


# Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.3 - Friday 20th September 2024

 <b>Upcoming Events</b>	
24th Sept	8:45am - 9:30am Parent Forum
24th Sept	2:30pm - 3:15pm Parent Forum
25th Sept	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
26th Sept	Individual School Photographs
<a href="#">26th Sept</a>	<b>Bag2School Drop Off</b>
2nd Oct	9:10am Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited)
2nd Oct	6:30pm - 7:30pm Reading Workshop
3rd Oct	9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session
<a href="#">8th Oct</a>	<b>9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session</b>
<a href="#">11th Oct</a>	<b>9:30am - 11:30am Discussing Neurodiversity Workshop (details to follow)</b>
<a href="#">15th Oct</a>	<b>3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening</b>
<a href="#">16th Oct</a>	<b>9:10am Owl Class Assembly (parents invited)</b>
<a href="#">17th Oct</a>	<b>9:30am - 10:30am Prospective Parent Session</b>
<a href="#">17th Oct</a>	<b>3:45pm - 6:45pm Parents Evening</b>

Dear Parents,

What a **busy week** we have had! There has been so much going on in classrooms and around the school from early mornings to after school. As well as exciting lessons and an array of extended curriculum clubs, other highlights have included our Book Fair Fundraiser, Meet the Teacher sessions for each year group, WISPA Cheese and Wine Evening (with a VERY impressive 27 attendees - thank you so much for joining us!) and Year 2 Cake Sales!

With only one week of clubs completed, I wish to mention that in terms of our super **clubs**, although many are fully booked for this term, there are still spaces available at: Art, Board Games, Choir, Happy Minds, Hamma Beads and Street Dance; it is not too late to join in the fun but please follow the link on our previous communication or give the office team a call so this can be arranged if you wish.

I was delighted to see so many parents joining us for our year group **Meet the Teacher** sessions. Parental partnerships are absolutely key in our success and that of our children and so 120 families is not a bad start to the new academic year! Of course we do understand that not everyone is able to attend due to other commitments so we have uploaded the presentations to the school website (under the Parent; Parent Workshops tab) to ensure everyone is able to access these key details. In addition to this to further update you relating to your child's curriculum coverage this term, today you have been emailed your child(ren)'s year group **Learning Overview(s)**. These are a one page summary of the content of the children's learning during the Autumn term. We hope these are informative and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Similarly, relating to building collaboration and support between home and school, I must take this opportunity to attempt to entice as many of you as possible to come along to one of my **Parent Forum Sessions** next week. We hope these will be a brief opportunity to share our successes of last year as well as look forward to further developing our policy and practice to further improve. As such any feedback or suggestions are warmly welcomed.

I have arranged opportunities around the school day (8.45am - 9.30am, and 2.30pm - 3.15pm) to endeavour to enable as many parents as possible. I am sincerely hoping to welcome record numbers; if the opportunity to share your views and opinions was not enough, I can add tea and cake so if you have a little spare time, please do pop along, we would love to welcome you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher

### Parent Forum

To help us with refreshments please click on the link to let us know if you will

be joining us at either of our drop-in sessions:

[Parent Forum Online Booking Form](#)



### A few reminders...

- To avoid lost items, please ensure all uniform and belongings (water bottles and book bags) are clearly named.
- Thursday 26th September 2024 is Bag2School Collection Day! Please take any unwanted items to the drop off point (25 Hardy Avenue, Yateley, GU46 6XU) for our collection to raise funds - thank you in anticipation of your support.





## Individual School Photos

Next Thursday 26th September 2024, during the school day, the children will have their individual school photograph taken by Fraser Portraits. Following this you will be sent proofs of the photos so that (if you wish) you can purchase copies for yourself as well as family/friends (possibly a lovely Christmas gift?!) As in previous years, no siblings will be photographed during the day but Frasers will be providing an in-school sibling session before school from 8.30-8:45am **if** you would like to have photos of your children who attend Westfields Infant School together. This is a drop in session - no appointments are necessary. Additionally, an out of school sibling photograph session is timetabled after school from 3.15pm - 4:00pm **if** you would like to have family photos to include those who do not attend Westfields Infant School. These sessions are by **appointment only**. To arrange this you need to call Fraser Portraits on 01202 692433.



## Book Fair Success



We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support relating to our Book Fair. We are excited to tell you that as a result of your generosity, Miss Redmond (Reading Co-ordinator and AHT) now has an impressive commission of **£257** to select new books for the children's classroom libraries.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Just as a reminder, here is a list of this academic year's term dates...

Westfields Infant School	
Term Dates 2024-2025	
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
<i>Inset Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September</i>	
Start of Autumn Term: 4 <sup>th</sup> September	
Half Term: 28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
<i>Inset Day: 4<sup>th</sup> November</i>	
End of Autumn Term: 20 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
<i>Inset Day: 6<sup>th</sup> January</i>	
Start of Spring Term: 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Half Term: 17 <sup>th</sup> February - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
<i>Inset Day: 4<sup>th</sup> April</i>	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Start of Summer Term: 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
<i>Inset Day: 23<sup>rd</sup> May</i>	
Half Term: 26 <sup>th</sup> May - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
End of Summer Term: 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

## You are invited!

Please be aware 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.**



**Westfields JUNIOR SCHOOL** UNITE - INSPIRE - EXCEL VISIT US AT WESTFIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

**OPEN MORNING**  
9th October at 9.30am

**OPEN EVENING**  
23rd October at 6.00pm

You are invited to visit our school with your child to meet our Executive Headteacher, Miss Jo Redman and the rest of the staff at Westfields Junior School. There will be an opportunity to have a tour of our site, explore our outstanding facilities and see school life in action. Please RSVP by booking a space via the following link:  
[Booking Form for Open Morning and Evening 2024](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

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## WISPA THANKS...



As a result of the fantastic fundraising of our PTA, we are so pleased to share that we have received no less than 3 large boxes of carefully selected books to enhance the diversity of our classroom libraries as well as our lovely main school library. In addition to these, an array of new texts have been purchased for our Drawing Club provision across Year R and the children will be benefitting from these throughout the year!

We are so grateful that this has been possible and I know the children are going to love reading these new and exciting texts so much; thank you WISPA and all of our families who support their fundraising efforts!



Of course attendance matters in terms of learning, wellbeing and social interactions.

To support our safeguarding procedures, if your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please inform the school office (01252 873603) by **9.00am** on the day of absence.

Thank you for your support in this important safety matter.



## LET'S CELEBRATE...

Another successful week has flown by and the children have worked hard in terms of their learning so 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: Mickey Hughes, Parker King and Arthur Ogborne**

**Year 1: Albert Cooper, Freddie Packer and Paige Howard-Kaye**

**Year 2: Esmée Boudine, Chloe Moorshead and Willow Blake**

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!

## Out of School Achievements

What a wonderful array of out of school achievements we have to share this week, we are delighted to celebrate the following news... Congratulations to **Hattie Mallin** who has achieved her Stage 3 Swimming Certificate. Well done to **Ella Wilson** who received Star of the Week in Gymnastics and got her certificate in Rainbows for her Rainbow Promise. Congratulations to **Freya Crafter** who took part in a 2km Junior Run. Well done to **Imogen Norris** who received a medal for playing football. Congratulations to **Sam Pinkney** who won Man of the Match at his Football Club.

## Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...

**Fox Class**  
... with 100%.



**Well done, a perfect score!**