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## NEWSLETTER 7 - 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

**Please remember school closes for the half term holiday at 3pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

School and Nursery is closed to all pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
**Year 1 and Year 2 pupils return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Nursery and Reception is closed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
**Nursery and Reception children return on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Hi Everyone,

So we are coming to the end of the first half term of 2018-19. As usual we seem to have been very busy. We have welcomed our new children, particularly in Nursery and Reception. Everyone seems really settled and Reception impressed us with their first public performance at our Harvest Assembly last week. I never fail to be impressed by how well Reception do and I really believe that this year, it was the best harvest festival we have had- morning and afternoon. This is a big thing and made possible by all the hard work of the staff. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Kavanagh in nursery and said goodbye to Mrs Caudwell and Mrs Jagger. We wish them all the best.

We had a super History day last week which all the children and staff enjoyed and it was lovely to see the parents who could make it to our open sessions to share their children's learning. Reverend Richard has been in to take an assembly and some Y1 and Y2 children took part in an Aireborough football competition-they did very well! Miss Holmes was very pleased. Reception appeared in the paper this week to commemorate their start to school.

Today the children are doing some pedestrian training to help keep them safe when out walking.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all after the break. We will see Y1 and Y2 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.55am and Reception and Nursery on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.55am.

### **YEAR 2 SPELLING CONTRACTS**

Year 2 would like to invite parents and carers to an information session about spelling contracts and how they work on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at either 8.55am – 9.15am or 2.45pm – 3.00pm.

**FOOD FOR LIFE CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 3PM – 4.30PM**

**We are now accepting donations of Fairtrade Chocolate for the tombola and donations of toys, bottles, smellies and any other items suitable for a general tombola.**

Our Food for Life Christmas Fair is between 3pm and 4.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Entrance 20p per adult, children free.



There will be lots of stalls and games and hot turkey sandwiches on sale along with coffees, teas and hot chocolate.

**Children can come to school in their own clothes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November in return for bringing buns for the cake stall.**

**REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

We are currently running low on empty card board boxes (cereal packets etc) and newspapers. Any donations would be gratefully received.



We are also looking for a Belfast sink for the Mud Kitchen in the outdoor Nursery and Reception area. Please contact the school office if you have one on 0113 2505449.



The School Council are still collecting jam jars for the Christmas Fair. Please bring any donations to the school office.



**PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS**

If you have returned your form to book an appointment with the class teacher you should receive a date and time by the end of this week. If you haven't returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.

**CHILDREN IN NEED**



Mr Whippy will be in the staff carpark after school on Wednesday 7th November providing ice-cream to children in return for a small donation to Children in Need.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, children can come to school wearing anything with spots and dots. Suggested donation £1 for Children in Need.

Please note we don't have any wrist bands to sell in school this year.

**SAFEGURDING CONTACTS IN SCHOOL**

Ms Lowry and Mrs Fryer are the Safeguarding and Child Protection leads in School. More information about Safeguarding can be found on our school website.

## OUR MATHS CURRICULUM

Some parents have been asking for more details of what is taught in maths. We follow the Big Maths way of teaching, which gives our children an excellent understanding, confidence and, even more importantly, enjoyment. It involves a very systematic teaching of each skill through small, clearly defined steps which are revisited constantly. It is quite difficult to tell you what children are learning each week because they are learning so many different things! There are detailed plans for each term on our website, and these have just been updated further to give you far more specific information about what the children are learning in "Outer Numeracy", i.e. shapes, measures, fractions etc. This will give you lots of information, but if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

## WEAR IT PINK DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported Wear it Pink Day. We raised £219.24 for Breast Cancer Now.

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

To launch Anti-Bullying Week we would like all children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for the week is 'Choosing Respect'. The children will be doing lots of activities in the classroom to learn what respect means and how to respect themselves and each other both face to face and online.



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Stars week commencing 15/10/2018 were Year 2 Red with 99.3%  
Our school's attendance target is 97% and last week we got 96%

The Punctuality Stars were Reception Blue and Year 2 Blue with no late arrivals  
There were 10 instances of late arrival resulting in 1 hour 42 minutes lost learning time.

| Class          | Authorised Absences | Unauthorised Absences | Attendance | No. Late Arrivals | No. Children Late |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Reception Blue | 13                  | 0                     | 95.4%      | 0                 | 0                 |
| Reception Red  | 17                  | 10                    | 89.6%      | 5                 | 4                 |
| Year 1 Blue    | 6                   | 0                     | 97.9%      | 3                 | 2                 |
| Year 1 Red     | 12                  | 0                     | 95.9%      | 1                 | 1                 |
| Year 2 Blue    | 8                   | 0                     | 97.2%      | 0                 | 0                 |
| Year 2 Red     | 2                   | 0                     | 99.3%      | 1                 | 1                 |

# GOVERNING BODY NEWS

## GOVERNOR PROFILE – HEATHER PINCHES



My name is Heather Pinches and I've been volunteering as a governor at Yeadon Westfield Infant School since January 2008. I live in Guiseley and work in Leeds for NHS Digital. I'm originally from Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire but I've lived in Leeds since 2000 - my partner is a Yorkshireman born and bred so I think I'm going to be here for a while longer! I am vice-chair of governors as well as the science and attendance governor. I'm also the link governor for nursery. I'm appointed as a Trust governor which means I represent and champion the Aireborough Learning Partnership on the governing body – this is the co-operative Trust we have established with several of our neighbouring schools. The aim of the Trust is to enhance teaching and learning through sharing resources and expertise - recognising that we can always achieve more if we work together.

I don't have any children myself and I am often asked why I'm a governor. There are two main reasons first I feel being a governor is good way for me to use my skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, I was fortunate enough to have a fantastic state education and being a governor is a way for me to give something back. Looking back I can see how much my school days have influenced me not just the knowledge or the skills but the aspiration, resilience and belief in myself. I was the first member of my family to go to university and I would never have dreamed of going were it not for the school staff that encouraged me along the way. As a result I'm very passionate about how we can inspire and motivate our children and encourage a love of learning that I hope will stay with them for life. In my spare time I enjoy many outdoor activities - most notably cycling, walking and running – which means I'm also keen to see sport and activity as a key part of school life. I also enjoy travelling, reading, gardening and making my own jewellery.

## REMINDERS

### BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be available to buy in school from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please send money with your child in a named envelope. Other merchandise will be on sale before and after school from the office after the half term holiday.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Any new dates will be added in red)

| DAY     | DATE       | TIME    | EVENT  |
|---------|------------|---------|--|
| Monday  | 05/11/2018 | All day | Nursery and school closed to pupils for training day                   |
| Tuesday | 06/11/2018 | All day | Nursery and Reception closed to pupils for an Early Years training day |
| Tuesday | 06/11/2018 | 8.55am  | School reopens for Year 1 and Year 2                                   |
| Tuesday | 06/11/2018 | 3.00pm  | Nursery Parent's Evening for children starting in January              |

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>07/11/2018</b> | <b>8.55am</b>                      | <b>Nursery and Reception children return to school</b>  |
| Wednesday        | 07/11/2018        | 8.55am - 9.15am<br>2.45pm – 3.00pm | Year 2 Spelling Contract Information session for parents  |
| Monday           | 12/11/2018        | All day                            | Children to come to school in odd socks for launch of Anti-Bullying Week  |
| Monday           | 12/11/2018        | 6.00pm – 8.00pm                    | Parent Consultation Appointments  |
| Wednesday        | 14/11/2018        | 6.00pm – 8.00pm                    | Parent Consultation Appointments  |
| Friday           | 16/11/2018        | All day                            | Children in Need – children may come to school dressed in dots and spots – donation £1                                |
| Tuesday          | 20/11/2018        | 1.00pm – 3.00pm                    | Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have been given consent                                |
| Wednesday        | 21/11/2018        | 3.00pm – 4.30pm                    | Food for Life Christmas Fair – more details to follow   |
| Friday           | 23/11/2018        | 9.15am                             | Parent Voice –all welcome   |
| Monday           | 26/11/2018        | All week                           | Food for Life Week – more information to follow   |
| Wednesday        | 28/11/2018        | All day                            | Reception trip to Abbey House Museum – more details to follow   |
| Friday           | 07/12/2018        | 2.30pm – 3.00pm                    | Keystage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Open Afternoon – come and share your child’s learning                                      |
| Wednesday        | 12/12/2018        | 9.00am-10.00am<br>2.00pm-3.00pm    | Nursery Open Day – come and share your child’s learning.  |
| Wednesday        | 12/12/2018        | 9.00am – 9.30am                    | Reception Open Morning – come and share your child’s learning   |
| Monday           | 17/12/2018        | 9.10am                             | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity – more details about booking tickets to follow                                       |
| Tuesday          | 18/12/2018        | 9.10am                             | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity– more details about booking tickets to follow  |
| Wednesday        | 19/12/2018        | 9.10am                             | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity– more details about booking tickets to follow  |
| Wednesday        | 19/12/2018        | 2.30pm                             | Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long – more details to follow  |
| Thursday         | 20/12/2018        | 9.10am                             | Whole School Trip to St John’s Church – more details to follow  |
| Thursday         | 20/12/2018        | Midday                             | Christmas dinner – children who normally have a packed lunch will be able to book a Christmas dinner nearer the time. |
| Thursday         | 20/12/2018        | 1.45pm-3.00pm                      | PSA Christmas Disco – Nursery and Reception   |
| Thursday         | 20/12/2018        | 3.00pm-4.15pm                      | PSA Christmas Disco – Year 1 and Year 2   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>21/12/2018</b> | <b>3pm</b>                         | <b>School closes for the Christmas Break</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>07/01/2018</b> | <b>8.55am</b>                      | <b>School opens for the Spring Term</b>   |

## COMMUNICATIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Copies of the letters can be found in the [Letters and Forms](#) section of our school website.

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| <b>LETTERS:</b>         | Reception Trip Letter<br>Book order form (Year 1 and Year 2) |
| <b>EMAILS:</b>          | -  |
| <b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b> | Class blogs, Maths Information                               |
| <b>LEAFLETS:</b>        | Yorkshire attractions booklet                                |

### INFORMATION ABOUT KEEPING SAFE DURING THE WINTER FROM SAFER ROADS LEEDS

<https://saferroadsleeds.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/be-bright-be-seen-october-clock-change/>



Our FUNtastic Out of School Club runs from the Infant School Annex building on the school site and offers before and afterschool care during term time. For more information or to have a look round, please call Nicola on 07947 600494 or pick up a brochure from the School reception.

### **KANGAROO KIDS – NOW OPEN**

Yeadon Westfield Infant School, Westfield Grove, Yeadon, Leeds, LS19 7NQ

Telephone: 07799 472578

Kangaroo kids pre-school already provides experienced quality day care for children at Queensway Primary School. This is now being extended to Yeadon Westfield Infant School in the annexe building with provision for 2 year olds.



Open: Monday-9am -3pm, Tuesday-9am-3pm, Wednesday 12pm-3pm, Thursday 9am-3pm, Friday 9am-3pm

**Funding available for 2 year olds.** Each 3 hour session will be £12 and the full days will be £25 including snacks and a healthy lunch. Please contact us on 0779947257 to secure a place for September.