


Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 - No.1 - Friday 6th September 2024

 Upcoming Events	
w/c 9th Sept Reading Matters Week	
9th & 10th Sept	Year R Classroom Visits
<u>11th Sept</u>	Year R Start
<u>13th Sept</u>	The Big Federation Read
w/c 16th Sept Autumn Term Clubs Start	
16th—18th Sept Book Fair	
16th Sept	2:30pm - Year 1 Meet the Teacher
17th Sept	2:30pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher
18th Sept	2:30pm - Year R Meet the Teacher
<u>18th Sept</u>	7:00 - 8:00pm WISPA Welcome Meeting (all welcome!)
<u>19th Sept</u>	3:15pm—Year 2 WISPA Cake Sale
<u>24th Sept</u>	8:45—9:30am Parent Forum
<u>24th Sept</u>	2:30—3:15pm Parent Forum
<u>25th Sept</u>	9:30—10:30am Prospective Parent Session
<u>26th Sept</u>	Individual School Photographs

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I truly hope that you enjoyed fabulous summer breaks and managed to find some sunshine, as well as time to relax and make some memories with family and friends. I am always excited about the start of the **new school year** and as ever, it has been a privilege to chat with our pupils (as well as staff and family members!) and find out all about their holiday news. We have enjoyed a lovely first three days with the children and it has been wonderful to see the children looking so smart (and grown up!) as well as their excitement and enjoyment in their learning activities in their new classrooms. Our Reception staff team have been busy with home visits and we are looking forward to all of our pupils being in school full time next week! This week we have also welcomed two **new staff members**, Miss Cuthbert and Mrs Horsgood who both join our fabulous learning support team; I am sure you will give them a warm Westfields welcome!

Looking ahead, next week we will be holding our annual **Reading Matters Week** to promote the importance of reading. This years theme is *'Going for Gold'* linked to the recent Olympics. Throughout the week, in her capacity as Reading Co-ordinator, Miss Redmond has planned for all of our Year 1 and 2 classes to complete a series of challenges to earn virtual Olympic medals and race around a virtual running track to the finish line! Our intention for this annual event is to promote a love of reading and I will look forward to sharing a few highlights in next week's newsletter.

In **clubs** news, on Monday you will receive this term's greatly anticipated **clubs list**. We hope that as many pupils as possible will benefit from the exciting and varied opportunities these offer. The link (which will be sent to you via an Arbor in-app message) to book places at clubs will go live at 6.00pm on Monday evening. As such, to avoid disappointment please sign up as soon as you are able as places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

To begin the year **promoting partnerships with parents**, we hope to see lots of you at our **Meet the Teacher sessions** as detailed in our list of dates. For anyone who is not sure, these are brief year group meetings where parents have the opportunity to find out a few details about the year ahead, routines and ways in which we hope to work together; it is a great opportunity to match faces of staff with their names as well as ask any questions you may have. In addition to this, you will also note in our dates that I will be hosting two **Parent Forum** sessions later this month. We hope these will offer parents an opportunity to share our successes of the last academic year as well as look towards the future by valuing our successes and making suggestions for developing our practice to best support our school and federation community. Everyone is very welcome to pop along to either informal session, to have a chat over a cup of tea - I hope to see lots of you there!

Wellbeing continues to be a key priority for us all and as a result of this I will continue to send you **'Action for Happiness'** monthly calendars during this academic year.

We all need to remember to look after ourselves, so **Self-Care September** is a welcome start and I hope you will be able to find a moment to take a look.

Have a **great weekend**, after a very busy but exciting first week back I am sure a couple of early bedtimes may be welcomed.



Miss Jo Redman
Executive Headteacher

Self-Care September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's essential.	2 Notice the things you do well, however small.	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly.	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it.	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time.	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'.
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed.	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect.	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok.	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy.	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost.	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one.	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break.
15 Find a caring, caring phrase to use when you feel low.	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly.	17 No plans stay. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement.	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories.	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still.	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you.	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love.	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing.	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents.	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans.	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn.
29 Write down three things that you are proud of about yourself.	30 Remind yourself that you are enough just as you are.					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

A few reminders...

- Please remember to **name all school uniform** items just in case they become misplaced - the lost property boxes are busy already!
- Please hang on to any unwanted items (eg. clothing, shoes, bags, hats, scarves, ties, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels or bedding) for our **Bag2School** collection which is on **26th September 2024**.



Introducing Mr and Mrs Goddard

We could not resist sharing this happy snap of our previously known Miss Putinas on her Wedding Day in August.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating the happy couple and wishing them lots of luck and love for a very happy future!



Dexter's News!
Please remember Dexter's latest blog (August) is available on our School Website (and has been emailed and sent on ClassDojo!) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by [clicking here](#).



WISPA NEWS...

Great news for WISPA! Asda's Cashpot for Schools is here!

You can now raise funds for our school every time you shop at Asda! Here's how you can easily get involved and make a difference:

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and sign up today.
2. Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and select our school. If you struggle to see this you may need to update the app.
3. Shop, scan, and Asda will donate every time you shop!



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

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HERE'S HOW

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today
- 2 Opt-in to Cashpot For Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3 Shop, scan and we donate

Benefits:

- Asda will donate £50 when the first person selects our school and shops!
- Asda will make a £1 donation to WISPA each time a new person selects the school.
- 0.5% of every shop will go directly to WISPA.

Let's all sign up, get friends and family involved, and help raise *£££* for our children's future! We'll send round regular updates between now and the end of November on how we are doing!



Community News...

We have been asked to share these details with our families regarding discounted sessions at various local venues by Spotlight UK...

Saturday 28th Sept
12.45-1.45, 1.45-2.45pm
or 2.45-3.45pm

High Score Arcade Farnborough

Family Fun £5 per person for gold members or £9 for standard members
1 hour of free play
The Meads Shopping Centre, Unit 29, Farnborough GU14 7SL
Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email activities@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

SPOTLIGHT UK

360 Play Farnborough
Friday September 20th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

£4 for Spotlight Gold members & £6 for standard
360 Play The Meads, Farnborough GU14 7GL

Please book via email - activities@spotlightuk.org
For more information visit the events calendar on our website
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

£5 for Spotlight gold members & £9 for standard members

Camberley Jump

Tuesday 17th September 6-7pm
ages 5 and over

6-7 Admiralty Way, Camberley GU15 3DT
THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE BOOKING FOR SPOTLIGHT UK
Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email activities@spotlightuk.org
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LET'S CELEBRATE...

Despite only being a short first week, we still had so much to celebrate in our Celebration Assembly which took place this afternoon. Our fabulous superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours at the start of this new academic year (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's proud award winners are:

Year 1: Lucy French, Carter Sheehy and Felicity Gibson

Year 2: Ella Mullender, Christian Pullen and Evie Castle

Congratulations to you all, what shining WIS stars!



I must also take this opportunity to share a photograph of just some of our amazing fruit and vegetables that have been harvested from our lovely courtyard. Last term, predominantly our Reception pupils did a wonderful job of planting seeds and making sure they were watered; here is the success of their hard work, well done one and all!

Out of School Achievements

As always, we love to take the opportunity to celebrate out of school achievements of all our pupils so please do pop any details of any success at out of school clubs or groups on an email to school and we will gladly mention them each week.

Attendance Awards

This week our attendance winners are...

Owl Class and Robin Class

... both with 100%.



Well done, perfect scores!