

Westfield Infant News

September 2023

Message from Mrs Ruane



Thank you for helping us to have a fantastic start to the term. The children have settled into their classes and routines are being successfully established. The children have fully engaged with their learning so a big well done to everyone! It is lovely to see our children looking so smart in their school uniform. It really helps us if all uniform (including shoes) are clearly labelled so they can be matched to the right owner. We have many exciting events planned for this Autumn term so every month, when I send a newsletter out, please take care to read the diary dates which will be updated so you don't miss anything. I would like to congratulate both Mrs Proctor and Mrs Greenwood as they are both having babies which are due during the Spring term. Maternity arrangements are currently being considered and we will let you know updates as soon as we can.

I would also like to welcome new families of our EYFS children and families who have moved into the area who have chosen our school. I would also like to welcome new members of staff to our warm and friendly school community.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is fast approaching and it will be held on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November 3:30-6pm. Our class teachers will be available for a ten-minute appointment slot. Our staff will be in their classrooms so you can see your child's learning environment and speak with their class teacher about how they have settled. We will be sending out further details about booking appointments before half term. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer childcare but we welcome children attending appointments with parents and carers.

Harvest Festival



We have had lots of donations for our Harvest festival which has taken place today. The children have been learning about harvest during our assemblies and we have had special visits this week from St John's Church to support our learning. We have also drawn our raffle and the winning ticket will be announced on Class Dojo today. Your support for this event has been much appreciated.

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

As a parent, I know how tricky mornings can be to deliver children to school both on time and safely. I have received a few complaints from concerned members of the community about parking in and around our school site. Therefore, in order to keep everyone safe, we are reviewing how our car park is being accessed and we will update on

Dojo soon. Please continue to support us with this matter by parking considerately and safely.

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

9th October – New menu on Class Dojo
10th October – Flu vaccinations at school
13th October – Wear it Pink day (£1 donation)
16th-20th October – Half term holiday
26th October Book Fair arrives

NOVEMBER

1st and 2nd November – Parents evening
2nd and 3rd November – Photographs (individuals)
8th November – Open evening for new entrants
17th November – Children in Need pyjama day

DECEMBER

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.

Term dates for 23-24

Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term (79 Days)

School Opens: Tuesday 29 August 2023
Half Term: Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October 2023
School Closes: Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term (49 Days)

School Opens: Tuesday 9 January 2024
Half Term: Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024
School Closes: Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term (62 Days)

School Opens: Monday 8 April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2024
Half Term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024
School Closes: Wednesday 10 July 2024

190 School Days

Teacher Training Days - 23, 24 and 25 August 2023
8th January 2024
And 1 day to be agreed

Attendance

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)

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.