



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you as we have several events coming up in the next few weeks that I want you to be aware of.

West Winds goes to Queen's University (P1-P7)

As a celebration of the science work that we have been doing in partnership with Queen's University, **we are going to take the whole school (P1-P7) to Belfast on Friday 21st October.** We will take part in the 'West Winds Autumn Festival of Nature' with the children doing workshops in Botanic Gardens, the Ulster Museum, the Tropical Ravine and Queen's. Please **ensure that children are in school between 8.30 and 8.45am** as buses will leave for Belfast shortly after this. Breakfast Club will operate from 8.00am on this morning. With all staff going on the trip, there will be no one to supervise the children in school – so **if your child misses the bus, your child will need to go home.** Buses will **return to West Winds PS for 2.30pm.**

Children in our Nursery will be going on a trip of their own – Miss Ferris will be in touch with parents about that directly.

Early closure - Parent- Teacher Meetings

School will finish for all pupils at 1.00pm every day from the 24th – 28th October. Parent – teacher meetings will take place on **Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th** – you will receive a note from your child's teacher giving you a time for interview. Please contact them if you need to make any changes.

Community Open Afternoon and Library Bus Opening

Thursday 27th October will see us having an Opening Celebration for our new Library in the Double Decker Bus. Invited guests will come at 2.00pm to see our Library come to life. After this, from **2.30pm**, parents and friends will get a chance to look around the new library bus and the school as part of **our Community Open Afternoon** – we are conscious that parents and carers don't get to be in school as much as they did in the past, so this is a chance to see your child's classroom, look at work on the walls and meet some of the staff.

Big Bedtime Read

Our first event using the Library Bus, will be a Big Bedtime Read for children in Nursery and P1. This will take place later in the afternoon of the **27th October** – the Nursery & P1 team will be in touch with you directly about this.

We're really looking forward these events – and we're sure that the children are going to love them and benefit from them. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries, or get in touch with me through the office.

Thanks

Mr Manogue

