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NEWSLETTER 11 - 29TH NOVEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS FAIR TODAY 3.10PM – 4.30PM

Please come along to our Christmas Fair where there will be lots of fun games and activities including a chocolate tombola and cake stall. There will be a variety of Christmas Craft kits to buy.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

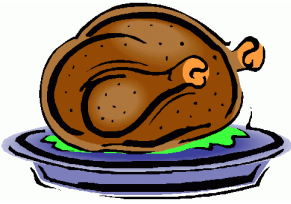


Congratulations to the children who went to the Headteacher's Tea Party on Friday and those who received awards in assembly on Monday.

More photographs are available on the website

<https://www.westfieldinfants.co.uk/page/achievements/63794>

CHRISTMAS DINNER– THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER



Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 14th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Thursday and you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, please email admin@westfieldinfants.co.uk by Monday 4th December. **Children may wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day.**

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The post box will be available from Monday 4th December in the activity area outside the hall. Children who have brought cards in for their friends at school can post them in the box and they will be sorted and delivered for them. Please make sure that the name and class of the recipient are on the envelope.



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO ST JOHNS CHURCH – THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

The children will be walking to St John's Church on Thursday 21st December at 9am for our Christmas Nativity Service. We already have permission for your child to take part in local visits but do need parents and carers to walk to church with us. If you are able to help, please complete the form at the link below by Friday 8th December.

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CHRISTMAS DISCOS – THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER



Discos will take place in school in the afternoon on Thursday 21st December between 1pm and 3pm. Children can come to school in their disco clothes. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 towards the £160 cost of the DJ. This can be paid in cash on the day or via School Spider. If your child is not usually in Nursery on Thursdays and they would like to come for the disco you will need to drop them off at the office at 1pm. Please let the school office know if you intend to do this.

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.

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

In school we have worked hard to maintain our Healthy School status which was revalidated recently. Please could we remind parents and carers that children should only bring water to school in their bottles – no juice or fizzy drinks.

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/9vCCr9BeVk>

GOVERNOR NEWS

GOVERNOR PROFILE – KEVIN FORDE



My name is Kevin Forde and I am a Foundation Governor and vice-chair at Yeadon Westfield Infant School.

When my children were growing up, I had wanted to join the governing body of their school but had too much on my plate. My university alumni association got in touch during the summer 2020 to ask if I was interested in volunteering to join a school governing board. I attended a workshop to find out more and was then keen to get involved. I lived in Guiseley at the time so was really happy that the first school I was offered was nearby.

I gained a BEng in Electronics and then spent a 25 year career as a systems analyst and software developer working on large-scale projects like the Oyster card system used on the London Underground. I also had a business developing bespoke software for small businesses.

These days I have a business where I train and mentor people to start a business that is flexible and enables them to earn residual income. I now choose when I work which gives me the chance to spend at least one day a week with my grandchildren.

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 [school website](#).

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support Yeadon Westfield Infant School at [Easy Fundraising](#) when doing your everyday shopping.



REMINDERS

CHILDREN STARTING NURSERY, RECEPTION & YEAR 3 IN SEPTEMBER 2024

The remaining Open Days for children due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024 will be on the following days:-

- Tuesday 5th December 2023: Tours at 9.30am and 10am
- Wednesday 10th January 2024: Tours at 9.30am and 10am

To book a tour please complete the form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Edz4C3aiNg>.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and you would like to look around Yeadon Westfield Junior School they will be open at the same times. Please contact them on 0113 2503395 for more details.

Applications for Reception and Year 3 places opened on 1 November 2023. The deadline to apply is 15 January 2024. Please remember that although your child is guaranteed a place at Yeadon Westfield Junior School, you still have to submit an application. There is more information about how to apply on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>.

REMINDER - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please remember to book your Christmas Performances at the links below by Friday 1st December.

KEYSTAGE 1

There will be 2 performances of the **Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities**: one on Tuesday 12th December at 9am and one on Wednesday 13th December at 9am. **Due to health and safety regulations we have to operate a strict ticketing system, therefore tickets are limited to 2 per family at one performance only.**

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RECEPTION

There will be one performance of the Christmas Nativity by Reception Class on Tuesday 19th December at 9am. For health and safety reasons we are only able to accommodate 2 representatives per family. Please let us know if you want one or two tickets using the form at the link below.

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NURSERY

There will be 2 Sing-a-Longs for Nursery children on **Wednesday 20th December at 11.30am and 2.40pm**. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us. For health and safety reasons we are only able to accommodate 2 representatives per family at one Sing-a-Long only. Please let us know which one you are coming to using the form at the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oG8qla3a8Uy5IVNAVr7Ohr2N4mvADTtHkuQv9uUVICVUMEFMVIIdVNUI2VkJGVII1MTc1MkRQOVQ5SCQIQCNIjPTEu>

STARS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Christmas preparation has started at STARS this week. The children have been making moveable snow people, Christmas cards and baubles.

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 [STARS page](#) on our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	04/12/2023	12.00pm-3.10pm	Year 1 and 2 Visit to Leeds Playhouse to see The Enormous Crocodile.
Tuesday	05/12/2023	9.30am-10.30am	Open Day for children starting Reception in September.
Tuesday	05/12/2023	9.30am-10.30am	Open Day at the Junior School for parents of Year 2 children moving there in September.
Tuesday	05/12/2023	2.00pm-2.50pm	Codswollop Theatre Group Christmas performance for Nursery and Reception (in school)
Wednesday	06/12/2023	All day	Santa Dash
Monday	11/12/2023	8.50am-10.00am	Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children.
Tuesday	12/12/2023	9am-10.00am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday	13/12/2023	9am-10.00am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday	14/12/2023	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner

Tuesday	19/12/2023	9am-9.30am	Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday	20/12/2023	8.50am-10.00am	Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children.
Wednesday	20/12/2023	11.30am-12.00pm & 2.40pm-3.10pm	Nursery Christmas Sing a-long
Thursday	21/12/2023	9.00am-10.30am	Whole School visit to St John's Church – more details to follow
Thursday	21/12/2023	PM	Christmas Discos – more details to follow
Friday	22/12/2023	3.10pm	School closes for the Christmas Holiday
Monday	08/01/2024	8.40am	School opens for the Spring Term

COMMUNICATIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

EMAILS:	22/11/2023 – Keeping Safe in the Home (Year 1 Red) 22/11/2023 – Invacuation Practice 24/11/2023 – Library Books (Reception) 24/11/2023 – Reminder – Tombola Prizes 24/11/2023 – Toys at STARS 28/11/2023 – Christmas Fair Donations
SENT HOME VIA CLASS:	
COLLECTING:	Batteries for recycling
WEBSITE UPDATES:	Achievements ,