

Dear Parent/Carer,

I can't quite believe that it's already half term - time has flown by! As have lots of other things today!!

Next week, the contractors will be in school to complete more of the works in the playground. The colourful benches are all going in, as are the rest of the railings, including those for the Forest School, so that the children will be able to move independently and safely from the section behind the mobile classroom through to the section at the back of the playground. The blue floor covering will be installed under the climbing frames and works are also starting at the front of the school, as we plan to smarten up the area outside the School Reception. We are aiming to have all the works completed, just after Easter, with the playground and the front of school being tarmacked. The final job will be to put the markings on the playground.

I was also hoping to get a sign made for the entrance to the Forest School - a beautiful metal work sign, or a mosaic on the floor and to get the children involved with the design. I have approached several artists, but it is proving rather expensive. Do any of you know of anyone who could help us? Please email me if you have any contacts - it would be much appreciated.

You will now have received the information about World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We are all very excited about it and especially about the Masked Reader. The day is also a chance for your child to dress up as a book character. Please don't feel that you must spend lots of money - I'm always a lover of the homemade costume.

Here are a few weekly reminders for you:

- **School Meals** - week beginning Monday 28th February will be Week 1.
- **Parents' evenings** - first and second week back after half term. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment.
- **Covid-19 Reporting** - you must email the school office immediately if your child tests positive. This will be reviewed if government guidance is updated.
- **Gate opening times** - the gates will be closed at 8:55am. However, please make sure that you are aiming to bring your child in by 8:50am.
- **School crossing** - at the end of the school day, many people are not using the school crossing. This was installed to prevent accidents happening. If people are not using the crossing, I am afraid that an accident will happen soon, so please keep yourself and your child safe.
- **Link Club** - please do not use the staff car park for pick up or drop off. The car park is for staff only. If you have other family members or friends who will be picking up your child for you, please let them know.
- **Lost property** - if you need to check lost property, please come after school. We will no longer be allowing access before school.

- **Westbrook Old Hall Preloved Uniforms** - sell good quality pre-owned uniform at discounted prices. The services they provide are good on 3 levels: good for parents' purses - we cost less than new; good for the environment - less waste goes to landfill and all proceeds go to FOWOHPS - which in turn are reinvested into reinvested into the school/children. They have most things in stock already. Enquiries can be made either via the FB parent group; on the Westbrook Old Hall Preloved Uniforms page, or directly by phone on 07702 171953.

Don't forget that I am here if you need me - just email or come in to school and arrange to meet with me. I know that there may be times when you are concerned about certain things - it is always best that you inform us, so that we can sort out any problems as soon as possible.

Finally, take care of yourselves and have a great week.

Mary Lythall-Brennan

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