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## West Meadows Weekly

**This week in school we have been learning about anti-bullying as part of National anti-Bullying week. Children have created posters and thought about who their 'safe people' are that they can talk to if they ever need help. In Assembly, we celebrated those children who have shown acts of kindness to others, but as always, we are incredibly proud of all our children in school and how they support and look after each other.**

### **Harvest Festival:**

Our Key Stage 1 children will be going up to the Church on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate Harvest Festival. The children will parade up to the church wearing harvest crowns. Unfortunately, due to current rising numbers within Barnsley we have taken the difficult decision to live stream and record the performance for parents to watch from home and will be unable to invite any parents to the church.

We will also be collecting donations of tins and packets of food at school starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and there will be a box in each classroom entrance for these. Half of the food collected will be donated to the Salvation Army in Hoyland and the other half will be donated to Father Richards for the church food bank.

### **Parent Pay:**

We are working as a school to moving towards a paperless system for all communications. Newsletters, other letters and texts will be sent via parent pay. Could we ask that you log on to parent pay and ensure that both your email and mobile number are the most current one in order to receive messages and letters from school. We have sent this newsletter by paper to ensure we reach as many parents as possible. We also have a very small number of families who have not yet activated their accounts. If you would like any support with this please come into the school office for help.

### **Open the Book Postponement:**

Due to rising cases of Covid 19 we have decided to temporarily postpone the Open the Book session for parents which was to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to rearrange this for after half term and will send out a new date shortly. In the meantime, follow us on Twitter to find out all about what your children are doing in school.

### **Changes to the School Day:**

Just a reminder that after half term, from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we will return to our normal start to the school day, 8:45am – 8:55am. Can we ask all families to please use the entrance to school via the ramp to avoid people moving through the car park. Children will also need to come to school in their uniform each day and bring their PE kits for the week.

**Lost Property:**

We have a significant amount of lost property which is kept near the front office. Please come and take a look if your child has lost anything. Could we also ask that you put your child's name in all items of uniform but especially jumpers and cardigans.

**Holiday Club:**

Totally Runable are providing a free holiday fun club this half term from 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October, 9am to 3pm at Honeywell Sports Village for girls aged 7-16 who receive free school meals. If you are interested email or message them on Facebook to book – [beinspired@totallyrunable.com](mailto:beinspired@totallyrunable.com)

**Attendance Matters!**

Every Monday we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life.

<b>F1</b>	82.67%
<b>F2</b>	94.56%
<b>Year 1</b>	93.72%
<b>Year 2</b>	96.17%
<b>Year 3</b>	94.04%
<b>Year 4</b>	98.16%
<b>Year 5</b>	96.9%
<b>Year 6</b>	96.37%



Unfortunately this week we have lost 251 minutes learning due to lateness.