



# Westfields Infant School Newsletter



September Issue 2

## Achievements at Home

We are hoping to celebrate your child's achievements at home. If your child has won an award for an out of school hobby or activity please do let us know. We would like to hear about their success in football, dance, gymnastics etc. If your child has won a trophy or certificate please send it in and we can take a photograph to display on our 'Achievements at Home' board in the hall.

## Scooters and Bikes – a reminder

Can we remind all parents and carers that children should not be riding scooters or bikes in the school grounds. Last week we had a near miss. The children are well aware of this rule, please support us by reminding them about it.



## Parent and Carer's Open Session

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October is the first of this year's open sessions. This session runs from 8.50 – 9.30am and we invite parents and carers into their child's class to take part in some short activities and admire some of the work they have already done this term. These sessions are very informal, you don't have to stay until the end and if you have a child in another class you can spend some time with them also.

## Information sessions

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 1 and Year 2 information sessions. We hope you found the sessions useful. We are aware that not all were able to attend the sessions during the school day therefore the presentation is now available on the school website, however we hope that the opportunity to ask questions and clarify information was helpful to those who did attend. The key message that came out was the importance of reading with your child 'little and often', the impact of this cannot be underestimated.

Year R parents and carers don't forget there is an information session on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm. We like to give you a chance to get used to basic routines before we pass on any more information! This is always a well attended session with very positive feedback. Please note this session is for adults only.

*Year R Curriculum Evening for parents - adults only*

*23rd October 2014 at 7.30pm*



# CONGRATULATIONS



Holly Ryan was awarded a distinction in her primary ballet exam

## Literacy Curriculum Session

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we have a Literacy Curriculum Session for Year 1 and Year 2 parents starting at 7.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about how we teach reading and writing at school and how you can support your child at home. We will also be telling you about our new handwriting scheme which we introduced last summer. Tea and coffee will be served. Please note this is for adults only.



## Reading Books

Please can we ask that children do not put their water bottles in their book bags, as we have a large number of reading books being returned wet and ruined.

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## Pupil Premium Funding

A reminder to apply if you think your child is eligible for pupil premium funding because you are in receipt of certain benefits. The money we receive is used directly to support the children who are eligible for the funding. We may use it to support parents with the costs of extra curricular activities such as school trips and clubs and we also use it to support the children's educational needs e.g. by employing extra staff to give additional support.

Did you know that if you are a parent of an adopted child they are also eligible for additional funding so do please let us know. Please find a pupil premium form attached.

## Staff news

We are pleased to let you know that Lorna Mallett had a baby girl in the Summer Holiday. Lorna taught in Hedgehog Class last year. We are hoping that mum and daughter will visit us soon. Our congratulations go to the Mallett household.



## STOP PRESS

Barbara Whiting-Smith is running her very popular parenting course 'How to talk so kids will listen', here at Westfields Infants on Tuesday 21st October. She will be running the session twice, one session from 12.30-2.30pm and again in the evening from 7.00-9.00pm. This friendly and informal session is free but parents and carers do need to book. Please see the attached flier for further details.

## Grandparents Day

Thinking further ahead as it might take a little organising, we have a Grandparents day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. More information will follow nearer the date but we will be holding a morning session and repeating the session in the afternoon. We will have to limit the number of grandparents to two per child per session due to space.