

# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.10 - Friday 15th November 2024

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
w/c 18th Nov Road Safety Week	
21st Nov	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
22nd Nov	Time to Shine (Non Uniform Road Safety Day)
22nd Nov	2:40pm - 3:10pm Open Session
<a href="#">23rd Nov</a>	<b>Deadline for Doughies Pizza and Cookie Kit Orders</b>
27th Nov	WISPA Christmas Tree Decoration Competition Deadline
<a href="#">29th Nov</a>	<b>Doughies Pizza and Cookie Kit Orders Sent Home</b>
<a href="#">30th Nov</a>	<b>Choir Performance at Yateley Christmas Market</b>
3rd Dec	WISPA Secret Santa
5th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance
6th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance
<a href="#">13th Dec</a>	<b>Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<a href="#">13th Dec</a>	4:30pm - 6:30pm WISPA Christmas Fair

Dear Parents,

Time certainly seems to be racing away and it is hard to believe that it is the middle of November already! We have once again shared a **busy week** with highlights including: Odd Sock Day, Friendship Week and Robin Class Assembly to name a few. Preceding all of these, I must thank our families who attended the **Firework Display** hosted at WJS last Saturday evening. With exceptional support from our community (including some WIS parents!) the event was another great success which we hope everyone who attended enjoyed. Similarly, it was a privilege to join our local community as part of the **Yateley Remembrance Service and Parade** on Sunday afternoon. I was so proud to see so many of our infant children representing their community groups. It was a special occasion as always.

On Tuesday evening we welcomed 24 potential new families to our **Prospective Parent Session**. Once again this was well attended and following a brief summary of our vision, organisation and approach, parents had the opportunity to visit all of our classrooms and shared spaces (including our newly furnished nurture and sensory rooms!) where they were able to meet teaching staff, see a selection of resources and ask any questions they may have. As ever it was an enjoyable experience and we received some very complimentary feedback about our provision and hope to welcome familiar and new families in September 2025.

In **WISPA news**, on Wednesday great numbers met for this term's meeting. The committee and other parents shared an update, discussed plans for current funds and events including a number of Christmas activities. As always everyone's support is greatly appreciated and we are all delighted that there have been so many offers of help. In particular we are all getting rather excited about our Christmas Fair! In addition to this, excitement has continued to build as Mr Chaplin is fully prepped for tonight's **PAWS and WISPA Quiz** which will be hosted in the school hall at the Juniors. If you are joining in the fun, please remember to bring along your own snacks and drinks (as well as a raffle prize if you have any lurking at home!) and be ready to make a prompt start at 7.00pm (doors will open at 6.45pm).

I am trying desperately to not mention Christmas too much too soon but I am afraid needs must as our calendar is rather busy and we do not want anyone to miss out. As such attached today is a **Festive Fun** at Westfields letter providing key details about each of our various activities and events as well as the menu for our Christmas Lunch and Performance letters. We hope this will help you make arrangements at this hectic (and rather fabulous!) time of year!

Finally, also attached to my newsletter this week you will find the summary of our **Parent Questionnaire** from our recent Parents' Evenings. I would like to thank all 243 parents who provided their responses. Your positivity and support are greatly appreciated particularly in terms of the recognition of the hard work and commitment of the WIS staff team.

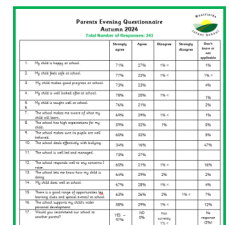
Equally, we value your constructive suggestions and feedback for further ways we can continue to develop the wonderful world of Westfields and we will now review the comments and look at ways to move forward.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



Question	Yes	No	Don't Know	Other
1. My child enjoys school	95%	2%	1%	0%
2. My child likes their teacher	95%	2%	1%	0%
3. My child enjoys their friends	95%	2%	1%	0%
4. My child is happy at school	95%	2%	1%	0%
5. My child is confident at school	95%	2%	1%	0%
6. My child is proud of their school	95%	2%	1%	0%
7. My child is motivated at school	95%	2%	1%	0%
8. My child is happy to go to school	95%	2%	1%	0%
9. My child is happy to learn	95%	2%	1%	0%
10. My child is happy to be in school	95%	2%	1%	0%
11. My child is happy to be in their class	95%	2%	1%	0%
12. My child is happy to be in their year group	95%	2%	1%	0%
13. My child is happy to be in their school	95%	2%	1%	0%
14. My child is happy to be in their country	95%	2%	1%	0%
15. My child is happy to be in their world	95%	2%	1%	0%
16. My child is happy to be in their life	95%	2%	1%	0%
17. My child is happy to be in their family	95%	2%	1%	0%
18. My child is happy to be in their community	95%	2%	1%	0%
19. My child is happy to be in their country	95%	2%	1%	0%
20. My child is happy to be in their world	95%	2%	1%	0%
21. My child is happy to be in their life	95%	2%	1%	0%
22. My child is happy to be in their family	95%	2%	1%	0%
23. My child is happy to be in their community	95%	2%	1%	0%
24. My child is happy to be in their country	95%	2%	1%	0%
25. My child is happy to be in their world	95%	2%	1%	0%
26. My child is happy to be in their life	95%	2%	1%	0%
27. My child is happy to be in their family	95%	2%	1%	0%
28. My child is happy to be in their community	95%	2%	1%	0%
29. My child is happy to be in their country	95%	2%	1%	0%
30. My child is happy to be in their world	95%	2%	1%	0%

## A few reminders...

- There is **no Art Club, Board Games Club or Gymnastics Club** on **Tuesday 19th November** due to WJS Parents' Evening.
- For Health and Safety please ensure your child(ren) do not go on the bank/field or any of the play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

# What have we been learning?

## Reception

In Year R we have been exploring our new topic 'All about me...and you!' focusing on our feelings and emotions. Drawing Club has enhanced our learning with the use of the books 'Incredible You' and 'The Bad Seed' which have supported us in thinking about what makes us unique and about making good choices. In addition to this, on Monday 11th November we carried out some 'Poppy' themed activities and spent time remembering the brave soldiers.

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher



## Year 1



What a lovely week it has been in Year 1! In Maths we have been practising sharing numbers and recapping our knowledge of 2D shapes. In writing we have enjoyed reading and re-enacting Little Red Riding Hood; we then used our ideas to write detailed descriptions of the terrifying, sneaky wolf and innocent Little Red Riding Hood. In Geography we have used different construction resources to create a map of The Jolly Postman's Journey. Last but certainly not least, we have loved having the laptops out again in Computing. We have started a new topic of Digital Painting.

Miss Webster, Year 1 Class Teacher



## Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, found halves and learnt about symmetry. In English we have been learning some new vocabulary from our book, Follow Me Little Fox; we remembered these by adding actions and were inspired to write postcards from Little Fox's perspective all about his journey. In Computing we have enjoyed using the iPads to take portrait and landscape photographs of different objects and decided which was best.

Mrs Fennell, Year 2 Team Leader and Class Teacher



## WISPA NEWS...

We hope everyone received our letter regarding our Christmas Tree Decoration Competition sent earlier this week...



## now press play

### Now Press Play...

We have been having so much fun with **Now Press Play** this week (and last!). Teachers and children have loved all the experiences they have shared. **Now Press Play** is an immersive experience where each child puts on headphones and steps into the world of their learning, connecting to it through sound, storytelling and movement. It is an opportunity to extend life experiences, embed vocabulary and knowledge and then use this experience to complete literacy and discussion opportunities. It has been wonderful to see all the children's faces and watch their movements during their experience. Even our Admin staff team wanted to join in with the children to try it out! **Reception** have tried the **Autumn Experience**, where the children wake to a windy morning and have to help Granddad find Tilly the tortoise and they come across a talking tree: "It was so much fun, we had to find the tortoise so she can hibernate" Kit Zhoutyuk. In **Year 1** their experience was **Seasons** - where they learnt about weather changes across the four seasons and had to help their mum: I liked it because we went in all directions and we stopped Jack Frost!" Freddie Packer. In **Year 2**, they went on an experience with **Guy Fawkes**, they became his friend but then realised what his plan was and have to help stop him: "It was amazing, just like drama club. You hear noises and feel like you are there, it was so much fun I didn't want it to stop!" Olivia Hatton.



Miss Redmond, Assistant Headteacher

## Robin Class Assembly Success...

On Wednesday morning, Robin Class proudly shared some learning highlights in their Class Assembly. The children shared the Gunpowder Plot linked to their current learning in History. They also shared their counting skills and presented their impressive odd socks linked to Friendship Week! Confident voices and some snazzy dance moves entertained us all, well done one and all!



## Friendship Week 2024

This week we have had an exciting week in school and have spent time thinking carefully about our FRIENDS! It all began with 'Odd Socks Day' when we shared a special assembly and talked about how important it is to understand that we are all different and unique. Throughout the remainder of the week, we have completed art work, circle times, playground games and writing activities. Year 1 and Year 2 spent time with some 'new' friends from WJS - Year 2 visited Year 5 and Year 1 were visited by Year 4. During some of the lunchtimes the children have been taught new playground games and have made friends from other classes which is so lovely to see. We hope all the children continue to show respect, are able to work as a team and compliment each other over the coming weeks.

Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator



Everyone at WIS wishes to say a huge 'thank you' to WISPA for the new equipment and books that have been purchased from your fundraising... We are very lucky!

## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Once again this week we came together to celebrate our varied successes in today's Celebration Assembly and during visits to the Reception classes. We are excited to share this week's proud Star of the Week Award winners who were presented with certificates this afternoon (copies are on display in the entrance area).

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

**Year R: Seth Mines, Annabelle Perry and Lucy Haines**

**Year 1: Sophie Kent, Wilf Wilde and Robyn Johnson**

**Year 2: Lula-Belle Dunn, Kian Gholizadeh and Charlie Firth**

### Out of School Achievements

Similarly, we are pleased to share some more super out of school achievements this week...

Congratulations to **Paige Webster, Sophia Baker, Margot-May Shaw and Bellamy Hards-Bragg** who all received medals in their gymnastics competitions.

Well done to **Hattie Mallin** who was awarded the title of, 'Gymnast of the Month'.

Congratulations to **Elsie Fitzsimmons** who received a certificate for dancing.

Well done to **Hunter Jones** who has completed his white 2 ninja mission at Ninja Knights.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

**Robin Class and Badger Class**

... with an almost perfect 99%.

**Well done to you both!**