**Newsletter**

**Duckling Class. Class Teacher: Mrs Abbott. LSAs Mrs Albon and Miss Bedford**

Welcome to Westfield! We are delighted you have chosen to bring your child to our nursery. It is a privilege that you have trusted us with your children and we will take very effort to nurture, care and support your child. The children have amazed us with how well they have already adapted to our routines and are forming lovely relationships with each other and staff. This half term our learning will be based around the topic of ‘Bears’. We will be reading 5 key texts centred about bears and then planning a range of interactive learning activities around these texts.

**Spare Clothes**
Please ensure that your child has a spare set of uniform in school each day. Please name all items of uniform, coats, shoes etc to help us keep your child’s belongings safe.

P.E kit is not required this term.

**Home/School Communication**

**Class Dojo**

Thank you to all parents that have signed up to ‘Class Dojo.’ If you have not yet downloaded the app, we would encourage you do this. This is an excellent home / school communication tool that is used throughout the school. This enables us to share photos and videos to celebrate what we have been learning in class as a group and to share whole school messages from Mrs Kittle. Class Dojo is also useful for passing on quick messages and reminders. As parents are, sadly, unable to come into our school due to Covid-19 restrictions, please feel free to message me on Dojo to ask questions or pass on information.

**Tapestry**

We will soon be sending out invitations for you to sign up to another online learning platform, ‘Tapestry’. On this online learning journal, we will add photos and notes on your child’s individual achievements, progress and next steps. We also encourage families to add photos and update us on your family adventures and share your child’s successes.

**Wellie Wednesday**

Every Wednesday, we be going out to explore our wonderful school grounds and the forest school site at the back of Westfield.

Each Wednesday, please send your child into school wearing a long sleeved top and trousers with a coat. Layers of clothes alongside hats and gloves are required for the colder months. We ask for children to come in warm clothes that you do not mind getting dirty.

Children should wear their school shoes to school, but bring a pair of named wellie boots in a bag for when we go for out outdoor adventures.

**Snack money**

A polite reminder for you to pay a contribution of 20 pence a day towardssnack.

**Home learning Ideas.**

We are keen to create a love of reading with our children by sharing a range of books with children. so encourage parents to continue this at home. Whilst reading books to your child you can model page turning, talk about the pictures and by reading the story language the children will develop key early ready skills. To support our phase 1 phonic work within school, you could go on a ‘listening walk’ in your local park – encouraging your child to listen to and identify sounds in your environment. There are also some useful games and resources on http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html

**Celebration Assemblies**

Every Friday we hold a whole school ‘virtual’ celebration assembly. This pre-recorded assembly will be uploaded to our Westfield You Tube Page every Friday afternoon.

Every week a child from each class is chosen by the teacher as the, ‘Pupil of the Week.’ The children will receive a certificate and we will explain why we have picked them as ‘Pupil of The Week’ during the assembly video. The link will be posted on Class Dojo for you to watch with your child.