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# NEWSLETTER 4 - 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

#### REMINDER - PARENT VOICE - FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 8.50AM

All parents/carers are welcome, so come along for a coffee or tea and biscuits, and let us know your views, ask questions and help us work together.



#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Congratulations to the children who received awards in assembly on Monday.

More photographs are available on the website <u>https://www.westfieldinfants.co.uk/page/achievements/63794</u>

#### ACTIVE TRAVEL EVENT

Well done to the Year 2 children who took part in an Active Travel event at the Brownlee Centre yesterday. They participated in a range of travel activities including scootering and cycling.



#### CHAT AND PLAY - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Our next Chat and Play session is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am in the staffroom. MindMate support team will be there so parents/carers are welcome to come without children if they would like to. MindMate provide a confidential service and work in educational settings to support young people up to the age of 19 to improve their emotional wellbeing.

#### SHARE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

We would like to invite parents and carers of Year 1 and 2 children into school to share their child's learning. Children will have the opportunity to show their books and the learning they have done so far this term.



Sessions will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 3.10pm and 3.30pm.

To let us know which session you will be attending, please complete the form at the link below.

https://forms.office.com/e/RbdqjGTzVE

We look forward to seeing you.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL



Parents and carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to join us for our Harvest Assembly. There will be 2 performances lasting approximately 30 minutes - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am. As space in the hall is limited, we can initially only offer **one ticket per family at <u>one</u> <u>performance</u> <b>only.** Please use the link below to let us know which performance you would like to come to and if you would like an additional ticket if there is space available. <u>https://forms.office.com/e/Cy01JBUK8T</u>

Details about our Harvest collection will be in next week's Newsletter.

#### **OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

Please remember to always send your child to school with a coat. We do try to get outside as much as possible in all weathers.

#### SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have attached the school behaviour policy as well as the child friendly version for you to look at. The children are aware that excellent behaviour is expected across all areas of school including lunchtimes. The children are expected to Shine and they know exactly what this means as each letter of the word Shine corresponds to an aspect of good behaviour. We have tried to keep our system as simple as possible so that all children have the opportunity to get it right. They are also aware of the sanctions if they do not follow the rules. Our children are not perfect but the vast majority of them respond well to the system with only the odd hiccup, which is to be expected!

Please take time to have a look at both versions and discuss with your child what they think.

#### **COFFEE BEAN MACHINE**

Thank you to the Coffee Bean Machine for their donation of flapjack for the Westfield Pantry. You can follow them on Facebook at the link below.



https://www.facebook.com/thecoffeebeanmachine

## **GOVERNOR NEWS**

Last night we had our first Full Governing Body meeting of the year. We welcomed Carly Scargill as our new parent governor. I am pleased to report that we have a full complement of governors to take us through the academic year. At the meeting, the governors asked that I share this information with you as they felt it was something to be celebrated. As you can see, despite some challenging circumstances last year, results improved in almost all areas, and we were well above national standards across the board. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication as well as sending a big thank you to the children and parents. Dawn Lowry

Year Group	Focus	2022 (school)	2023 (school)	2023 (national)
Reception	Good Level of Development	71.9%	73.5%	67.2%
Y1	Phonics Check	84.6%	91.2%	79.3%
Y2	Phonics Check	71.4%	87.5%	60.7%
KS1 EXS [at	Reading	81.6%	86.3%	68.4%
expected level]				
	Writing	73.7%	82.4%	60.3%
	Maths	81.6%	92.2%	70.5%
KS1 GDS	Reading	34.2%	27.5%	18.8%
[at greater depth]				
	Writing	13.2%	15.7%	8.2%
	Maths	18.4%	19.6%	16.4%
	Combined EXS	68.4%	78.4%	56.2%
	Combined GDS	10.5%	9.8%	6.2%

## **REMINDERS**

#### SPEAK UP QUESTIONNAIRE

The Speak Up questionnaire at the link below is an opportunity for you to bring to our attention any aspect of school life for your child (such as friendship issues, worries about school work, concerns about lunches etc.) that we can help with. Depending on the nature of issues raised, it may be Mrs Fryer, your child's class teacher or Ms Lowry who deals with the concern. https://forms.office.com/e/GKYfRs6kAP

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October to take children's individual photographs. Siblings within school will have their photograph taken together during the day. If your child has siblings who do not attend our school there will be the opportunity for them to have their photograph taken together between 8.15am and 9.15am. If you would like to do this please complete the form at the link below and we will send you a 10 minute time slot. Proof cards will be sent home and you will be able to place orders online. Photographs are delivered free of charge to school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oG8qIa3a8Uy5IVNAVr7Ohr2N4mvADTtH kuQv9uUVICVUNDRaVEJMSINBQ1RaQVo1WVFTVThXSTRRSiQIQCNjPTEu

If your child usually has PE on this day, please send them to school in uniform. They do not need to bring a PE kit.

## **USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS**

Keep up to date with school news and blogs by downloading the School Spider parents app and selecting Yeadon Westfield Infant School. To receive instant messages and use the payment facility you will need to log in.



#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM AND THE WESTFIELD PANTRY

Parents and carers at Westfield Infants have access to our stock of second hand uniform and food parcels from The Westfield Pantry. To find out more information, please follow the links below:-

- The Westfield Pantry
- Second Hand Uniform

#### PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you're on benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals anyway or brings a packed lunch, it's still important to register for a free school meal to ensure school doesn't miss out on funding called pupil premium. Find out more information on our <u>school website</u>.

#### EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support Yeadon Westfield Infant School at <u>Easy Fundraising</u> when doing your everyday shopping.



## STARS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

At STARS this week we have enjoyed playing in the Autumn leaves with the dinosaurs. The children have had lots of fun dressing up.



STARS Before and After School Club is open to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 and siblings at the Junior school. To find out more information about opening times and prices, please visit the <u>STARS page</u> on our website.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Friday	06/10/2023	8.50am	Parent Voice	
Wednesday	11/10/2023	All day	Individual school photographs	
Wednesday	11/10/2023	8.50am-	Chat and Play – for parents and carers with pre	
		10.00am	school age children.	
Tuesday	17/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2	
Wednesday	18/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2	
Thursday	19/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2	
Wednesday	25/10/2023	8.50am-	Chat and Play – for parents and carers with pre	
		10.00am	school age children.	
Thursday	26/10/2023	9am	Deadline for Halloween Colouring Competition	
Thursday	26/10/2023	8.50am-9.30am	Harvest Assembly	
Friday	27/10/2023	8.50am-9.30am	Harvest Assembly	
Friday	27/10/2023	3.10pm	School closes for the half term holiday	
Monday	06/11/2023	8.40am	School opens for Autumn Term 2	
Friday	17/11/2023	All day	Training Day – School Closed	
Monday	20/11/2023	All day	Training Day – Nursery and Reception classes	
			closed. Year 1 and 2 children to attend as normal	

## **COMMUNICATIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

EMAILS:	28/09/2023 – Reminder SEND Meeting	
	28/09/2023 – Events at St John's Church	
	29/09/2023 – Maths Information Session	
	29/09/2023 – Spellings (Year 1)	
	29/09/2023 – Positive note (Year 2)	
	02/10/2023 – Phonics in Reception	
	02/10/2023 – Reminder – Outdoor Play Equipment	
SENT HOME VIA CLASS:	-	
COLLECTING:	Toner cartridges, batteries, plastic bottles, kitchen and toilet rolls	



To book please use the link below:-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oG8qIa3a8Uy5IVNAVr7OhrcJm7HPHzRI vOjrpcvDwIhUNIFGMVIERFIRTTc1MEFRQTZSMDRJS1JTTC4u





Church hall, Barcroft Grove, Yeadon, LS19 7XZ



# **SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023**

# 4.30PM - 6.30PM

## **FREE ENTRY**

A FUN FILLED, HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE. CHILDREN CAN COME DRESSED AS A SUPERHERO, SAINT OR ANGEL. INCLUDING PARTY GAMES, AUTUMN CRAFTS, NIBBLES, CAKE AND PIZZA! BRING A TORCH AND LET IN THE LIGHT DURING A STORY.

TO BOOK: CONTACT JACQUI ON 07823 490135 OR EMAIL

jacquitate@hotmail.co.uk

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT** 

