



## Westfield Foundation Stage Newsletter



## Autumn and Christmas

## Autumn (2)

### Phonics and Reading

Thank you for your support at the Early Years' phonics evening. We hope you found it useful. Please continue to practise the letter sounds in your child's envelope and look at the book with your child at least three times a week. We will be awarding certificates!



This half term we are finding out about Autumn. We will walk round the school grounds looking for signs of autumn e.g. leaves that have changed colour, fallen leaves, acorns and berries on the trees.

Please encourage your child to look for signs of autumn in your garden or when they are coming to school. We will also be learning about animals that hibernate. We are going to plant some bulbs. We will compare the size, shape, weight and colour of different bulbs.

### Share-a-skill

Share-a-skill will begin this half term. You can collect your child at 3.15 on a Tuesday and choose a book and a game to keep for the week. Please return both the following Monday. Please check that no pieces are missing when you return the Share-a-skill game.

### PE lessons

We have PE on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Girls with long hair need to have it tied back on PE days for safety reasons.



### The Christmas story

The children will listen to the Christmas story and practise their words and songs for our Nativity performance. Please help your child to say their Nativity words with a loud, clear voice when they practise them at home.

### Naming clothes

Please remember to mark your child's name clearly on the outside of lunch boxes and on the inside of cardigans and sweatshirts. Now that the weather is getting colder and children are beginning to wear hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, these too need to be named. It is so much easier to return lost items to a child if they are clearly named. Our spare clothes box is short of pants, knickers, trousers, socks and tights, size 4-7yrs. We would be grateful for any second hand donations.

### Fastening coats

Now that the weather is getting colder, we are encouraging the children to fasten their own coats at playtime. Please could you try at home too so that they can do this task independently?  
Thank you

### Special Books

Next Friday we are sending home Special Books. Please help your child record their weekend news on just one page. If you are unsure how to complete this book, please talk to your child's class teacher.

