



Parents' Weekly Bulletin 3

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

02nd October 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

The weather has definitely changed. Please can I ask that you encourage your child to wear a coat to school, with a hood in case it rains, ensuring that all clothing items are named. The quickest way to name your child's item of clothing is to use a Sharpie pen.

We have had such a great week with our children engaging in National Poetry Day on Thursday. If you have not yet seen them, some of the photographs of children that have been added to our school's Twitter account from this event are amazing!

We also held our first virtual Celebration assembly this afternoon with nominated children being awarded a VIP Certificate and a Learning to Learn certificate. We place learning at the heart of what we do at West Moors and it is always wonderful to celebrate our children's talents and efforts with their learning.



Go4Schools

We are keen to praise and reward children who display a positive learning attitude, show effort, achievement or represent West Moors Middle School in sport, art, or academic performance. We use Go4Schools to report to parents, including information on your child's homework and rewards and sanctions – Please click the help guides linked below.

Help Guides

[How To Log Into Go 4 Schools](#)

[Using The Go 4 Schools Mobile App](#)

Learning at Forest School !

Research suggests that children learn best from first hand experiences. Exploring, playing and problem solving within the West Moors Forest School area aims to encourage learning using a range of activities (both designed by Jessica the leader and instigated by the children themselves). Simultaneously, it supports children to develop a sense of independence, high self-esteem, teamwork and resilience where health and safety considerations are always of paramount.

School Improvement Priority
Attendance

We also celebrate and promote attendance and this week, the tutor group with the highest attendance was Year 5KW at 98%! This is just brilliant! I wonder if they can hold on to this title next week?



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Y5 Eco Warriors

This week was the Eco Warrior's first official meeting. Members of Y5 will be thinking of ways to make WMMS Eco Friendly, enabling us to start our journey to gain an Eco Schools Bronze Award. This week we surveyed the school grounds to evaluate our Biodiversity! Keep up the hard work Eco Warriors!



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Year 8 Science

Super week for spellings in Science! Some very complex words and phrases and the children did so well to remember them all! We have been learning to work scientifically and testing out hypotheses, now we are about to begin our amazing topic work. Year 8 start with energy, where it comes from, energy transfers and how to work out the energy bills! It is fabulous to watch them build on their knowledge and grow their repertoire of science facts and skills.

National Poetry Day

This week National Poetry Day was celebrated across the school and enjoyed by all students.

Poetry is such an important aspect of our literary growth and understanding and should be fostered from a young age. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to present a choral verse within their drama groups and had large amounts of fun deliberating and debating as to who was to present what. The Scorpion by Roald Dahl and Not Done your Homework by Josie Whitehead were two of the favourite choices of the day, and the children shed great amounts of laughter performing these choral verses in front of their classes. Remember to check out all the photos on the West Moors twitter feed.



Coats in cold weather

As the weather turns colder and damp, please make sure your children come to school with a coat so they stay warm when outside during lunch and break times.

Winter P.E. Kit reminder

Please also remember to ensure that your child has suitable outdoor P.E. kit for the winter. Outdoor P.E. takes place throughout the year in all schools and as the weather gets colder, it is important that children are warm as they exercise. Can I also confirm the rules on uniform on PE days. Students should wear their school jumper with PE kit and not their own 'hoody' from home.



Thank you parents for providing a personal pack of stationery. Please could you ensure this includes a 'white board' pen for your child's use in lessons.



Finally.....For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@west_moors](https://twitter.com/@west_moors)

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020:

Term starts for students on Monday 7th September
Term ends on Friday 23rd October

Term starts for students on Monday 2nd November
Term ends on Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 5th January
Term ends on Friday 12th February

Term starts for students on Tuesday 23rd February
Term ends on Thursday 1st April

Summer

Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Monday 19th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May school closed
Term ends on Friday 28th May

Term starts for students on Tuesday 8th June
Term ends on Friday 23rd July

Inset Days:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021



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