




Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.6 - Friday 11th October 2024

 Upcoming Events	
15th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening
16th Oct	9:10am Owl Class Assembly (parents invited)
17th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
17th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening
23rd Oct	Flu Immunisations
23rd Oct	10:00am - Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake at Westfields Junior School (Anxiety)
25th Oct	WISPA Mufti Day and Mad Hair Day
28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term SCL Holiday Club	
1st Nov	Year R and Year 3 Application Open
4th Nov	Inset Day
9th Nov	Firework Fiesta at WJS
w/c 11th Nov Friendship Week	
11th Nov	Odd Sock Day (to celebrate difference & diversity)
12th Nov	6:30pm - 7:30pm Prospective Parent Session (adults only)
15th Nov	7:00pm - 9:30pm WISPA/PAWS Quiz Night at WJS

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of another busy and eventful week. The children have once again enjoyed an array of highlights including learning 'best bits' and our community highlight of the week in the form of our annual **Harvest Celebration** of which there are a few extra details overleaf.

On Tuesday morning we welcomed another 16 **prospective families** for next year's Reception Intake. Once again the children were our best ambassadors in terms of their learning and conduct which is such a privilege to share with visitors. Equally, I must thank all of our Year 2 families who joined myself and the team at WJS on Wednesday for our annual **Open Morning**. Once again we all enjoyed an action-packed session and it was such a treat for so many of the faces to be familiar! Following my brief introduction and slideshow of 'A Year in the Life of WJS', our Year 5 pupils took on the role of tour guides to show families around the school providing animated and proud details about attending WJS. As we have now come to expect, we received exceptionally positive feedback from pupils, parents and other family members with particular excitement relating to our Library, Nurture Room, Radio Station and Room of Boom! Please be aware that if you were not able to join us at the Juniors but you wish to do so, there is another opportunity at our **Open Evening** on the 23rd October. Similarly, if you are aware of anyone locally who does not attend WIS but who has a current Year 2 pupil, and may wish to apply for a place in September, please do let them know as they will be made most welcome.

I trust you received (via pupil post in book bags!) your child(ren)'s **photograph proofs** which were sent home last week, if you would like to order copies please do so online via the link before the deadline of 24th October 2024. Similarly the children's **Christmas Card Designs** went home on Wednesday this week; we hope you have been impressed by your child(ren)'s creative designs and will consider supporting this fundraising initiative. The deadline for orders is also Thursday 24th October. As always, if for any reason you have any technical difficulties, please feel free to pop in to the school office and a member of staff will be happy to help you.

We hope you all received updated details of your child's log-in information for **The Collins Hub**, which is a wonderful reading resource for our families. Unfortunately, we have been made aware that a few parents have experienced issues logging in to the website and app as well as accessing appropriate e-books. In response to this, Miss Redmond has been working with Collins to rectify these issues which unfortunately has required every child's login details to be reset hence the letter home. We trust this will address the issues but, please let us know if you have any further difficulties so we can support your access to this valuable library (which has been funded by WISPA). May I also take this opportunity to remind you that sadly you cannot download the App onto Amazon Fire Tablets but you should be able to access the library through the Collins Hub website. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and hope you'll persevere as we feel it really is worth the time.

Looking ahead, in further partnership working, we are all looking forward to welcoming you to our first **Parents Evenings** of this academic year next Tuesday and Thursday. Of course we hope to see everyone to share the children's successes in their new classes and next steps, but if you are yet to make an appointment, please log on to Arbor as soon as possible to do so. If there are unavoidable circumstances that mean you are not able to attend either date, please also let us know so alternative arrangements can be made as we all highly value the opportunity to work together.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

A few reminders...

- Please remember that there will be **no Art Club or Board Games Club** on Tuesday 15th October 2024 due to Parents Evening.
- We hope lots of our Westfields families will support this year's Firework Display hosted at Westfields Junior School; if you wish to take advantage of discounted pre-booked ticket prices, please purchase these via the link: <https://yateleyions.co.uk/event/fireworks-2024/>



What have we been learning?

Reception



In Year R our Traditional Tales topic has continued focusing on the stories of The Three Little Pigs and

The Enormous Turnip. We have been wowed by the children's imaginative approach when thinking about ways to catch the Wolf and how to heave the enormous turnip out of the ground! We have also enjoyed our



Autumn walk around the school grounds (only just avoiding the downpours of rain). We discovered some interesting signs of the season and the children were very intrigued by the birds nest! In Maths we have been considering different ways to sort objects based on their different properties.

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher



Year 1



We have had a busy week in Year 1. In English we have read the story, Lost and Found, which is about a penguin and a boy who travel to the South Pole. We have written sentences about the characters and setting. In Maths we have been learning number bonds to 6, recording them in different ways. We have also particularly enjoyed our computing lessons as we have been learning how to use the trackpad and the keyboard on the laptops to draw a picture and type our names (with capital letters!)

In History we have looked at a variety of toys and talked about how toys have changed over time.

Miss Brammer, Year 1 Team Leader and Class Teacher



Year 2



This week Year 2 have been very excited as they have made their own Wild Things from recycled and found materials. We used different joining methods and materials to create quality models.

In English we have been reading a story called Pattan's Pumpkin; to avoid a storm the characters in the book shelter inside a giant pumpkin. As a class we created a story river to sequence the key events. In Art we have been looking at Pablo Picasso and how he uses colours to convey different emotions. We then had a go at drawing a self portrait in the style of Picasso using different colours.



Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS...
SAVE THE DATE!
Join us for our first **Parent Quiz Night** of the year on the **15th November 2024**

ALL WELCOME!



FIREWORKS 2024 Westfields Infant School

Hot Food
Hot + Cold Drinks
Entertainment
Stalls
Fireworks @ 7:00pm

NOVEMBER 9 TH
Gates Open @ 5:30pm

Tickets on sale now!
Adults £5
Children £2 (4-16 years)
<https://bit.ly/yadlfw24>

Scan for tickets

Community News...

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Did you know that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? In response to this, the Road Safety Team have asked us to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please click the link: [In car safety parent guide.](#)



Year 2 Virtual Road Safety Workshop

On Wednesday afternoon as part of our PSHE provision, each of our Year 2 classes participated in a Road Safety Workshop. The classes virtually joined other schools in

Hampshire and learnt about how to cross the road safely using the four special words - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK! We even learnt a catchy song to help us remember what to do! The children discussed how they can keep themselves safe, including holding a grown-up's hand, using a crossing when crossing the road, staying a safe distance from the pavement and to always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK! We are pleased to offer the children the opportunity to discuss this imperative life skill.



Flu Nasal Immunisations
23rd October 2024
Further to our previous email [please click here](#) to complete the Flu Vaccination Consent Form by **18th October 2024**.
Our school code is SH115994



LET'S CELEBRATE...

WIS Harvest Celebration 2024

Classes place donations on display with Harvest Loaf as they come in to the hall

Mrs Grey Welcome

Year 1 - Sing **The Farmer Plants the Seeds**

Whole School - Sing **1,2,3,4,5 a Day**

Year R - Sing **Dingle Dangle Scarecrow**

Gill from St Peter's Church shared story of apples and Harvest with a prayer

Year 2 - **Harvest Poem**

Whole School - Sing **Big Red Combine Harvester**

Miss Redman - Thank you



As today was our **Harvest Celebration** we did not have our usual Friday Celebration Assembly so there are no awards to share this week. We must however share that we had the opportunity to come together to think about this special time of year. The special assembly began with children and staff bringing their donations for our **Hot Food Bank Collection** (thank you for your generosity!) Then each year group performed a Harvest themed song or poem which was lovely. To make our assembly even more special we were joined by Gill from St Peter's Church who told a story as well as Mr Jackson (one of our governors) and Mrs Garwood (one of our reading volunteers). The children performed their words and actions superbly and the occasion gave us all the opportunity to be grateful for all we have. Particular thanks to Mrs Grey, our RE Co-ordinator who organised our assembly and of course all of the staff who rehearsed with the children to make this a memorable occasion.



Harvest Festival 2024



Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Woodpecker Class & Fox Class

... both with an almost perfect 99%.

Well done to you all!

