



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary...

APRIL

25th - Year 5
Swimming

25th/26th - Year 4 trip to
the River Wey

27th - Year 5 trip to
Marwell Zoo

MAY

2nd/9th/16th/23rd - Year 5
Swimming

7th - May Bank Holiday

8th - Whole Year 6 Group
Photo

9th - 7pm - PAWS
Meeting (all welcome)

14th - 17th - SATs Week

14th - 18th - Walk to
School Week

18th - 10.00am - 4HC
Class Assembly

22nd - PAWS Film Night
(details to follow)

28th - 1st June - Half
Term Holidays

JUNE

6th/13th/20th/27th - Year
5 Swimming

7th - PAWS AGM (all
welcome)

12th - Whole School
Class Photos

14th - Father's Day Secret
Shopping

22nd - 10.00am - 5NS
Class Assembly

26th - Year 5 Activity Day
at Yateley School

27th - Year 6 Production

28th - Yateley School
Open Evening

29th - 10.00am - 3RP
Class Assembly



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term, it has been wonderful that it has been such a sunny start and the children have certainly enjoyed all of our outdoor space for playing and learning, particularly after such a long soggy winter and spring! This week I have enjoyed hearing about the children's Easter break adventures and that they had the chance to recharge their batteries for what is destined to be a very exciting term. Whilst all of the pupils were not in school, WJS remained a hive of activity over the holidays! If you have been into school, you may have noticed that we have redecorated our reception area and each of the classrooms has had a new interactive whiteboard fitted which have already enhanced our learning environments for all of our learners (and the teachers absolutely love them too!) This has been a long term project to fund and I am delighted with the outcome.

Today was the end of our Big Battery Hunt! Thank you to all of the children (and parents, extended families and neighbours!) for their fantastic work in collecting so many batteries. Mrs Courtney is busy compiling the tallies from across the school and we will be entering our official totals to the competition organisers. I certainly hope that after the amazing effort and vast numbers of batteries that have been brought into school we do win a prize or two; I will certainly let you know if this is the case.

Year 5 have had a particularly exciting start to the term with their Bikeability courses this week which have certainly been made all the more enjoyable by the glorious weather! I feel very strongly about the importance of this extended curriculum opportunity as staying safe on the roads is such an important skill for our children to learn. The feedback from the children has been so positive and the instructors have been full of praise for how enthusiastic and polite our children have been - great ambassadors for our school! Well done Year 5, I will look forward to handing out your certificates and badges next week!

As is the case at the beginning of each term, in addition to my newsletter today, you will also receive your child(ren)'s year group newsletter giving you an overview of our curriculum coverage for this term. As ever, if you have any queries or questions please call or email and we will endeavour to address these as quickly as possible. In addition to this, you have been sent via 'pupil post' the children's updated Assessment and Progress Trackers and Key Targets. As in previous terms, each teacher has shared this information on an individual basis with pupils and we hope that you find this information useful in updating you on your child's progress and current attainment.

I do try not to moan and groan in my newsletters so I thought I would just start with a reminder about uniform. In the Summer Term there is a tendency for uniform to be less smart than at the beginning of the year. I would therefore appreciate your support in helping us to maintain our high standards by ensuring your child does wear the correct uniform and have the correct PE kit in school. Of course on hot days we will allow the children to remove ties but we would appreciate your support in ensuring they have full uniform with them - thank you!

Finally on the reverse of this week's newsletter, please note that I have shared next year's term dates including our inset days, I hope that this will help families to plan holidays etc out of term time.

Have a great weekend - I am certainly keeping my fingers crossed for some more sunshine!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher

Reminders...

- Please remember break time snacks should **only** include fresh fruit or vegetables and certainly not chocolate bars! This is particularly important as we are a recognised 'Healthy School'.

Year 5 Bikeability

Bikeability has been amazing! This week Year 5 pupils have had a fabulous time learning all about keeping safe while riding on the road by completing the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability Course. We started on the playground where we practised our control skills by weaving between cones and using our arms to indicate which direction we were going. Once our confidence was high, we went on to cycle around the local area. We had to learn how to turn around and stay safe at road junctions whilst developing our observation skills. As well as lots of practical activities we have also learnt all about road safety signs and symbols by reading our booklets which we have been tested on. Thank you to all of the instructors for helping us learn these life long skills — we loved it!



Ellis Rimmer and Laila Allen

WJS Term Dates 2018- 2019

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day: 3rd September

Start of Autumn Term: 4th September

Half Term: 22nd October – 26th October

Inset Day: 29th October

End of Autumn Term: 21st December

SPRING TERM

Inset Day: 7th January

Start of Spring Term: 8th January

Half Term: 18th February – 22nd February

End of Spring Term: 4th April

Inset Day: 5th April

SUMMER TERM

Start of Summer Term: 23rd April

Half Term: 27th May – 31st May

Inset Day: 3rd June

End of Summer Term: 23rd July



Sunny Day Reminders...

I do not wish to scare the sunshine away but wanted to take this opportunity to give a few sunny day reminders ready for all of the beautiful days I am sure we will enjoy over the coming weeks!

Please remember that on sunny days all pupils need to have:

- named water bottle
- cap or sun hat (ideally a WJS one!)



It is also advisable to make sure that your child is wearing a high factor sun cream before they come to school and if you wish you can also provide your child with sun cream to reapply if necessary.

Design a Wreath Competition

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918, Westfields has been invited to enter a 'Design a Wreath Centre' competition. The winning entry will be professionally produced into a wreath and will be laid at the War Memorial as part of our community Remembrance celebrations in November. The standard of artwork has been outstanding.



Congratulations to Anyulwexeya Makunura (6LB), whose artwork has been chosen to represent our school. Judging will take place at the Yateley May Day Fair on 7th May 2018. we're all keeping our fingers crossed!

Mrs Brignall - Art Coordinator

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance winners following their announcement in this morning's assembly.

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
3CC	100%	6LB	100%

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 20th to 26th April.

Alfie Taplin, Dominic Rentall-Caller, Hollie Billhardt, Daniel Robson, Madison Hayes, Matthew Plowman, Daisy Benham, William Neill and Lilly Neville.

Have a great birthday!

