



Westfields Infant School

Newsletter



WISPA AGM 7.30pm on 22nd September

Upcoming Events	
13/9	Y1 Info Session 2.30pm
14/9	Y2 Info Session 2.30pm
21/9	Y2 Farm Visit
22/9	WISPA AGM 7.30pm
3/10	YR Curriculum Info Session 7.30pm
11/10	Open Session 8.50-9.30
12/10	Harvest Assembly
13/10	Prospective Parents Evening (YR Sept 2017)
18/10	Woodpecker Assembly 9.05am
21/10	School Breaks for half-term 3.15pm
31/10	Science & Technology Week
1/11	Flu Vaccinations Y1 & Y2
1/11	Parent Interviews 3.30-6.00pm
2/11	Badger Assembly 9.05am
3/11	Parent Interviews 4.00-8.00pm



A very warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our 'old' families, we hope you had a great summer holiday. It seemed to go so quickly but we can't complain about the weather and it looks as if there are still some sunny days to go.

The staff enjoyed their break and are now looking forward to getting to know their new class. The first few weeks of the Autumn Term are crucial in building relationships and setting boundaries to make sure the year ahead is successful. This includes relationships with parents as well as the children so if you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. Don't forget I'm often at the gate at the beginning and end of the school day.

Best regards

Janette Teague
Headteacher

Year 1 and 2 Information Sessions

We are holding short sessions to support parents with the transition into new year groups. The sessions are at 2.30pm to enable pick up straight after. The dates are as follows:

Year 2 – Wednesday 14th September

Year 1 – Tuesday 13th September

Younger siblings are welcome to attend but please remember to consider other audience members if your child becomes a little on the noisy side!

WISPA AGM

A very important date for your diary is the WISPA AGM which is on 22nd September at 7:30pm. It will take place at school. WISPA stands for Westfields Infant School Parent Association. Please do come and support WISPA, they do magnificent fundraising work and are currently raising money for our playground improvements. Your support is vital.



Staff News

At the very end of last term we said goodbye to Liz Egginton who was a classroom assistant in Squirrel Class. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Heidi Hurst has been appointed as her replacement. Heidi is well known to the school and we welcome her to Westfields.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Katherine Dryden, Rabbit Class teacher, is expecting her first baby in January. We are currently in the process of recruiting a maternity cover teacher. Many congratulations to Katherine and her husband, James.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Site Manager. The role could be part time at Westfields Infants or combined with caretaking at Westfields Juniors to make it a full time role. If you, or someone you know, would like more information, please contact Helga Davies in the school office. See the advert in this newsletter.

General Reminders

The usual reminders I'm afraid... but please do bear the following in mind. They are all reminders for valid reasons.

CAR PARKING – Unfortunately I don't know of many school where parking isn't an issue. Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours before and after school.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – A reminder that the climbing equipment in the playground is out of bounds before and after school for insurance reasons. In addition please do not allow your child to climb up onto the bank.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES – This is a great and healthy way to come to school but please remember to ask your child to push their scooter or bike when they reach school as we have a lot of people on site during 'rush hour' and we have had a few near misses.

PE – Long hair should be tied back everyday but this is particularly important for health and safety reasons on PE days. In addition staff are not permitted to remove children's earrings for PE so please try to ensure children's earrings are removed on PE days.

Nag over! Many thanks for your support with this.

On a more serious note

FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA Please be careful about how you use this. Pictures taken at school events should not be posted on any social network site. Please also refrain from using social media to complain. If you don't tell us there is a problem we cannot rectify it. Staff care deeply about the role they carry out and take pride in what they do. It is very upsetting to hear a complaint third hand, often weeks after the event. It's also worth remembering that often posts don't contain the whole story, in other words don't believe everything you read!

If you do have a grievance we operate an open door policy and we are happy to listen, we try our best but occasionally things don't go as planned. However our staff have the right to be treated with respect. Abusive behaviour, including shouting at staff, will not be tolerated. This is a really poor role model for your child.





Playground News

We are excited that the first phase of improvements to the Key Stage 1 playground are underway. During the summer holidays a tree was removed to allow for an amphitheatre seating area to be installed at a future date. During October half term the 'muddy' area close to Robin and Fox class will be re-surfaced with an artificial rubberised surface and a stage area will be installed which will encourage children's imaginative play. We hope to continue our fundraising this year to add more exciting features to this area.

Please may we ask that you do not bring dogs on site. Many thanks for your co-operation.



Wrap around care

Many thanks to those parents who responded to our survey last term regarding breakfast and after school clubs and holiday clubs. We have collated the results and we will keep you informed as the process progresses.

Dates

We have lots of exciting things planned for the Autumn Term. Remember to check the list of dates attached and on the website. These dates do sometimes change due to circumstances out of our control so remember to check for texts and emails too.

Congratulations

- ◆ Evie Witt received her Stage 1 Swimming Award
- ◆ Emily Brown received her Stage 2 Swimming Award
- ◆ Sam Preston received his Stage 2 & 3 Swimming Awards
- ◆ Elsie Benham received her 8 metre swimming badge
- ◆ Lana Santos received her Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ◆ Ben Elliott received his Stage 2 Swimming Award
- ◆ Lauren Wayman received her 10 metre Swimming Award
- ◆ Leon Ede-Rolfe received his 5 metre Swimming Award
- ◆ Zack Johnson received his Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ◆ Ethan Green received his Stag 2 Swimming Award

If your child has received a special achievement award ie swimming certificate, dance certificate, sports trophy etc please send them in with your child so they can have their photo taken. The photo will then be displayed on our celebration board in the hall and congratulations will go in our newsletter.





Westfields Infant and Junior School

Site Manager/Caretaker required

Are you hard working, dependable, able to use own initiative and have a range of practical and DIY skills? Do you take pride in your work and enjoy being part of a committed community?

If so we need you!

Full time or part time opportunities are available across both sites.

For more information please contact:

Nicki Pagden on 01252 408218 (Westfields Junior School)
Helga Davies on 01252 873603 (Westfields Infants School)

Closing date: 23rd September at 12 noon

