




# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.5 - Friday 4th October 2024

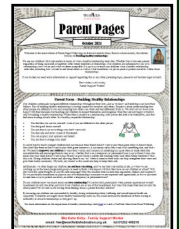
 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
8th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
11th Oct	9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop (details attached)
15th Oct	3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening
16th Oct	9:10am Owl Class Assembly (parents invited)
17th Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
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
25th Oct	3:15pm—School Finishes for Half Term
28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term SCL Holiday Club	
<u>1st Nov</u>	Year R and Year 3 Application Open
<u>4th Nov</u>	Inset Day
<u>9th Nov</u>	Firework Fiesta at WJS

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday; further to sharing this month's Action for Happiness' **Optimistic October** calendar last week, I hope you have had a wonderful week, managed to find some sunshine between the showers as well as experienced a few golden moments along the way - we certainly have at WIS!

Although every day is pretty busy, Wednesday was a particularly busy day for us at WIS. Firstly in the morning we were delighted to welcome record numbers of parents and family members to our first **Class Assembly** of the academic year. Setting the bar high, Woodpecker Class fantastically shared their learning from the year so far including retelling a firm favourite story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Following this, in the evening Miss Redmond and Mrs Wilson led a very informative **Parent Reading Workshop** attended by 21 parents. The purpose of this session was to share an overview of the progression in teaching reading at WIS using Little Wandle, as well as share resources and 'top tips' and give parents an opportunity to ask any questions. Linked to our reading provision, we are pleased to share that we do currently have a super group of **volunteer readers** across KS1 but Miss Redmond is always happy to welcome a few more. So if you would like to volunteer, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Green in the school office to make arrangements. Of course a DBS is required for safeguarding but this will be valid for your child's journey throughout Westfields.

The School Nursing Team will be in school before half term to administer **flu vaccinations**, last year we had an excellent uptake relating to this and we sincerely hope that this will continue to be the case. Please follow the link overleaf to register your consent as we all sincerely hope this preventative measure will support attendance rates across the school. I also wish to take this opportunity to let you know that moving forward we will also be sending home a 'one-pager' document, **Parent Pages** that are from Mrs Kirby who is predominantly the Family Support Worker at the Juniors. Each month she sends home an informative update relating to a current theme that we hope parents will find useful. This month's topic is 'Building Positive Relationships'. which is of course such an imperative life skill for us all. In addition to this summary, she includes a few wise words and links to other further reading as well as some great links for local family events alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so we hope you will find this of interest.



Finally, I hope you received my letter about **Parents Evening** arrangements; thank you to everyone who has already booked their appointment via Arbor, we are looking forward to seeing you all and sharing how your child(ren) has(have) settled in their new classes. In addition to this, I trust you all received your child(ren)'s individual **school photograph proof(s)** which were sent home via 'pupil post' on Wednesday. Please be aware of the order deadline which is at the end of this half term (October 24th). Although it is possible for orders to be processed after this date, they will incur an additional postage charge which I hope you are able to avoid.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

## A few reminders...

- **Parking Reminder** - I am afraid I have received more correspondence from our neighbours regarding parking concerns; not just in terms of inconvenience but also the safety of our children and families. May I once again remain all of our parents to park considerately (and legally!)
- If you are looking for some **childcare over the half term**, please be aware that SCL are running Active Discovery themed provision from our school and there is a **discount code** available: [EWiHols10](#).





## Harvest Celebrations 2024



As is a Westfields tradition, next Friday (11th October) the children will be part of a special Harvest Assembly supported by St Peter's Church as part of their school day. Each year group have prepared 'an offering' to celebrate this special time of year when we take the time to think about how fortunate we are. We are once again supporting our local charity by collecting donations for Hart Foodbank who help individuals and families through the provision of emergency food supplies that have been kindly donated by people in our community. As such we ask that if you can donate an item of dried or tinned food and send your child to school with the item on Friday 11th October (please check 'best before' dates). Hart Foodbank have requested (if possible) cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, tinned tomatoes, soup, rice pudding/custard, sponge puddings/jelly/Angel Delight/ long life UHT milk, fruit juices and low-sugar squash ... however anything is gratefully received. Unfortunately they are not able to accept fresh or perishable food as they have nowhere to store it. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Thank You...



...to all of the parents who joined us at our Reading Workshop on Wednesday evening. I certainly hope you found it informative and supportive. We do appreciate that due to other commitments not every who would like to attend is able to, so we have uploaded the presentation and parent information booklet containing top tips, example questions and website links to support your child at home with reading. Please do take a look!



## WISPA THANKS...

### Bags2School

Huge thank you to everyone for your kind donations to this term's collection - they are all gratefully received. I would also like to thank Mrs Buck for co-ordinating the drop off point.



## Woodpecker Class Assembly Success...

Woodpecker shared some sunshine on a very grey Wednesday morning, as they shared their learning highlights in the form of our first Class assembly of 2024/25. The children impressed us all with their fantastic story-telling, acting and singing and quick-fire number bonds! The children spoke clearly and confidently which was lovely to share and difficult to believe they have only been in Year 2 for a month! What great WIS Superstars who have set an impressive example to the rest of the school!



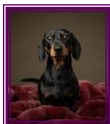
## Flu Nasal Immunisations 23rd October 2024

Further to the email last week [please click here](#) to complete the Flu Vaccination Consent Form by **18th October 2024**.

Our school code is SH115994



## Dexter's News!



Please remember Dexter's latest blog (September) is available on our School (and was been emailed and sent on ClassDojo earlier this week!) Find out all about Dexter's adventures (including his Reception Class visits!) by clicking [here](#)



## You are invited!

Please remember you are invited to WJS's Open Morning and Evening events to find out a little more about what school life is like in Key Stage 2 ahead of the Junior School Application Deadline of:

**Monday 15th January 2025.**



## Legoland Fun...

We are all staggered (and delighted!!!) that our first Legoland fundraiser raised so much and that a truly wonderful 110 family members joined in the fun. Thank you one and all!



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Our wonderful pupils have once again worked hard throughout this week in terms of their learning so in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

**Year R: Edie Davies, Ella Knights and Bellamy Hards-Bragg**

**Year 1: Kieran Porter, Eric Palmer and Genie Hinde**

**Year 2: Bella Malcolm, Willow Blake and Libby Watts**

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

## Out of School Achievements

Once again we are excited to share some more wonderful out of school achievements this week...

Congratulations to **Frankie Pennington** who won Man of the Match.

Well done to **Esmée Boudine** who won a medal for football.

Congratulations to **Freya Crafter** and **Isaac Valler** who have both achieved their 20m swimming badges.

## Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...

## Woodpecker Class

... with a superb 100%.

**Well done, a perfect score!**