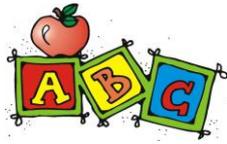


Westmoor Primary School Newsletter 28th April 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

30 Hour Nursery Provision

We are currently investigating the viability of offering **30 hours** of Nursery provision – in effect a full school day. In general, parents are eligible if they work 16 hours or more a week or earn at least £120. Letters and a questionnaire have been sent to all those who accepted a part time Nursery place for September. However, if you know anyone who may be interested in this, please ask them to contact the school office directly by **Friday 5th May**. Forest Hall Out of School Club can provide wrap around care for parents wanting additional hours. We see this as an exciting opportunity and are happy to answer any queries.



Healthy snacks and Drinks

Children have been reminded to bring only fruit or vegetables as playtime snacks. In addition they can bring unflavoured water to drink throughout the day. In assembly we explored the amount of hidden sugar in foods such as breakfast cereals and drinks. We compared our privileged life with that of children in some parts of the world who have little to eat and no access to clean running water.



Bamburgh non uniform day

Bamburgh Castle (yellow), as the winning house, had non-school uniform today. A handful of children had forgotten and were in school uniform, but they were assured in assembly that they will not miss out. On our next “WINNING HOUSE” non-school uniform day, they will also be able to attend in non-school uniform and we have taken a note of those to whom this applies.

Extreme Haircuts

Westmoor children wear their school badge with pride and see themselves as part of the wider “Family of Westmoor”. Whilst every child is unique, and this is valued, it is important that there is a certain level of shared conformity such as uniform. We do not wish any child to get negative attention or comments due to extreme haircuts. The beginning of the 6 weeks holiday is the ideal time to do this, so that it will grow out by return in September.



Book Donations

Keep them coming!!!!

Thank you so much for your generous donations. If you have any books still in good condition at home that your children no longer read, we would be grateful of any donations.



Parental Concerns

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher in the first instance. We care about your children both educationally and emotionally and will address any issues, including those with friendships. We urge parents to allow us to do this in a calm and professional way, rather than parents approaching others' children outside of school, as this can cause great distress to the child and upset or resentment to the family.

Safety

Next week the fire service will have their annual visit to Westmoor to talk to Year 2 and 5. We frequently talk about safety in general in assembly, particularly if it is topical, such as fireworks. I have spoken to children prior to the Easter break with regards to safety on roads and walking to school and also about personal safety and stranger danger. As we are near to railway lines and water, this will be the focus of future safety assemblies in this coming term.

