

Dates for your diary...

OCTOBER

4th - 9:30am WJS
Open Morning for
current Y2

5th - Y3 Reading
Afternoon for Parents

6th - Autumn Cheer
Themed Lunch

7th - School Photo
retake for absent
children

19th - 6pm WJS Open
Evening for current Y2

**21st - Inset Day
(School closed for
staff training)**

**24th to 28th - Half
Term**

31st - First day back to
school

NOVEMBER

4th - Bonfire Fire
Themed Lunch

5th - 6pm Fireworks
Fiesta

7th - 3:45pm to 6:45pm
Parents Consultations

9th - 3:45pm to 6:45pm
Parents Consultations



Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and the school has been extremely busy! Our Year 3 children and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Gordon Brown where they continued to develop their team building and communication skills as well as their resilience. Great fun was had by one and all during the various activities that included: a low ropes course, a woodland obstacle course and an orienteering challenge. All classes have now tweeted some of their photographs and Mrs Allan will be posting a selection of other group photographs on our website on Monday, so please take a look when you get the chance!

We are all looking forward to our first 'Open House' for current Year 2s next Tuesday when we will welcome visitors to the school for a tour and introduction to the wonderful world of Westfields Junior School and I know that the Year 5 tour guides will do us proud in sharing their own experiences.

I am absolutely delighted to let you know that in response to my volunteer request we have had four mums come forward and offer their help in organising a second hand uniform facility. Mrs Pagden is looking forward to meeting with them to confirm arrangements; I shall keep you posted!

A number of parents have contacted me regarding the variety of 'snacks' available to buy from our catering supplier HC3S through school. In response to this, I have met with our wonderful caterer, Linda, and we have discussed the possibility of extending the choices to include a range of other fruit options perhaps on a daily basis. She has dutifully contacted her manager and we are hoping to make improvements to the choices in the very near future following the necessary preparation for storage and administration. I hope that this will be welcomed but would also like to remind all parents that we actively encourage the children to bring in their own fruit or vegetables for a break time snack. Once again I will let you know as soon as I have any updates.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman

REMINDERS...

- Please ensure your child has a PE Kit in school every day. Some children are forgetting to bring them back into school after they have used them at a club the previous day.
- As the weather gets colder, please send your child into school with a coat.

Harvest Celebration 2016

This year we will be once again supporting the local food bank at the time of year when we particularly think about helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. With this in mind we would like to request that from Monday 3rd October, pupils (and staff!) bring in any donations to contribute to their class food box as detailed below. If you are unable to donate what your class has been allocated then please feel free to make any donation, as all contributions will be gratefully received.

3G Tinned Fruit	4W Tinned Fish (e.g. Tuna)	5S Baked Beans	6C Tea Bags
3C Instant Mashed Potato	4C Rice	5C Soup	6M Jam/ Marmalade
3G Tinned Tomatoes	4R Pasta	5K Tinned Vegetables	6B Pasta Sauces

In preparation for this teachers have explained this charity venture to their classes and we are hoping that the filled boxes can create a wonderful backdrop to our special assembly on Monday 10th October, that will be led by Faith Bailey from St Peter's Church. Thank you in advance of your support.

Apps4Good Update

As many of you will recall, last year, not one but **two** of our Y5 Apps4Good groups won their categories at a national event in London, where they had to sell their App concept to business men and women. The two winning groups were, **Allergy Basket** – an app designed to save people time when shopping by easily identifying products they are allergic too and **Fear Nothing**, an app designed to help people to overcome a fear they may have.



As winners, the children are now working in collaboration with the professional team, Mr Knight and Miss Startup to develop their apps. We thought you'd like to hear an update from the children themselves as we are all very proud of their achievements so far and their committed approach to the project development:

Both teams have completed our wireframes and we are now working on our own versions of our apps on the phone that we won at the Apps4Good final. Also, we are building our own database. It is due to be launched at Christmas time, so it will basically make an ideal Christmas present! We can't wait until then! Written by: Charley, Eddie, Sam and Kier (Y6).



I would also like to remind you that next Friday 7th October the photographer will be back in school to take photos of children who were absent.

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 30th September to 6th October 2016.

Adelaide Joyner, Nicholas Stark, Harry Brown, James Wareham, Anna Spicer, Poppy Rowlinson and Skye Balchin.



Have a lovely birthday!