



Westminster Community Primary School

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Hello everyone,

We have not had a Newsletter for a few weeks now so I would like to welcome you all back and hope that everyone had a good Easter Break. It was lovely to have some sunshine and to enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend and I hope that you did too.

I have some dates for your diary during the next few weeks where our arrangements for lunchtime and in school will be slightly different. Cheshire West & Chester Council will be using our school hall as a Polling Station on two occasions during May – the first is **on Thursday 2nd May** and the second is **on Thursday 23rd May 2019**. These are Local Council and European elections respectively. The school will remain open as usual, however we will have no access to the hall and therefore lunch arrangements will be slightly different for these days. Children having a school meal will have a sandwich option only, which they will eat in the classrooms. Outside play will then be as normal afterwards.



It was lovely to see so many of you attend our Open Art afternoon on Wednesday. The children enjoyed sharing their creativity with you and some masterpieces were created by children and adults alike. If you attended, thank you.

Our KS2 children spent Thursday with a special guest – Poet and published Author Angela Topping. Angela spent the day in writing workshops with the children and helped them to create some exciting pieces of work including Kennings. If you are not sure what a Kenning is – the name comes from a mixture of Old English and Old Norse and is a two word phrase describing an object often using a metaphor. A Kennings poem is a riddle made up of several lines of kennings to describe something or someone.

Our PTA are currently planning and organizing for our Summer Fair, which will be on **Saturday 8th June 2019**, from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. There will be stalls, games, food and fun activities so please do keep the date free and join us. If you would like to help or join the PTA please speak to Mrs Spain or Ms Coombes.

As we are approaching May, this is a timely reminder that SATS will be taking place for our Year 2s. Our Year 6s have all of their tests during the week of 13th May. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Miss Dunn. The children have been well prepared for these formal tests.

Our Sports afternoon this year will be on **Wednesday 22nd May**, and will be held over on our school field. Events begin at 1.30 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket as we have limited seating. You are welcome to take a space from 1.15 pm.

Following on from last term's visit to West Cheshire College where our Year 5/6's got to hear about a number of public service careers, the college have shared this press release from the Chester Standard

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/17584154.new-project-aims-to-raise-ellesmere-port-pupils-career-aspirations/>

This week our Year 5/6s visited Chester University to find out more about University life. All in all our children engaged really well with activities planned to help them consider possible future pathways.

Mrs Seaward would like to send a reminder for children Year 2-6 to use Rock Stars at home. Please ask class teacher for your child's log on if it has been misplaced. To get on the leader board the child needs to play studio 10 times.



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Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday
Week beginning Monday 13th May - KS2 Test week
Wednesday 22nd May - Sports Event-1.30pm
Thursday 23rd May – EYFS Swimming 1/10

Week beginning 27th May - Half Term Break
Monday 3rd June – Staff Development Day

After School Clubs:

Please note that signed permission slips **MUST** be returned along with payment for any clubs **BEFORE** your child attends.

- Year 2 SATS Booster Club – **Mondays** after School.
- **NEW KS2 Dodgeball Club - Mondays** after School. (£5 per half term)
- Year 6 Study Sessions - **Wednesdays** after School.
- **Performing Arts Club (with Miss Dunn & Miss Smethurst) - Wednesdays** for all year groups and is £5 per half term. Club finishes at 4.15 pm.
- **NEW Year 2-6 Football Club – Wednesdays** after School. (£5 per half term)
- **Phonics Club for Year 1 – Thursdays** after School - all children to attend, thank you. Children will be dismissed onto the yard at the end of the club at 4 pm.
- **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.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 2 w/c 29th April 2019. (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 are 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 – this includes chocolate spread. Can I also remind you that one of our rules in School is that we do not share food from lunchboxes with others.**



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