



Westfields Infant School

Newsletter



May 2015

Inset Day - 1st June

Upcoming Events

19th May	Rabbit Class Assembly
20th May	Open House Session
21st May	Robin Class London Trip
22nd May	Woodpecker Class Cake Sale
22nd May	3.15pm Break for Half-Term
1st June	Inset Day
9th June	Squirrel Class Assembly
12th June	WISPA Bags2School
15th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
16th June	Fox Class Assembly
19th June	DUG Morning (Dads, Uncles Grandads)

Dear Parents

WISPA, as you know are our PTA and they work incredibly hard to raise money for the school. For example they have recently donated £7000 to refurbish our school library which we hope will be completed by the end of the summer term. Previously they have funded IT equipment and canopies. As the austerity measures begin to bite (and they really are!) the money raised by WISPA becomes even more important.

Over recent years the support from parents has been dwindling in general making it harder to put on the events that are enjoyed by parents and children alike.

The core committee consists of three people, two of these will be leaving at the end of this year as their children move onto the Juniors and we are very concerned that no one will step up to take their place. This will mean that WISPA will not be able to operate. Please give some thought to being a committee member. You will be given any training and support you need by WISPA.

Even if you don't want to join the committee please try to support the events by volunteering even if it's just for an hour, the more people involved the less work for everyone.

It's definitely worth saying that WISPA is not just about raising money it is a very social group and a way of making new friendships. It's also very rewarding.

If you want more information please contact Victoria by email on victoriarawlinson@hotmail.co.uk or pop into the school office and we will pass on a message.

Year 2

To support the transition to Year 3, after the half term holiday our children in Year 2 will now come in through the double doors next to Woodpecker class for the remainder of the Summer Term. The class diaries will be available just inside the door if you need to record any messages for teaching staff. Please help us to help your child by not coming into school to help with books bags etc. If our children in Year R can manage this task, and they can, our Year 2 children certainly can!

Important Information



Scooters

Another reminder, please do not allow your child to ride their scooter on the school grounds, and also to take care in general. This includes the area outside Rabbit Class. We have recently received a complaint from a parent when a scooter ran into him. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Attendance

Overall our attendance is high, around 96% which is great. The reason we want attendance figures to be high is because children who attend school regularly make the best progress. Can we also remind parents to make non emergency doctors and dentist appointments for after school or during the holidays as we are unable to authorise these.

Year 2 Parent/Child Survey

Many thanks to all of you who completed the survey. We are interested in your views and this is just one way of finding out what you feel is working well and how things could be improved. As with the Year 1 survey the results are overwhelmingly positive which is great, but we continue to work hard to be even better. We will be analysing the survey soon and will feed back.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you about Ofsted's survey tool for parents, 'Parent View.' If you can find time to complete this we would really appreciate it. There is a link on our website or alternatively go to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Parent Survey

Reading Books

Please can you ensure children do not put their water bottles in their book bags as an increasing number of books are being ruined and unfortunately thrown away. Thank you.



GOVERNORS UPDATE

Sheila Turl is stepping down as our Chair of Governors after 8 years service. We would like to say a big thank you for all of her hard work and support. Mr Jeff Jackson has taken over as Chair of Governors. If you are interested in becoming a governor, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor.

Year R

Outside Area

We have had lots of positive comments from parents and children about the improvements to this area. Over the half term holiday we are also replacing the fencing.



BADGER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Change of Date

Badger Class Assembly will now take place on Tuesday 14th July.

Parking

Please can we ask that you are mindful of residents when parking in nearby roads. We have received a complaint from a parent that cars are mounting the pavements at drop off and collection times. Please be aware that children's safety is paramount at all times.





Handwriting

We are currently focusing on handwriting and presentation in school. We follow the Penpals Scheme. To look at how we teach handwriting please see the information on our website under the 'parents' tab. There is other information here about how you can support your child at home. Additionally please feel free to pop in and discuss this with your child's teacher.

LIBRARY

We will soon be starting the refurbishment of our school library. The design has been carried out with our young children in mind and it should make the area better organised and more appealing.

Many thanks to WISPA who have donated £7000 towards this project.

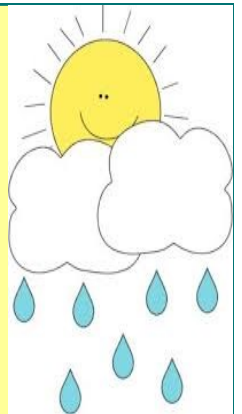


Anti bullying policy

This was recently reviewed and can be found on our website under policies on the 'About us' tab.

Weather

The Great British weather is unpredictable and we never know whether to expect sunshine or showers. Therefore please ensure that your child has in school both a sun hat and waterproof coat (we do go outside in the rain). Please also remember to apply sunscreen in the morning.



Lunchtime Sports Clubs

We are currently funding lunchtime sports clubs twice a week for years 1 and 2 which are being run by our sports coaches from Ultimate Coaching. We are hoping the clubs will encourage children to be active as well as further developing their sports skills.





- ◇ Davey White received a Well Done Award from Stagecoach
- ◇ Alfie Hyatt received a Flight Certificate from AirKix (Indoor Skydiving). Alfie also won a medal in a football tournament and a trophy from Hawley F.C. for working hard
- ◇ Joshua Edge received a 50m Rainbow Swimming Award. Joshua also received a man of the match rugby trophy
- ◇ Zhen Chow achieved a level 8 proficiency award in gymnastics
- ◇ Kaden Allsopp achieved his Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ◇ Jacob Williams achieved his 1st Badge in Gymnastics

Letters Sent Home

Letter	Year Group	Date
Questionnaire Results	Year 1	27th April
Museum of London Trip Information	Year 2	1st May
Trip Information	Year 2	5th May
Hart Open Space	All	5th May
Lookout Trip Letter	Year 1	11th May
Year 2 Questionnaire	Year 2	11th May
WJS Friendship Letter	Year 2	15th May
Badger Class Assembly	Badger Class	18th May
Numeracy Workshop	Year R	18th May

UNIFORM ORDERS

Please send in any uniform orders by 22nd May for guaranteed delivery before September.

