



Westfields Infant School Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to all families and a special welcome to our new families, I am looking forward to getting to know you. I hope you all had a great Summer holiday, August flew past but I'm enjoying getting back into a normal routine. It's lovely to have the children back and it feels like a school again. It was so quiet in the holidays without them.

The staff have been working very hard making sure the classrooms look lovely, ready for the children to return. This year we are having a 'Tidy Cloakroom' award to encourage the children to take responsibility for their belongings.

We've had a great few days back. The Year 1 and 2 children have settled really quickly into their new classes and the Year R children are enjoying getting to know their teachers. To get things off to a flying start we have the **Year 1 and 2 Information Sessions** this week. Tuesday for Year 1 and Thursday for Year 2 both at 2.30pm. The **Year R information session** is on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

We also have an **English information session** for Year 1 and 2 parents on Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm. In addition Yateley School is holding an **internet safety session** on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm. Do try to get along to these sessions if you can. We do however appreciate that not all parents will be able to make them. There is always a dilemma on when to hold them, some parents are happier with daytime others prefer evening sessions, therefore we are trying a mixture of both. If you have any specific questions and can't make the meetings please do ask your child's teacher or me. I will be in my usual place by the front gate at least 2 or 3 times a week.

Janette Teague

Year 1 Information Session Y1 - 9th September 2.30pm

Year 2 Information Session Y2 - 11th September 2.30pm



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A reminder that children have until 13th September to complete their six books for the 'Mythical Maze' summer reading challenge at Yateley Library. We will be celebrating children's reading achievements in a future assembly.



WRITER OF THE WEEK

We have started a new challenge of 'Writer of the Week'. Every week the class teachers will choose a child from their class who has tried really hard with their writing. Initially this will be aimed at children in Year 1 and 2 with children in Year R joining in when appropriate. The 'winner' from each class will be awarded with a special certificate and a pencil in our celebration assembly on Friday. Their work will be displayed on the board next to the office, so if your child is selected for super writing, do pop in to admire it.



BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The standard of behaviour at Westfields Infants remains extremely high. Every so often we review our behaviour policy. We practise 'positive reinforcement' based around our six Golden Rules. This means rewarding children making the right choices. We have had a think about the rewards on offer and have decided to discontinue the Rainbow Awards. Children will continue to receive a variety of rewards including: extra Golden Time, stickers, visits to Mrs Teague, notes home to parents etc.

YEAR R OUTSIDE EQUIPMENT

Please can you ensure children do not play with the outdoor equipment outside Year R classrooms before school.



CONGRATULATIONS



Daisy Hurst in Woodpecker Class has achieved her Stage 3 ASA Swimming award.

OUR GOLDEN RULES

Ask your child if they can tell you about our Golden Rules. Can they name the rules and explain what they mean? The six rules are:

The Rule

What it means

We are kind and helpful

Ask other children to join your games
Make sure the adult knows where you are
Offer to help someone
Think of other people's feelings
Respect other people's different ideas
Always speak politely to everyone in school
Remember to say 'please' and 'thank you'
Wait until others have finished talking

We are gentle

Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourselves
Play fairly and take turns
Don't tease

We look after property

Only touch other people's belongings with permission
Put things back in their proper place
Take care of your own belongings
Keep classrooms and cloakrooms tidy
Treat equipment with care
Leave toys at home
Look after the toilet areas by keeping them clean and tidy
Look after the plants and trees
Only go on the grass with permission

We work hard

Try your best and persevere at all times

We listen

Do what adults in school ask the first time
Follow instructions carefully
Ask politely if you do not understand
Listen to each other's ideas

We are honest

Do tell the truth at all times
Accept responsibility for your own actions