



Westfield Primary Academy Newsletter - Autumn 2021

Welcome back! It is great to see everyone and it feels almost back to normal. In line with the latest government guidelines, many of our restrictions are now lifted and whilst we remain vigilant, we no longer have to stay in bubbles, can gather together and are able to welcome families onsite again. Full details our risk assessment can be found our website at:

<https://www.westfieldprimaryacademy.co.uk/documents/risk-assessment-school-opening-covid-19/>

Our theme this year is 'Inspire to Excellence'. We hope to be inspired and inspire others with visits and visitors from our community. We also are striving to be excellent in ALL we do, from being an excellent friend to our neatest handwriting. At least once a month we will have an 'inspiring' visitor who will share their story. We were delighted to welcome Sam Oldham – GB Olympic medal winning gymnast before the summer and have already welcomed Guinness World Record breaking marathon runner Ben Blowes this term.

We have a packed and busy term ahead. Below you will

find lots of information to add to diaries and pin boards.

Data Forms

You will all shortly receive an envelope of information to check that we have on our system about you and your child. Please check that the information is correct and up to date, this is especially important in relation to any medical needs and in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Additionally, there are updated home school agreement forms and permission forms to sign and complete. We ask that you kindly return these forms to your class teacher or the school office as soon as possible.

Attendance and absence

Attendance remains a huge priority and ensuring every pupil is in school every day possible. Pupils know that we are aiming for over 96%.

Webster the Wolf is now able to visit classes again and will visit the class with the best attendance each week.

Being in school, especially following the pandemic is really important. Thank you for prioritising the importance of good attendance and for the vast majority of you who arrive on time each day.

Attendance is shared every Friday in assembly and on

Dojo and is recorded on the display outside each classroom. Please look out for the data on your child's class attendance.

Please be reminded that holidays in term time cannot be authorised and may result in a fine. We have new absence request forms that are available from the school office. These forms must be completed in order to request authorised absences. Authorisation cannot be granted in response to an email or Dojo request.

I will continue to monitor attendance and will be working closely with education welfare services.

As per government guidelines, children are no longer required to self-isolate due to COVID unless advised to do so.

Healthy choices

We ask that lunchboxes remain healthy and nut free. Please do not send in sweets (or toys in lunchboxes) and limit sweet treats.

At break times, children in KS1 are given a piece of fruit and we politely ask that KS2 children are also sent in with either fruit or vegetables. Please may we avoid crisps, chocolate and sweets as



snacks. These are not permitted.

We are bound by healthy school's guidelines when we serve food at lunchtime, breakfast and at wrap around care which we offer until 5.45pm.

Parent Gate

The main parent gate will open at 8:30am. Classroom doors are now opened at 8:40 and Quiet Start doors in the Aviary open at 8:35. Thank you for not arriving earlier than 8:30.

May I politely remind you that the start of the school day is 8:45am and late arrivals will be recorded from 8:50am. Parking in the car park is not permitted unless you can present us with a blue badge.

Clubs

We will be offering a range of afterschool and lunch time clubs run by school staff or Dellar Sports Coaching. Full details including how to sign up will be sent out separately with online booking information clubs will start on Monday 27th September and run for the whole of the Autumn term. Clubs are offered on a first come, first serve basis so please book places early.

Meet the Team event – Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 3:30pm

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey at the

end of term. This was useful feedback and allowed us to make adjustments for this year, including amending our systems for rewards and providing more information about our curriculum.

During our Meet the Team session, paper copies of our class newsletters, curriculum overviews, class updates and information about our rewards will be shared by each class teacher. Just pop into your child's class afterschool to pick up the information, hear a very short presentation and ask questions.

If you have more than one child, class teachers will repeat their presentations and be available for you to visit more than one class. Members of the Senior Team will also be on hand to share our vision for the year and talk to families.

For any families unable to join us, class newsletters and curriculum overviews have been shared on

Class Dojo and any further information shared will be posted following the session. Teachers are available via Class Dojo to answer any queries you may have.

Phonics

Mrs Dale continues to host a series of phonics workshops to support parents in EYFS and KS1 with reading with your child at home. If you have been unable to attend, or wish to find out further information, all resources can be found on your child's Class Dojo page.

Harvest

We will be celebrating harvest by donating food to the local food bank and we would be very appreciative of donations from you. Non-perishables can be brought in on Friday 4th October Thank you for your support.



Parents Evening

This year parents' evenings will take place on 16th and 17th November. Details will follow later in the term including how to book.

Parent Forums

We are very keen to hear your views on how things are going for your child and your family and how we can better what we do at Westfield. Mrs Kerr, Miss Dunmore and I would like to invite you to attend parent forums once a term. These forums are offered in year group teams so that you can come along in a relaxed way and talk through issues that are relevant to your cohort.



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Tea, coffee and other refreshments will be available!

- EYFS – 4th Nov @ 2.30pm
- Years 1 & 2 – 11th Nov @ 2.30pm
- Years 3 & 4 – 18th Nov @ 2.30pm
- Years 5 & 6 – 25th Nov @ 2:30pm



Children's University

We are pleased to be running this again this year and hope to get even more children involved. We will be re-launching Children's University on 22nd September and further information will be available for families at the Meet the Team event afterschool – see above.



Friends of Westfield

Over Lockdown, our Friends of Westfield (FoW) have not been able to meet and we are keen to get going again. Friends of Westfield is open to any parent of the school, whether you were involved before or not.

If you want to be involved in events including discos, Christmas and parties or want to support in fundraising

details. Over the years Friends of Westfield have raised money in lots of ways and supported the school to buy forest school equipment, our Year 6 leavers hoodies, Christmas crackers and gifts and much more. I look forward to relaunching it again this year.

Learning together Session

Each term, you will be invited to a learning together session with your child's class teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to join us in class with your child to engage in learning together. The dates are below:

Class	Year	Time
Puffins and Wrens	Reception	19th October 9.00-10.00
Wagtails and Magpies	1	11th November 2:30 – 3:30
Heron and Robins	2	15th October 2:30 – 3:30
Sparrows and Skylarks	3	5th November 2:30 – 3:30
Mockingbirds and Ravens	4	24th September 2:30 – 3:30
Kingfishers and Kestrels	5	29th November 2:30 – 3:30
Eagles and Starlings	6	27th November 2:30 – 3:30

Celebration Assemblies

This year, Pupil of the Week will be celebrated weekly in class. At the end of each half term, we will hold Key Stage assemblies to award certificates in Maths, English and the Wider Curriculum and a Headteacher's award for each class.

The dates are:

EYFS – Thursday 21st October @ 9am

Years 1 & 2 – Thursday 21st October @ 2:45pm

Years 3 & 4 – Wednesday 20th October @ 9am

October @ 2:45pm

Any parent is welcome to attend these assemblies, however, if your child is awarded a certificate you will be invited.

Women's Cycling Tour – Adopt a Team

We are delighted to have adopted team SDWorx in the upcoming Women's Cycling Tour which will be passing through Haverhill on the morning of Saturday 9th October. We will be making a banner to cheer on the team and children are welcome to join us as we gather along the route to watch this unique event.



Thank you very much for taking the time to absorb all of this information, there is a lot to get through! Best wishes for the term ahead.

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Headteacher

