

## Dates for your diary...

### OCTOBER

2nd & 3rd - 9.30am to 11.00am YS Open Morning for Yr6 pupils  
4th - 9.30am to 11.00am WJS Open Morning for Yr2 parents  
5th - Yr6 WWII Creative Day & School Photograph Retakes/ Absences  
9th - PAWS Film Night  
11th - 1.30pm to 3.00pm & 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Yr3 & 4 Reading Workshop for parents  
12th - 10.00am 3RP Class Assembly  
17th - 6.00pm WJS Open Evening for Yr2 parents  
19th - Whole School Fun Run & Last Day of half term (3.15pm finish)  
22nd - 26th - Half Term Break  
29th - INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)  
30th - First Day Back to School & 3.45pm to 6.45pm - Parents Evening  
30th to 2nd - Book Fair

### NOVEMBER

1st - 3.45pm to 6.45pm - Parents Evening  
2nd - 10am - 5RM Class Assembly  
3rd - Fireworks Fiesta  
6th - 1.30pm to 3.00pm & 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Parents Maths Workshops  
11th - Remembrance Sunday  
12th to 16th - Anti-Bullying week  
15th - Yr5 trip to Winchester Science Centre  
16th - 10.00am 4EC Class Assembly & 7pm - PAWS Quiz Night at WJS

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and it has been wonderful that the sun has reappeared giving us all the opportunity to enjoy being outside before Autumn really takes hold! I hope you all received your child(ren)'s school photograph proof earlier this week and if you have not, please double check bags to see if any are lurking! As the documentation explained you can return orders to school or request online by 5th October which is also the date when the photographer returns for any children who were absent.

On the subject of absence, may I take this opportunity to request that as often as possible, medical appointments are made outside of school hours. Whilst I appreciate that this cannot always be the case, I have noticed a significant increase in the number of requests. As I am sure you are aware, as a school we have attendance targets and as a headteacher I cannot stress enough how important attendance is to support the children's attainment, progress and enjoyment! As such you will receive a termly update of your child's attendance (I appreciate that it can sometimes be difficult to keep track of!) and if your child's attendance does cause us any concern you may receive a letter or phone call to consider any ways in which we can support or address any difficulties. As always, we want to work in partnership with our families but I also wanted to highlight this trend; thank you in anticipation of your support.

I am delighted to inform you that our new Peer Mediators (Leeza-Marie Stinton, Laila Allen, Ryan Middlebrook, Noah Blues, Ellis Flook, Dylan Grainger, Rylan Bundy, Jason Sabatakakis, Katie Monger, Lilly Neville, Cara-Mae Hickey, Jenna Lee, Alexander McAuley, Tyler Rees, Heidi Shacklock and George Turnell) made their debut on the playground this week following their training session with Mr Medwell. This role of responsibility is centred around pupils supporting other pupils with strategies to resolve any disagreements during break and lunch times and promote everyone enjoying their free time during the school day.

It is hard to believe that next week we will be opening our doors on Thursday between 9.30am and 11.00am for our annual Open Morning for prospective parents. This is always such a lovely event where our Year 5 pupils act as tour guides to showcase a day in the life of our school and staff and children alike have the opportunity to share their teaching and learning.

Year 5 pupils have also been very excited about their opportunity to perform at the O2 as part of the Westfields Junior School Choir in the Young Voices Concert next term. Although interest has been extensive I am pleased to inform parents that all of the children who have made a request for a place have been successful and we have confirmed our numbers with the event organisers; now all we need to do is learn all of the words! Miss Bland will be writing with further details next week so that rehearsals can get started.

Finally, I just wanted to give you a little extra notice about a planned event; following the success of last year's Race for Life we have once again chosen to support this worthy charity with our own run before the half term break. You will be receiving further details from Miss Porter next week so please keep your eyes peeled!

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman  
Headteacher

### Team Captains Elected...

Following a rigorous recruitment process which included a written application, this year's team captains have been elected and were announced in this morning's assembly.

	St Patrick	St David	St George	St Andrew
<b>Captains</b>	Anna Ede-Rolfe Tommy Bingham-Wilson	Gabriella Stephenson Ryan Middlebrook	Laila Allen Finley Bonte	Harriet Rawlinson Nicholas Stark
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Harry Lee	Lottie Gubb	George Turnell	Arthur Gentle

### Harvest Collection 2018

As in previous years we will be celebrating harvest with a special assembly on the 17th October. As part of this event we would like to ask for a donation for our class food boxes which will be donated to Heathlands Family Hostel at a time when we think about others. Each class will decorate a box and collect all donations between Monday 15th and the assembly. Suggestions for donations include: a tin of fruit or vegetables, rice, pasta, tea bags, jam, marmalade etc.



Thank you for your support.

### Governor News...



This week our Assessment and Progress Committee met to unpick our SATs results and review last year's attainment data as well as consider targets for the year ahead - we highly value the support and challenge our governors provide.

We are currently looking to appoint another Parent Governor who would like to join our committed Governing Body, if you are interested and would like to find out more about the role, please contact Mrs Sue Harrison, our Chair of Governors via email: [chairofgovernors@westfields-jun.org.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@westfields-jun.org.uk) or pop into Reception to make an appointment.



### LUNCHTIME PLAYLEADER VACANCY

Would you like to be a part of our friendly and hardworking lunchtime playleader team?

For further details and an application form please contact Nicki Pagden on 01252 408218 or by email at [school.admin@westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:school.admin@westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk)

Hours - 6.75 hours per week

Pay: Grade A - £16,647 per annum pro rata (term time only)

Hourly rate approx £7.91

**Closing date: 12th October 2018**

*Westfields Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.*

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance winners. Perfect score from 3CC this week - well done!

LOWER SCHOOL	
3CC	100%
UPPER SCHOOL	
5DT	99.7%

### Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 28th September to 4th October 2018.

Adelaide Joyner, Harry Lee, Riley Gallagher, Nicholas Stark, Harry Brown, Amy Millard, Aimee Oosthuizen and Poppy Rowlinson.

Have a lovely birthday!

