

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## March 2018

This half term has started well, despite the appearance of snow! Thank you for your understanding with regard to the school closure this week - I have emailed parents explaining the reasons for this necessary action and detailing how parents will be informed of any future closures. Despite sending a text message to parents at approximately 7.30am, we are aware that some people did not receive this until a later point. We would ask that parents do not rely solely on the text message system and if at all concerned about possible closure, parents should consult our Twitter account, school website or local radio stations—BBC Radio Humberside and Viking Radio. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hickey

### Year One Victorian Day

Our Year One children were transported back in time to the Victorian era last week and had a fantastic time looking at a range of different artefacts to find out about life in Victorian homes, they also played Victorian games and experienced the strict and formal atmosphere of a Victorian classroom! Luckily for them, modern day classrooms are a lot more fun!



### EYFS Chinese New Year

EYFS were really excited by their visit from Mr Chu to help with their Chinese New Year celebrations. The Chinese drum and dragon were amazing and really brought their learning to life. An excellent example of how we are weaving British Values into our curriculum, developing mutual respect and pupils' tolerance and understanding of those with different faiths and beliefs. You can see a short video clip on our Twitter account @WestfieldCott



### Easter Fun

In the run up to Easter, there are many activities for pupils to get involved in. Children in EYFS and KS1 can take part in our annual Easter bonnet competition and KS2 pupils can enter our egg decorating competition. All pupils should bring their entries to school on Friday 23rd March. There will, of course, be some chocolatey prizes on offer! Good luck!

## **Sporting News**

Congratulations to our Y2 pupils who took part in a Benchball competition last week. Westfield entered two teams and were delighted to be crowned champions! We were also the proud winners of the Y3/4 dodgeball cluster competition on Tuesday evening. Some fantastic teamwork and determination on display—well done to everyone. It's great to see our younger pupils taking part in more competitions and illustrates how we are successfully using our Sport Premium to further



## **Parent Evenings**

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on the following dates this term; Monday 5th March, Tuesday 6th March, Wednesday 7th March and Thursday 8th March. You should have received an appointment allocated by class teachers. These appointments are a valuable means of communication, allowing staff to share pupil progress, behaviour updates and any causes for celebration or concern. We do hope many of you will be able to join us and support the learning of your child within school. Please note that the gate onto Churchill Avenue will close at the normal time - 5.30pm.



## **Literacy Week 2018**

Our annual World Book Day was another fantastic success this year. There was a brilliant array of costumes relating to various different books. The school was full of princesses, Willy Wonkas, Things 1 and 2 and the odd Harry Potter; to name just a few! All pupils enjoyed taking part in the whole school poetry share and classes had obviously worked hard to create some really imaginative pieces of performance based around sport. At Westfield we are proud of our achievements in reading. In 2017, 81% of KS1 pupils attained the expected level or above in reading, which is 5% above the national average. In KS2, 84% of pupils attained the expected level or above; 13% above the national average. Our commitment to high quality teaching, investment in high quality resources and home support have played a vital part in our success. Could we ask that parents continue to promote reading at home and we ask that all pupils, whatever their age, read at least three times a week at home.

## **Diary dates— Spring term**

Monday 19th February	School reopens
Thursday 22nd February	Y1 Victorian Day
Friday 2nd March	Whole school poetry share
Monday 5th March	Parent consultations
Tuesday 6th March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 7th March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 7th March	Y3 Roman Day
Thursday 8th March	Parent consultations
Wednesday 14th March	Y3 Hull Museums visit
Tuesday 20th March	Magic Theatre Company visit
Friday 23rd March	Term ends
Tuesday 10th April	School reopens
Friday 13th April	Y5 Eden Camp visit