

Westfield Infant News

February 2024

Message from Mrs Ruane



Well we really hit the ground running during Spring 1! Thank you for supporting the many events that took place last half term. We had such a fantastic turn out during Healthy School Week with families attending breakfast mornings, our Valentine's Disco and the school tuck shop which ended our term really well. Thank you for the feedback questionnaires which you completed during parent/carer meetings last week. We will analyse and provide outcomes as soon as we have collated all the data.

In school we have embedded our new Phonics programme which is running brilliantly. Children are in the routine of having 'reading squad' every Monday to Wednesday, reading to decode and improve their comprehension. We have also completed our first round of new topics from our brand new curriculum. We hope you have found our Newsletter and the knowledge organisers helpful to enable you to support your children at home.

I am so proud of how all of our Westfield children are able to demonstrate our core values. As a school, our values are at the heart of everything we do and it is very pleasing to hear children able to articulate their understanding of our values around school.

Year 1 trip to the Leicester Synagogue

Before half term, Year 1 children visited the Leicester Synagogue where they learnt to apply their understanding from lessons and appreciate the Jewish religion. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they came back to school excitedly sharing all their knowledge and experiences from the day.



Gymnastics



Well done to our Year 2 gymnasts who, not only represented our school so well with their exceptional behaviour, but also won the competition and move forward to the next stage! We are so proud of their achievements!

Easter Egg Bingo!



WISA will be holding our Easter Egg Bingo event on Thursday 21st March! Please don't delay in buying your tickets as I am told they sell out fast! This should be a fun and exciting event to get us ready for Easter.

I would like to thank all our families for donating eggs for this event. We had an overwhelming response so there will be some wonderful prizes available for our bingo winners!

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

27th February – Parent/carer meetings

28th February – Parent/carer meetings

MARCH

7th March – World Book Day – Dress as a book character

15th March – Comic relief (details to follow)

21st March – Easter Egg Bingo evening

22nd March – last day of term.

We return to school for the summer term on **Monday 8th April**.

Term dates

Please see our term dates on the school website as we have updated our 2024-2025 dates so they are in line with Westfield Junior School.

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You will also find a wealth of information and copies of our newsletters on the website so please take a look!

Our school attendance currently stands at **96.2%**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Support for improving attendance is available at our school. If you are having difficulty getting your child into school or getting into a positive routine at the start of your day, our pastoral team can help! We also have details and guidance available from different services which are there to help so please do not be afraid to get in touch. It is really important that children arrive at school on time so that they can start the school day positively. The start of the school day, when the children are most alert and ready to learn, is the best time to teach Phonics so a prompt start is crucial.

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. Our weekly class circle time focuses on each of the core values and the stories we share in our love of reading time reflect our core values.

Relationships links to Democracy, one of the British Values. We are making our school a fair place where we all have a say. Children who represent our school are voted for and they listen to the ideas of others.

