




Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.9 - Friday 8th November 2024

 Upcoming Events	
9th Nov	Firework Fiesta at WJS
w/c 11th Nov Friendship Week	
11th Nov	Odd Sock Day <i>(further details overleaf)</i>
12th Nov	6:30pm - 7:30pm Prospective Parent Session (adults only)
13th Nov	9:10am Robin Class Assembly (parents invited)
15th Nov	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WJS
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
27th Nov	WISPA Christmas Tree Decoration Competition
3rd Dec	WISPA Secret Santa
5th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance
6th Dec	9:15am - Year R Christmas Performance

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! I hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the additional Inset day on Monday. I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed at least some quality family time and managed to recharge in order to be ready to embrace all of the excitement and learning that is planned for the next few weeks ahead of the Big C! Although I am desperately trying not to mention it, I must confess it seems to be creeping up on us at an alarming rate and there is quite simply so much to fit in!

We have begun the half term with an array of **curriculum highlights**: Year R have been learning all about road safety and particularly enjoyed exploring a wonderful text, 'Incredible You'. Year 1 were rather excited to receive an exciting package from the Jolly Postman which has inspired their writing and Year 2 have been extending their knowledge of Guy Fawkes. In addition to all of this, following some virtual staff training completed on Monday, we have all been impressed with a resource we have been trialling, **Now Press Play**... during this week and next, the children will have the extended curriculum opportunity to explore an auditory learning experience that immerses them with sounds and actions around a theme. We will share more details next week when all the classes have had a turn, but please do ask your child(ren) what they think, there has certainly been much excitement in school!

Throughout this week many classes (and Art Club!) have also taken this timely opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding of **Remembrance Day** including historical fact finding and creative activities which we will be sure to display. In addition to this, in our Celebration Assembly today, we were excited to share that many of our children will be attending the **Yateley Community Parade** on Sunday as part of various local community groups such as Cubs and Brownies; myself and Mrs Wilson will also be attending and look forward to seeing them there. Similarly we hope to see lots of our families on Saturday evening as WJS hosts the Yateley Lions **Firework Display** - tickets can still be purchased at a reduced rate up until midnight tonight so please don't miss out!

In administration news, I hope all of you who ordered **Christmas cards** and other festive items received these via pupil post this week. I have been asked by a few parents about Christmas performances and I can assure you that plans are in the process of being confirmed and you will receive details next week of how you can request tickets for each of the performances.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- **Year 2 Parents** - Please remember that applications are now open for you to apply for your child's **Year 3 school place**, please [click here to apply](#) if you have not yet done so and don't forget that if you need any clarification with the application process, please pop in to the School Office and a staff member will be happy to help.
- **Lost Property Reminder** - our year group boxes are overflowing already, if your child has lost an item please ask them to check or pop into school to take a look...

Friendship Week 2024

We are all looking forward to our **Friendship Week** which starts on Monday. As part of this annual reminder, we will be spending some of our learning time thinking about four key words: **respect, kindness, compliments** and **teamwork** which are all linked to this year's national theme of **choosing respect**. Each class will be completing a range of artwork (buddied up with pupils from WJS), writing and drama activities to show what we have found out. As part of Friendship Week and to remind us all how we are unique and special, we are hoping that on **Monday 11th**

November each child (and staff members!?) will come into school wearing odd socks! They can be as bright, decorated and as different as possible. It will be an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes everybody different so we hope everyone will join in the fun!

Mrs Mallett, PSHE Co-ordinator



Firework Fun at WJS

We certainly hope lots of our Westfields families will support this year's Firework Display which we host in collaboration with the Yateley Lions and Scouts. If you wish to take advantage of discounted pre-booked ticket prices, please purchase these via the link:

<https://bit.ly/yadlfw24>

Tickets have been very popular and numbers are limited so please make sure you don't miss out!



WISPA NEWS...

We hope everyone received our letter regarding our Secret Santa Event sent earlier today...

We are all looking forward to our **Committee Meeting** next week on Wednesday 13th November at 7.00pm when we will be discussing preparations for our Christmas Fair - all welcome!

And finally, please don't forget, there is still time to join us for our first joint **Quiz Night** of the year for parents on 15th November 2024:

[WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night Form](#)



Dexter's News!



Please remember Dexter's latest blog (October) is available on our School website (and was been emailed and sent on ClassDojo) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by clicking [here](#)

Community News...

Hart District Council have asked us to pass on this information relating to an opportunity for local people to gain free advice and guidance relating to housing - if you feel that this may be of interest and use, please be aware of the details for this event.

LET'S CELEBRATE...

Despite only being a short first week, we still had so much to celebrate in our Celebration Assembly. 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: Evie Greaves, Maisy Collins and Robin Keeley

Year 1: Lorelei Barnfield, Lola Griffiths and Rosie Darbon

Year 2: Joseph de-Leuw, Poppet Forsdyke-Hastie and Evelyn Smith

Out of School Achievements



Once again we are delighted to share some more fantastic out of school achievements this week...

Well done to Evie Paine, Phoebe Adams, Logan Belas, Callum Brooks, Logan Hollis, Jenson Weaver, Max Mitchell, Bradley Thomas, Sam Pinkney, Jack Stevens, Hugo Stanley, Freya Hammond, Harvey Taylor, Abel Fricker and Thomas Burningham who all attend one of our weekly judo clubs and who have all moved up to yellow belt - potential Olympians of the future?!

Congratulations to Chloe Moorshead who got 3rd place in her modern duet with her sister and 1st place for her ballet solo.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Squirrel Class 
and
Mole Class 

... with a perfect 100%.

Well done to you both!