

Westfield Infant News

October 2023

Message from Mrs Ruane



It's been a busy month here at school and the children are really settled and keen to share what they are learning about. Across the school we have now implemented Dojo points as part of our positive approach to behaviour and children are enjoying earning their dojo's in class and around school for demonstrating following our school rules. A copy of our school rules have been sent home, so please contact the class teacher if you need a new copy. Our updated behaviour policy will soon be available so look out for it on Class Dojo and our school website.

I am around at the start and end of each day on the playground. Usually I support the EYFS team on the main playground but I will stand in different areas to offer any support to you and your children. I enjoy talking to parents/carers and I am keen to hear any feedback to help us to help you!

Star Travel Awards

Thank you for supporting our scheme that encourages families to be active and walk/bike/scoot to school. This scheme will be running for the half term so please support children to give their green card to staff who are on the doors in the mornings and we will update them. Prizes will be awarded half way through and at the end of the scheme.

Pantomime



It's that time of the year when pantomimes are in full swing ready to get us in the mood for Christmas! This year we have invited a pantomime to perform at our school on the last day of term which is very exciting. We are asking for voluntary contributions of £4 per child which will go towards the cost of the pantomime and we hope that all the children will enjoy this wonderful treat to finish off the Autumn term. Please send donations with your child in a named envelope.

School Admissions

[School admissions: How to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Admissions for children starting school in September 2024 are open and you can apply up until 15th January 2024. Please see the link for further information on how to apply.

We will be holding an opening evening for new entrants on **Wednesday 8th November 6-7pm.**

Car parking

Thank you for supporting our changes to the car parking situation at school. Now the new permits are in place, the car park is a much safer and calmer place to be. Please can you also be mindful of parking around the area as we have had some complaints about this matter.



Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

8th November – Open evening for new entrants
13th-17th November – Anti-bullying week

Remembrance



We are now selling poppies and different products to support Remembrance Day on 11th November. These products will be available in reception. Small items are priced at 50p and large items £1.



13th November – Odd sock day
17th November – Children in Need pyjama day

DECEMBER

6th December – Year 2 church visit (details to follow)
7th December - Christmas jumper day
7th December – Westfield Christmas Market
12th December – EYFS Christmas play (2pm)
13th December – EYFS Christmas play (am)
15th December – Christmas dinner day
19th/20th December – Year 1 Christingle
21st December – Christmas party afternoon
22nd December – last day of term.



Lunchtimes!

Our lunch times are full of fun and games. Our lovely support staff arrange lots of different activities to keep the children entertained on the playground at lunch time. From dance routines to basket-ball and climbing on the trim trail. We reward children for their excellent behaviour by giving out stickers that teachers turn into dojo points.

Please ensure your child has a **warm coat** and **sensible footwear** now that the weather has got much colder and wetter.

Our school attendance currently stands at **96.8%**

It is the legal responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child attends school regularly and absence from school should not be permitted without good reason. Regular attendance at school enables children to cope more easily with school routines and therefore makes learning easier. This ensures greater progress both academically and socially.

If your child is unwell, please inform the school office by 9am on the first day of absence by calling the school office (01455 637558). It is our policy to follow up any unexplained absences immediately. Please also ensure that your child arrives on time to enable them to settle in class and begin their phonics lesson. Below is a link to a helpful NHS website which can give you further advice on illness.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/)

Core Values

Our **core values** are at the heart of learning experiences and are woven into all aspects of school life. As the children grow and develop throughout their infant years, they become confident, resilient and independent both academically and personally. At Westfield Infant School we focus upon the 5R's: **Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships** and **Recognition**. Children will learn about the importance of our core values through assemblies and lessons.