

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dates for your diary...

OCTOBER

7th - 3.00pm Choir Performance - Musical Marathon in St Peter's Church

16th - 2:30pm PAWS Coffee Afternoon

18th - 6pm WJS Open Evening for current Y2

19th - Your Time to Shine! - Mufti Day in bright colours to celebrate road safety!

19th - Reading Workshop for parents - details to follow

20th - 10.00am 3CC Class Assembly

1.15pm - WJS Race for Life (details to follow)

23rd - 27th Half Term

30th - Inset Day (School closed to Pupils)

31st - Year 3 & 4 Flu Immunisations (details to follow)

NOVEMBER

1st - Parents Evening 3:45pm to 6:45pm

2nd - Parents Evening 3:45pm to 6:45pm

4th - Fireworks Fiesta

6th - 17th - Y6 Bikeability

12th - Remembrance Sunday

13th - Anti-Bullying Week

15th - Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre

17th - 10.00am 5RM Class Assembly

24th - Inset Day (School closed to Pupils)

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of you who generously purchased cookies last Friday from our lovely PAWS ladies! We donated all of the money (an impressive £77.55) to the collection for Macmillan Cancer Charity at Westfields Infant School who ran a special cake sale in aid of the Coffee Morning event.

There have been so many highlights this week and the school has welcomed lots of visitors for various events. On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed Mr Wilkes (one of our School Governors) to our School Council Meeting. Following the Year 6 visit to Osmington we have been inspired to renovate one of our unused areas in school into a Sensory Trail. We are just at the investigation stage at the moment but the councillors are highly motivated to move forward with the project and we promise to keep you informed of our progress. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more, please visit our school website: <http://www.westfieldsjuniorschool.co.uk/for-pupils/school-council/> to see our School Council minutes and a copy of the presentation Mr Wilkes shared.

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Open Morning for our September 2018 intake. The school was flooded with Yr2 pupils and parents who were expertly escorted around our classrooms and other learning environments to find out what life is like at Westfields Junior. I was delighted to receive such positive feedback from our visitors and felt proud of all the children as they confidently shared their experiences of school with such enthusiasm and pride.

Which brings me to this morning's highlight which absolutely has to be 4CW's fantastic Class Assembly. As I mentioned in my newsletter earlier this term, this is a new venture for us, and it could not have had a better start. Over the course of the year each class will present their learning in the form of an assembly to the rest of the school. I was particularly impressed with the children's confidence, knowledge and of course it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces sharing their current topic work with the rest of the school. There are a few more details overleaf...

Looking to next week, this year we will be celebrating Harvest in a special assembly on Wednesday in which we will be joined by Faith Bailey from St Peter's Church. The children have worked with their new buddy classes to prepare poems, songs and facts around the theme of Harvest that they will share with the whole school. Unfortunately due to numbers we are unable to invite parents on this occasion but promise to tweet and upload some pictures to the website so you don't miss out on all the fun! As part of our celebrations, once again we would like to ask for any food donations which will be presented in the assembly as class food boxes. These will then be taken to a local charity and given to families in need. We hope that you will support us at the time of year when we particularly think about helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves by contributing any item for a food box. This year we are not asking for specific items so any donation you can make will be gratefully received.

Don't forget some of our children will be joining Mrs Castleton at the Musical Marathon at St Peter's Church on Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm. They would welcome any familiar faces so if you are around on Saturday, please do pop along!

Enjoy the weekend!
Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher

REMINDERS...

- Don't forget that the children are only supervised from 8.30am each morning on the back playground and should not be left unsupervised before this time.



Harvest Celebration 2017

Please remember to bring in your food donations for your class box before Wednesday 11th October.

All donations greatly appreciated!

Ambassador Awards

Another first at Westfields... this week I awarded my first group Ambassador Awards to all of the fantastic 'Tour Guides' in Year 5. During our Open Day I was inundated with compliments about their communication skills, enthusiasm about our school and exemplary conduct! I am extremely proud of each and every one of them— well done Year 5!



Save the date!

Saturday 4th November

Yateley Lions & Westfields Junior School's Fireworks Fiesta

Westfields Junior School Playing Fields, School Lane.

Gates Open 6.00pm Guy Competition 6.30pm

Bonfire 6.45pm FIREWORKS 7.00PM

Hotdogs, chips, refreshments and glow products available.

Adults £5.00 (Advance £4) Child (4-16yrs) £2.00 (Advance £1.50)

Tickets from: Westfields Junior School, Simon's Video & Bottle shop, Yateley Angling Centre, DMK News (near Waitrose), Dees Newsagents, Costcutters (Tudor Drive)

NO PRIVATE FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Please find below this week's attendance

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
3RP	98.8%	5RM	98.9%

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 6th to 12th October 2017.

Thomas Moralee, Lewis Harris,
Noah Blues and Sophie Joyner.
Have a lovely birthday!



4CW's Class Assembly

What a treat! This morning we were joined by the parents and families of 4CW to enjoy a magical mystery tour back in time to Ancient Greece!

4CW presented the first of this year's new Class Assemblies and they certainly set the standard high! We all enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the origins of the Ancient Olympics Games, visit famous Greek landmarks including the Parthenon, heard about myths and legends and even met some of the Greek Gods! Through drama, song and even a little bit of traditional Greek dancing, we were all transported and the loud applause was testament to the quality of the children's performance. Well done to you all!

If you would like to see some of the photos and film clips, please visit our school website, select

<http://www.westfieldsjuniorschool.co.uk/year-groups/year-4/>



Our School Needs A Governor...

Do you know a friend, grandparent or a member of the local community who would like the opportunity to gain a valuable insight into how our school operates whilst sharing their skills to make it an even better school in the future?

Would you like to be part of a team that is shaping and driving improvement in the education and experiences of our pupils?

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor, please contact the School Office, or our Chair of Governors, Sue Harrison (chairofgovernors@westfields-jun.org.uk) for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Leila Stickland (5RM) has received her level 10 ASA Swimming Award, her honours award under the ASA Swimming Challenge Scheme and her 1,500m Distance Award. Which completes **all** of the ASA stages. - what a fantastic achievement!
Well done Leila!