



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday and it's a long weekend! How wonderful!

We've had a very full week with lots of events:

- Reception went to Farmer Ted's - they looked shattered when they came back, but they had such fun, even getting the opportunity to touch frogs and snakes!
- Class 11 went to Sankey Valley Park for their Living Things and Habitats topic in science. Class 12 will go next week.
- Year 4 visited Sankey Valley to look at the changes in the canal use over time. This was a geography field trip.
- An alien spaceship landed in the school garden, which was particularly shocking to Year 1. They've spent the week trying to help the alien Begu and have been writing messages to her, with suggestions about how she can make friends.
- Andy Carter, MP for Warrington South visited on Monday. He looked around the school and then the School Council questioned him about his job. Any mention of 'Partygate' was avoided! He has promised to return in the near future to set up a working parliament in school.

As the Queen's Jubilee is fast approaching, we plan on celebrating on Friday 27th May, which is the last day of half term. We will be having a Big Jubilee Picnic on the school field (weather permitting - keep your fingers crossed). The children can either bring a packed lunch from home or have a special school packed lunch. We are going to town on the field, having bunting, banners, music and dancing. It's going to be such fun and everyone will need to dress in red, white and blue.

Finally, thank you to all of you who are reading regularly with your child(ren). I can't tell you what a difference this makes to your child's reading ability, as it increases their confidence and love of books. Just reading to, or with your child for just 10 minutes each night can benefit them hugely, as it helps to build their vocabulary and general language skills, as well as strengthening the bond between the two of you - reading together creates a very special connection between child and parent.

Here are a few weekly reminders for you:

- **Dropping Off and Picking Up** - following a report of dangerous driving earlier this week, we would like to highlight the importance of children's safety around the busiest times of the day when you are dropping off or picking up your children. Please be considerate of our neighbours and the safety of our children when parking your car and when driving in the vicinity of our school. We would encourage parents and carers to walk to school when possible or The Maltings car park is only a couple of minutes walk away and provides a safe option for parking if you do need to bring your car.
- **School Meals** - week beginning Tuesday 3rd May will be Week 1.
- **Covid-19 Reporting** - this is now being recorded in school as any other illness, as per government direction. Use this link for the [latest guidance](#) for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19.
- **School Uniform** - please make sure that your child is wearing a school shirt, not a polo shirt.
- **Lost property** - if you need to check lost property, please come after school. We will no longer be allowing access before school.
- **ParentPay** - please make sure your child's ParentPay account is **in credit** if you would like them to buy lunch or snacks from school.
- **Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved 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 the school/children. They have most things in stock already. Enquiries can be made via the FB parent group; on the Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved Uniforms page, or directly by phone on 07702 171953.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely long weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday.

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