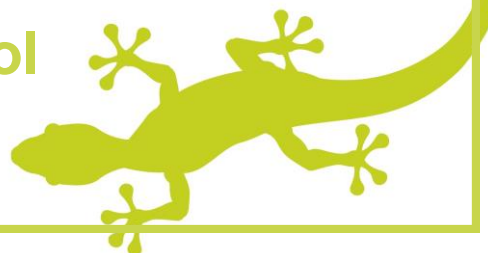


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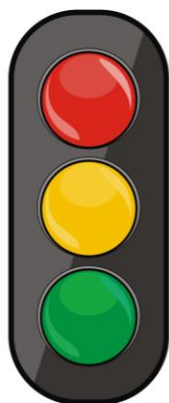
West Moors Middle School

February, 2017



## Message from the Head Teacher, Mr J Rielly

It seems that the 6 weeks since the winter holidays have flown by as we have had another busy term. Recently, many pupils and staff have been affected by seasonal illnesses, so it seems appropriate for me to restate the school's targets for attendance.



WMMS considers that a pupil with an attendance below 86% is a cause for concern (this is also classified as persistent absence according to government guidelines)

WMMS considers that a pupil with an attendance between 86% and 92% requires some improvement.

WMMS classifies good attendance as being at least 93%.

I will shortly be writing to parents with pupils whose attendance has slipped below our expectations. All the time, we aim to work with parents to achieve the best outcomes for pupils and this includes on matters relating to attendance. With half the school year left and with warmer months ahead, individual attendance records can be transformed, so I hope that everyone can rise to that challenge. It is right and proper to also celebrate those pupils who still retain 100% attendance:

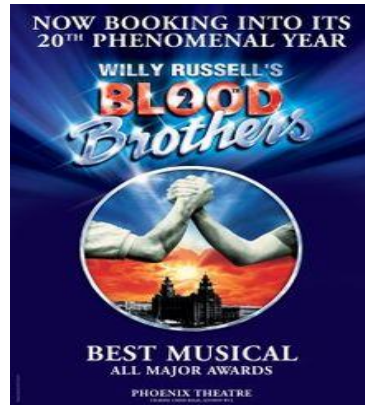
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This represents a great effort, but we will also look to reward classes and pupils who show improved attendance throughout the year.

## Year 8 Theatre Visit – Blood Brothers

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, Year 8 students went on a school trip to watch the 'Blood Brothers' production at the Lighthouse in Poole. All pupils behaved fantastically and had a wonderful time. All pupils haven't stopped talking about the 'end scene' and some pupils have even asked to see it again!

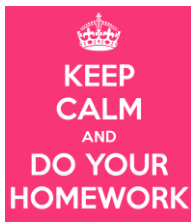
Miss L Parker and Mrs P Phillips



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our kitchen staff who received the top Food Hygiene Level 5 Rating. Well done!

## Homework club



Would you like some help with your homework? Do you struggle to get yourself organised and forget to do it? Then come along to homework club. The club will run every Monday lunchtime and Thursday after school until 4:30pm. All year groups welcome. *Miss Smith*

## World Book Day – Harry Potter Theme

WORLD BOOK DAY is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please come dressed as your favourite character from Harry Potter. There will be prizes for the best school and members of staff throughout the school join in. We will also be holding a book quiz and points will be awarded to the winning house team.

Costumes can be as elaborate as school life will allow or as simple as having your face painted. Please note that P.E. kits must be worn underneath and the normal school time table will continue throughout the day.

We will be collecting a non-uniform donation of £1.00 from each pupil who dresses up, with which we hope to get the latest top ten titles for the library.



## PTFA

WMMS PTFA goes from strength to strength, organising events such as the Summer Fayre, Christmas Fayre and the quiz night. All the money raised goes towards enriching our pupils' experiences at school. We are proud to have been able to purchase all the items on the staff's wish list including:

Microscopes, data loggers, smoke machine, projectors, a new audio system for the hall, pillar drills, magazine subscriptions and a trolley.

A huge thank you to the committee members, helpers and all the families that support the events. We must especially thank Helen Wakeford and Kathryn Beavan for their enthusiasm and commitment over the last three years. They have now stepped down from their roles. If you would like to join this fun and friendly committee or become a helper, please contact the school.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Bingo night
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz night
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Fayre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Fashion Show
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre

## Summer Production

I am pleased to announce that our summer production will be 'The Rocky Monster Show'! The performances will be on the evenings of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 so keep these dates free. Letters will go out after half term regarding auditions, which will be held before the Easter holidays. Rehearsals will as usual be on Thursdays after school for those who successfully audition for a main part. The show is great fun and I hope many of the pupils will wish to be involved.



Remember that you can follow us on Twitter for the latest production news and updates - @WMMSProduction  
Mrs H Watkins

## School Calendar 2016-17

Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Students return to school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – please dress as a character from Harry Potter. £1.00 donation.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Football tournament 1pm-3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5 Science Day Paultons Park
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 6 Intech Trip
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 Orienteering
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 Virtual Reality Workshop
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	House Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Spring Term reports issued
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Break up for Easter – students in school</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Start of term – students in school</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Cricket Festival
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 exam week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Quiz Night
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Break up for half term – students in school</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Start of term – students in school.</b>

\*Please note: there are times when we are offered opportunities at the 'last minute' which means we are unable to give parents a lot of notice. There may, therefore, be additional events that take place which are not detailed above.

## Inset days 2017-2018

The Inset days for the academic year 2017/18 will be as follows:-

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018