

Westfield Infant News

August 2024

Message from Mrs Ruane

We have had a very exciting start to the term and I would like to welcome our families back to school for our 2024-2025 academic year. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We would also like to welcome our new families joining us this year and we look forward to meeting our new EYFS children.

It has been a busy summer as we have had a lot of work done to improve our school site, internally and externally. I would like to thank our staff have worked extremely hard, in their own time, to move classrooms and to prepare our wonderful learning environments for the children to enjoy.

Strong partnerships between home and school are very important to ensure that all children achieve success. We encourage all parents and carers to use our Class Dojo app to stay informed of our news and events. For urgent matters/attendance/complaints it is important that you call the school office and not message through Class Dojo. We thank you for your continued support to ensure Dojo is a open and positive way to communicate.

I would like to welcome our new members of staff to the Westfield Infant School team. Mrs Mottram - our new School Business Manager, Mrs Gladwin – Our Finance and Admin officer, Mrs Keddy – LSA, Mrs Stokes – LSA, Mrs Lowe – LSA, Mrs Hope – LSA, Mrs Coles – Resource Base Lead Teacher and Miss Myring – Year 1 Teacher.

Below are some important dates and information about school to keep a note of. Newsletters will continue to be communicated via Class Dojo and our school website and we will continue to send home a paper copy for your convenience.

New EYFS Intake

The beginning of the school year means that we welcome a brand new cohort of children into our EYFS base. EYFS has moved and is now located in our Sunbeam Base and the EYFS team have been so busy planning for our free flow environment. EYFS children have their brand new playground which they will use throughout the day as part of their continuous provision.



Access and changes to our school

As already mentioned we have had some big changes over the summer holidays. The most important change is having the fences erected to the front of our school. This is to further improve security within the school grounds – safeguarding children, staff and families is and always will be at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we await our new pathway which will be installed in the next few weeks. Until then we have our clearly marked temporary pathway to enable families to easily deliver children at both the Infant and Junior School. Please see Infant/Junior gate opening times below. When gates are closed you will need to use Northfield Road to walk between the schools.

Please take extra care if you are choosing to walk children up and down Ashford Road to access school. It is a busy road, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day with residents needing to travel to and from work, taxi's delivering children and staff arriving and leaving school by car. We also have delivery lorries and vans visiting the school. Hays Lane is a much quieter and safer entrance as there is much less traffic so I encourage you to use Hays Lane as a much safer alternative. As always, please be considerate of residents and do not park over driveways. Hays Lane is a private road therefore parking is not permitted.

Dates for your diary

September

11th September – Spanish club starts
23rd September – Team Unity assembly

October

8th/9th October - parent/carer meetings
11th October – Harvest Festival
18th October – Finish for half term
28th October – Return to school
28th October – EYFS Halloween disco
29th October – Y1 Halloween disco
31st October – Y2 Halloween disco

All discos 3:15pm -4:30pm

November

11th November – Anti bullying week
15th November – Children in Need non uniform
27th November – Road safety week
28th-3rd December – Book Fair

December

2nd December – Flu vaccinations
5th December – Christmas Market 3pm-4:30pm
10th December – EYFS Nativity 9:30am/2:30pm
12th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinners
17th December – Y1 Christingle (pm)

Year 2 Class assemblies

Team Unity – 25th September

9:15am

Team Honesty - 16th October

9:15am

Team Justice – 27th November

9:15am

Class assemblies are new for this year. The children will lead a short 15-20 minute assembly to showcase aspects of learning. Families are invited to attend and tickets will be sent out closer to the date of each assembly.

Year 1 will have their class assembly in the Spring term and EYFS classes will follow on in the Summer term.

We look forward to you visiting our assemblies throughout the year.

19th December – Christmas party afternoon
20th December – Last day of term.

As and when more events arise we will add to the diary dates and inform you on Class Dojo.



Gates between schools - access times

AM Gates open at 8:30am and close at 9am

PM Gates open at 3:10pm and close at 3:45pm

Outside of these times you will need to walk around to the front entrance of both schools. Access to the Infant School outside of these times will be via Ashford Road.

New website



[Westfield Infant School - Home \(westfield-inf.leics.sch.uk\)](http://westfield-inf.leics.sch.uk)

I am proud to share with you our new and improved school website. Please click on the link to have a look. On here you will find a wealth of information about school. Newsletters will also be added to here for convenience.

Class names

EYFS (located in our Sunbeam Base)

Team Equality – Mrs Chuter

Team Trust – Mrs Leeson and Mrs England

Team Kindness – Mrs Wood

Resource Base

Team Courage – Mrs Brown and Mrs Coles

Year 1

Team Generosity – Mr Harries

Team Hope – Miss Turner

Team Empathy – Miss Myring

Year 2

Team Honesty – Mrs Guest and Miss Ellis

Team Justice – Miss Robinson

Team Unity – Mr James

Core Values

Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships and Recognition.

Each month we will share some information about the core values and how children learn about them.



This month it is **relationships**. We are friendly and welcome others to join in. We listen to others and consider their thoughts and feelings. We work together.

We teach the children about **relationships** during our assemblies and through conversations with have both in the classroom and around the school.

