

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary...

SEPTEMBER

11th to 15th - Year 6
Residential Trip to
Osmington Bay

11th - Year 5 Meet the
Teacher Meeting -
2.45pm

12th - Year 4 Meet the
Teacher Meeting-
2.45pm

14th - Year 3 Meet the
Teacher Meeting-
2.45pm

19th September - Blue
Sky Thinking, Parents
& SLT:
8.45am - 9.45am
2.15pm - 3.15pm
6.30pm - 7.30pm

21st - Individual School
Photographs

26th & 27th - Yateley
School Open Morning
for Year 6 pupils

27th - PAWS
Welcome Meeting
Cheese and Wine
7.00pm

OCTOBER

23rd - 27th Half Term

30th - Inset Day School
closed to pupils

31st - Flu
Immunisations
(details to follow)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and managed to recharge your batteries! The start of the term has been great and I have certainly enjoyed hearing all the children's holiday news! I have been particularly impressed with how our new Year 3 boys and girls have settled seamlessly into our school - what a fantastic start! The classes have been busy sharing new routines and expectations as well as team building activities to give the children the opportunity to get to know their new class teachers and support staff.

As well as our new pupils, I would like to take this opportunity to officially warmly welcome our new staff members. Firstly, Mrs Wilson, who joins our leadership team in the capacity of deputy headteacher with a teaching commitment of two days a week in Year 4. I know many of you have met her already as she is on the playground most mornings so please do introduce yourselves as she is already working hard at getting to know our school community. We also welcome Mrs Long as a senior member of staff responsible for teaching and leading the Year 6 team and English across the school. I am also delighted to introduce Miss Kat Bland who is our new PPA teacher and Music Coordinator. I am particularly excited to see (and hear!) all of her plans in relation to singing and music across the school. Finally, welcome back also to Miss Startup who has returned to WJS after two terms travelling around the world! She has resumed her role in Year 5 as a class teacher and started in her new role as Geography Coordinator, I am sure she will be putting all of her amazing experiences from countries far and wide, to good use!

We held our first Meet the Teacher Meeting this afternoon for Year 6 parents (please see dates for other year groups next week). The intention of this new initiative is to give parents the opportunity to meet the year group teaching team, find out key dates, events and curriculum plans, as well as ask any questions.

I would also like to invite you all to an informal meeting (with tea and cake!) with myself and other senior members of staff on 19th September. In an attempt to make this available to all of our parents we have arranged three sessions (8.45am - 9.45am, 2.15pm - 3.15pm and 6.30pm - 7.30pm). This will be an opportunity for us to share some of our recent developments in the wonderful world of WJS and for you to express your views in what are the school's strengths and suggestions for improving the school in the future. We introduced this last year and there were some fantastic comments and suggestions that I am proud to say have already been implemented. So if you can pop along, please do!

Have a lovely weekend - I will be busy packing as I am joining the Year 6 children and staff on their residential to Osmington Bay next week!

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! However, this year we wanted to give the children the opportunity to be involved with the poster design to advertise the event and it is only 8 weeks away! The children were told about the competition today, but to summarise the details, we would like the children to design a poster without ANY text (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 18th 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!

Westfields Junior School's Hero - Jack

We were all extremely proud to find out that one of our Year 6 boys had played such a heroic part in saving his mum's life back in February and that his achievement was acknowledged in the Evening Standard at the end of the summer holidays. We have a copy of the newspaper report on display in the Reception area but you can also read all about his quick thinking and calm actions that ensured mum received the medical help she required by visiting:

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/10yearold-boy-helps-save-mother-by-raising-alarm-when-she-collapsed-from-stroke-a3617001.html>



Well done, Jack - you are a true hero!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance winners.

LOWER SCHOOL	
3RP & 3SM	100%
UPPER SCHOOL	
5RM	99%

Well Done!

Tyler Loveridge (4EC) who won 5 medals at Boxing Gym Shows! Well done, Tyler!

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 8th to 14th September 2017.



Millie Benton, Leah Goddard, Daisy Hurst, Nathan Williams, Brooke Seren Scully-Davis, Jude Grey and Melissa Parish.
Have a lovely birthday!

Year 6 - Yateley School Open Day

