



Parents' / Carers' Weekly Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

12th September 2021

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you are enjoying a lovely weekend and that this newsletter finds you well.

Thank you once again for the resilience everyone has shown over the past 18 months. Families have done so much to support their children and the school in dealing with all the challenges faced.

A very warm welcome goes to all our new children and staff who have joined our school family. They have settled into their new school so quickly and we are incredibly proud of them all. We continue to very much want to work with you to provide our children with the best learning experiences possible so that they can achieve their full potential. Please do get in touch if there is anything that you need or are unsure of. In addition, if you've changed your contact details over the summer holiday, please can you let us know as soon as possible. Likewise, if there is a change to who will collect your child, please can you pop into Reception to let us know.

We look forward to the week ahead and seeing all our children's smiling faces again.

All best wishes,
Dr Craddock



Rights Respecting News

Article of the Week

In this week's article of the week assembly, we explored article 42, which is, 'Knowledge of rights'. It is imperative that Governments actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention. As a Silver Rights Respecting school, we implement these rights in to the ethos of our school each and every day.

During the assembly we discussed all of the ways that we celebrate rights as a school and what is needed for every adult and child to know about children's rights. These include, for example:

- The Government and politicians should talk about rights and help people to understand them.
- It should feel 'normal' for people to know that children have rights.
- All schools should teach about rights.
- People who work with children such as teachers, youth workers, police and social workers should be trained about children's rights.
- Newspapers and other information sources report frequently, accurately and positively about rights.
- Every young person and child should know who to go to if they feel their rights are not being met.
- There are lots of rights so people will need reminding about them, perhaps in the news or with adverts.
- Parents and carers should be helped to know about the rights their children have.
- People should be able to talk about respecting each others' rights.



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Event Days and weeks in September:

International Day of Democracy - Date: 15 Sep

What is it: The International Day of Democracy was established by the UN in 2007 as an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. In particular, the day celebrates the values of freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding genuine elections by universal suffrage.

Rights Link: Article 12: Respect for the views of the child

World Peace Day - Date: 21 Sep

What is it: The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981 as a day 'devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples'.

Rights Link: Article 38: War and armed conflicts

Bi Visibility Day - Date: 23 Sep

What is it: Marked each year since 1999 to highlight biphobia and to help people find the bisexual community.

Rights Link: Article 2: Non-discrimination, Article 13 – freedom of expression

International Right to Know Day - Date: 28 Sep

What is it: The aim of Right to Know Day is to raise awareness of every individual's right of access to government-held information: the right to know how elected officials are exercising power and how tax-payers' money is being spent.

Rights Link: Article 17: Access to information from the Media

Curriculum Trips

Tutors have been busy reviewing and planning curriculum enrichment opportunities in 2021-22, and more information will follow shortly.



PE , Games and After School Clubs

Children also continue to be invited to wear P.E. kits to and from school on days that they do P.E. games and after school clubs. The timetable for clubs was sent by parent mail earlier this week. So sign up soon and join in.



Lateral Flow Testing– for children in KS3 only

As a gentle reminder, please can you remind your child to carry out his/ her Lateral Flow Test on Sunday, logging the result, before attending school tomorrow to help to keep our school community safe.



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Some of our Year 5 children from our first virtual celebration assembly of this school year! Well done to all of you!



So proud of our 6CC certificate winners who have made a brilliant start too!



Transition Activities with a global messages

As part of a whole school transition activity, each tutor group was tasked to create an art display, highlighting a global issue, which also links to the UNCRC articles. 5SB chose overpopulation and 5KW chose plastic pollution, super efforts year 5!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Routines, Attendance & Punctuality



It's lovely to see your children confidently arriving at school. After gates open at 8.45am, we encourage children from Year 5 to Year 8 to enter classes independently; when ready, please encourage your child to be dropped off at the KS2 or the KS3 side gate. From there, children can walk around the school to their classroom where teachers will be ready to greet them. My staff and myself are also on duty outside at the start and end of the day so that in this way, if you have any urgent messages, these can be shared. Alternatively, you can write a short message in your child's planner to share with their tutor.

Safety in the morning and at the end of the day

As always, we ask everyone to continue to walk, cycle or scoot to school. When parking, please do also consider our local residents. Please do not block driveways or cause obstruction and do not park close to junctions. A reminder that people should adhere to the Highway Code. Please abide by the Highway Code: Rule 243 - DO NOT STOP OR PARK: • near a school entrance • anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services • in front of an entrance to a property. Everyone working together really can make a difference and is key to helping to make our school community safe.

Ensure that everything is named

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to name items of clothing. If you haven't already done so, please name all items as soon as possible so that any mislaid items can be returned promptly to their owners.

Jewellery and nail varnish

A reminder that children are not permitted to wear jewellery or earrings, other than studs, for those children with pierced ears. During PE, studs will need to be removed or covered with surgical tape. In general terms, you are advised not to allow your child to wear jewellery to school in case of loss, damage or injury. Make up, including nail varnish, is not appropriate in school and should also not be worn.

Communication

A reminder that at West Moors Middle School, we use our school website, email and our Twitter page to communicate and share information with you.

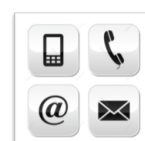
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Finally, please also look out for all key information to parents such as events information, newsletters, trips and special events using the Parent Mail system.



School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Term starts for students on Monday 6th September

Term ends on Friday 22nd October

Term starts for Students on Monday 1st November

Inset Day Friday 3rd December

Term ends Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day Monday 31st January

Term ends on Friday 18th February

Term starts for students on Monday 28th February

Term ends for students on Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts for students on Monday 25th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed

Term ends on Friday 27th May

Term starts for students on Monday 6th June

Inset Day Friday 1st July

Term ends on Friday 22nd July

Inset Days:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 31st January 2022

Friday 1st July 2022



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