

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary...

SEPTEMBER

10th - 2.45pm Yr3 Meet the Teacher

11th - 2.45pm Yr4 Meet the Teacher

12th - PAWS
Welcome Meeting
Cheese and Wine 7.00pm

13th - 2.45pm Yr5 Meet the Teacher

14th - Big Read - wear your pyjamas to school!

14th - 2.45pm Yr6 Meet the Teacher

18th - Taster Day for Yr6 at Frogmore Community College (details to follow)
6.45pm Frogmore Community College Open Evening for Yr6

18th - Blue Sky Thinking, Parents & HT/SLT:
8.45am - 9.45am
2.15pm - 3.15pm
6.30pm - 7.30pm

20th - Individual School Photographs

21st - Yr4 Greek Creative Day (details to follow)

21st - 9.15am to 10.30am Frogmore Community College Open Morning for Yr6 pupils with parents

24th - 9.15am to 10.30am Frogmore Community College Open Morning for Yr6 pupils with parents

26th - 9.15am to 10.30am Frogmore Community College Open Morning for Yr6 pupils with parents

27th - Yateley School Open Evening for Yr5 & 6 pupils (details to follow)

28th - Yr6 WWII Creative Day (details to follow)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term! From talking to the children this week it certainly sounds like our families enjoyed wonderful holidays, quality family time and the chance to relax and recharge batteries over the summer break. It has been lovely to welcome all of the children (and new staff members!) back to school and the classrooms have been hives of activities with year groups starting new topics. I have been particularly impressed with our new Year 3 cohort who have almost seamlessly transitioned into Key Stage 2 and the wonderful world of Westfields Junior School! To support lines of communication between staff and parents, I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to join us for our Meet the Teacher Sessions next week. As communicated before the holidays, these meetings are the opportunity for parents to meet their child(ren)'s class teacher and year group team, to find out about the forthcoming curriculum topics as well as reminders about home learning, timetables and routines. These meetings will be an opportunity to also ask questions and visit new classrooms.

Speaking of our curriculum I hope you all received Mrs Long's letter yesterday regarding our very first *Reading Matters Week*. She has included more details about the themed learning the children will be experiencing but I also wanted to highlight that, as the letter says, all of our pupils (and staff!) are allowed to wear pyjamas on Friday instead of their school uniforms! We hope everyone will be able to join in the fun to celebrate the importance of reading!

As I am sure you are aware from the media, school budgets are ever tightening and we are determined to keep our curriculum and learning opportunities as creative and practical as possible. In the past at various points throughout the year we have asked for 50p or £1.00 donations for specific activities such as food tasting, cooking, creative days, model making, visiting speakers etc. From talking to parents this can be a little 'irritating'; in addition to this, the administration of small amounts of money takes up valuable time. As such, in response to this, we thought we would try requesting a one off voluntary donation of £6.00 (£2.00 per term) to cover the costs of some of our enrichment activities. We hope you will be able to support us in this way and I would like to thank you in advance.

Relating to the subject of fundraising, please remember that next Wednesday (12th) from 7.00pm - 8.00pm we hope to welcome lots of parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles?!) to our PAWS Cheese and Wine Event. This social event is a chance to eat cheese, have a glass of wine and meet the two new chairs of our PTA: Mrs Vicki Poskovic and Mrs Susan Blues who are excited to share their ideas and hear suggestions from parents of how we can fundraise and plan family events to promote our community ethos that we value so highly. So if you are free, please do try to pop along as everyone is very welcome.

Finally, just in case you were wondering what our Blue Sky Thinking Meetings were all about, I wanted to elaborate to say these will be open drop in sessions on the 18th September with myself and other senior staff to reflect upon the successes of last year and consider ways in which we can make WJS even better for our children and families. There will be tea, coffee and perhaps most importantly cake so please do pop along for an informal chat!

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher

REMINDERS...

- Please ensure your child has a PE Kit and water bottle in school every day.
- If you are unsure about uniform or personal appearance expectations please review our policy on the school website.
- Please also ensure that all money sent into school (via your child's class teacher) is in a sealed, named envelope.

Firework Fiesta Poster Competition

I can hardly believe that I am mentioning our annual fireworks event in my very first newsletter of this academic year but following the success of the competition last year we wanted to once again give the children the opportunity to be involved with the poster design to advertise the event and it is only **8** weeks away! In this morning's assembly the children were told about the competition, but to summarise the details, we would like the children to design a poster **without ANY text** as this will be added onto the winning design(s) to advertise the Yateley Lions and WJS firework event. The design should be on an A4 piece of paper, it can be drawn by hand (using felt tips, colouring pencils or paint - please no glitter!) or using computer software. Some ideas of images include rockets, bonfire and of course, an array of fireworks!



Children should hand in all entries to my office with their name and class clearly written on the back by lunchtime on **Monday 17th September**. The winner(s) will be announced in assembly and posters will then be printed and displayed in school and around the local area including in the library and local shops so get your creative thinking hats on and get designing!



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

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance winners. It is great news that two classes have achieved perfect attendance in the first week of the new year, but I am hoping for a couple more next week!

LOWER SCHOOL	
3MP	100%
UPPER SCHOOL	
5RM	100%

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 7th to 13th September 2018.

Millie Benton, Leah Goddard, Daisy Hurst,
 Lacey Duke, Jude Grey, Finley
 Hankins and Melissa Parish.

Have a lovely birthday!



Year 6 - Yateley School Open Day



Year 6 children from Westfields Junior School are invited to attend the Yateley School Open Morning with their parents, on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd October between 9:30am & 11:00am. Parents are requested to inform us (Westfields) of their child's attendance to this event.

