

# Westfields Infant School

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Dear Parents

## **Year 1 - Space Workshop**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January the Open Box Theatre Company will be visiting Year 1 for a Space Workshop. Children will get to experience the ups and downs of life as an astronaut in 1969 and re-live the anticipation and excitement of the first moon landing.

Going back in time, this workshop uses the real life experience of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins and the Apollo 11 mission as its focus. They will explore the background to the mission (and the race to get there first), look at the construction of the rocket and re-live the preparations, training and key events of the first moon landing in 1969. They will re-enact blast off and the high risk landing and discover how different the moon is to earth and follow the routine experiments that were actually done by the team to take back to the scientists on earth. Finally they will return and look at the legacy of this defining moment in space travel.

Theatre companies enrich the curriculum as they give children first hand experiences and therefore deepen their understanding and enjoyment. However due to increasing pressures on our budget we are unable to continue funding these types of activities without a small donation towards the cost from parents. We are therefore asking parents for a £4 donation to enable us to provide the children with this educational workshop. Please make your payment via Scopay or cash in named envelope to the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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