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Dear Families,

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed our lunch times, watching many of our children take part in our Talent Show to raise funds for the Nature Area. We have been really impressed with the enthusiasm, confidence and kindness of all our children, in whatever role they have taken on. Thanks to the School Council for organising such a great event and to all families for supporting us. Special thanks to Mrs. Barley, Miss Hamilton and those staff who have been with the children throughout their lunch times as well. Please follow us on Twitter or check out our website for some fabulous pictures and comments. We have even had some famous actors and actresses tweeting us to wish the children luck! What an exciting week.

Early Year's Open Evening

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is eligible for Nursery (3 years old) or a child who turns 4 before the 31st August 2019 and are looking to secure a place in either Nursery or Reception classes for your child next September, we warmly invite you to an open afternoon to look around our wonderful Early Year's facilities. We are hosting a 'drop in' session between 3.30pm and 4.45pm on Thursday November 15th where families can meet the teachers, chat and ask questions. Alternatively, please contact our office staff, who will make an alternative appointment for you to visit. If you are interested in taking up a place this year in Nursery and your child will turn 3 before August 2019, again please contact our office staff and they will discuss availability.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all our families who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A lovely time was enjoyed by those who could make it and together we raised £110 towards cancer research.

Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our Harvest Festival service recently. Thank you to all our families for their generous donations of food and non-perishable goods, which were sent to St. Paul's Pantry and were distributed to help those within our own community who are in need of practical support, at this time in their lives.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – Wednesday 24th October and Thursday 25th October

Thank you to those who attended our recent Quick Start meetings with their children, we have had positive feedback and hope you found them informative and supportive, as we move forward together. We are now looking forward to meeting with parents and carers in order to discuss the progress of your child, areas for future development and look at samples of recent work. Please come early for your appointment in order that you can spend some time looking at your child's work. As the usual evening activities will

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continue in school throughout the meeting times, we regret that we are unable to offer any childcare facilities. If you have not yet made an appointment, please have a word with your child's teacher at the end of the day and they will arrange a time with you.

Message from Mr. Ratcliffe

The Joy of Reading

Following on from our Quick Start evenings we will be offering a similar format of parent/carer meetings in the second part of the autumn term to support reading. As parents/carers are aware, reading is a vital skill for all children and we want to be able to support families with reading at home. The sessions will be held in phases during the week beginning 19th November to enable parents with children in different year groups to attend multiple sessions if they wish.

These sessions will lay out the expectations and standards of the curriculum for the year groups and the strategies that will support your child to make good progress in their reading.

During the second part of the autumn term we will also be promoting reading via visits to Whinmoor Library and we will be holding a 'Book Swap'. The children will be able to swap books they have enjoyed for other books brought in by their friends. Details for this will be publicised after the holiday.

If your child has not spoken to you about Reading Buddies, please ask them. Since September, children from Year 1 to Year 6 have been partnered up with a child in another class to share reading and books. This has been a fabulous way of the older children supporting the younger children with reading and giving the older children a chance to develop their coaching skills.

Finally, we are looking forward to making a display of 'Reading in Unusual Places.' Over half term, please take photos of your children reading wherever takes their fancy and send in a photo. We are really looking forward to seeing them! Staff will also bring in their photos – happy reading everyone.

Message from Mrs. Wilson

Festival of Triangles

The week beginning 5th November (the first week back after half term) we will be celebrating the 'Festival of Triangles' across the whole school, when children will take part in maths investigations and art/curriculum work involving triangles. This is the first major event of our 'Magic of Maths' year at WSP and we are really looking forward to it!

Families are invited to join us straight after school on Friday 9th November at 3.15pm, for a short while, where you will have the opportunity to come and see what we have been up to.

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Message from Miss. O'Shea

Move it! Move it! The 30:30 Challenge

At Whinmoor St Paul's 'We like to move it! Move it!'

As you all know we love to offer a rich curriculum and lots of exciting sporting opportunities to inspire our children. We have started on a journey to become a 30:30 school; where children will partake in 30 minutes of exercise each day in school and the other 30 minutes outside of school. To support this, we have lots of exciting events coming up. We are preparing for our football matches, an Aqua Festival, our Dance Festival and lots of extra clubs. Exercise is a key factor in supporting positive behaviour and mental health and in helping tackle obesity, alongside developing fine motor skills, spatial awareness and co-ordination and we ask for your support as we encourage all our children to Move It! Move it!

We continue to work closely with Mrs Barrow and her kitchen team to ensure our school dinners are nutritional, well cooked, well presented and tasty, alongside being excellent value for money (and free in Key Stage One). *If you prefer your child to have a packed lunch, we ask for your support in packing a healthy lunch, which does not include chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.* Thank you.

Please remember that tomorrow, our Friday Celebration Worship/Assembly will take place at 2.20pm and not at the start of the day. This is because we are reviewing our Teaching and Learning and observations will be taking place in the morning. In the afternoon, families are warmly invited to join us, as always.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th November – Year 3 Trip to the Central Library.
Friday 16th November – Children in Need. Details to follow.
Friday 30 th November – 'Ladies' Night. A PTFA event to help with early Christmas shopping, stalls selling quality goods and clothes, including Bodyshop. £4.00 entrance, includes raffle and 'fizz' 7pm-9pm.
Thursday 6 th December – PTFA support children to wrap presents for their families – more details to follow.
Thursday 13th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 10am.
Thursday 13th December – Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance – 2 pm.
Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day.
Friday 14th December – Christmas Fair – 3:30-5pm.
Monday 17th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance – 2pm.
Year 5 & Year 6 – Christingle Concert – 5pm.
Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day.
Thursday 20th December – School Carol Service – 2.15pm.

Many thanks to all our families for your continued support.

Miss McBride

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