term finishes on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** because Friday 16<sup>th</sup> is a staff development day and we come together again on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. The first Thursday back after the break is going to be World Book Day so you may wish to get your thinking caps on for dressing up. Your child can choose to be a character from a book and we will enjoy working out who they are on the day.



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 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:**

**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**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Reading Evening (bring your favourite book and join us for hot chocolate and a cosy hour of reading (all year groups) at 18:30)

**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 starts this week. 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 2 w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February 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.*