

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to familiar faces and to all our new children and families who have joined our school community this Autumn term. We hope that children settle soon into their new routines and make new friends quickly. I am sure that they will very quickly feel a part of the Westfield team! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions, especially in these early weeks.

Mrs Hickey

Staffing news

At the start of this term we are delighted to welcome Miss Marshall and Mrs Dean who have joined our very committed support staff team. This year teaching staff will be working in the following year groups:

RECEPTION—Miss Hunt and Miss Fancey

YEAR ONE—Miss Hanson (maternity cover for Miss Kenyon) and Mrs Gladwell / Mrs Fulstow

YEAR TWO—Mrs Harbottle / Mrs Jones and Mrs Bailey / Mrs Hind

YEAR THREE—Mrs Rhodes / Mrs Hind and Mr Price

YEAR FOUR—Mr Tugby (maternity cover for Miss Plews) and Mr Robinson

YEAR FIVE—Mrs James and Mrs Cooper

YEAR SIX—Mr Garnett/ Mrs Jones and Mrs Boyes

Mr Garnett's non teaching day will be a Friday and will be covered by Mrs Jones and Mrs Harbottle's non teaching day will be a Monday and her class will also be taught by Mrs Jones.

Home School Diaries

As always, at the start of the academic year, your child will receive their copy of our Home School Diary. Please use this as a means to keep in touch with your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, due to cost, we are unable to offer any replacements so it is really important that pupils look after these diaries.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on 17th, 18th and 19th of September for pupils in years one to six and on 8th, 9th and 10th October for pupils in EYFS. These are short five minute appointments with your child's class teacher and will focus on how they have settled into the new year. Attainment and progress will be discussed in more detail in the Spring consultation meetings. This year we will be using an online booking system and so that parents can select suitable, convenient times and you will receive a separate letter giving instruction on how to access appointments via the following link : <https://westfieldprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

EYFS Phonics Information Sessions

Teaching phonics is an important start to children's education and we are pleased to offer Information Sessions for parents of pupils in EYFS to explain how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your children at home. Miss Hunt will be holding an afternoon and evening session on Tuesday 25th September at 2.45pm and 6.00pm. We hope to see lots of you there!

Home School Reading

As a school we are passionate about the importance of developing solid literacy skills. Support from home and the wider community is extremely important and the most successful readers make a transition from mechanical reading (decoding the words) to comprehension of the text at around eight years old and children who can connect emotionally with the text enjoy the greater success in this area of the curriculum. Research has proved that a child who has access to just twenty texts within the home has a fifty percent chance of a future above the poverty line—a statistic which we found staggering. Please help us to support the teaching of reading by completing home reading three times a week, sharing literature at home and encouraging your child to develop a love of books and passion for reading.

Contacting your child's teacher

If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact them to make a suitable appointment. Staff are always happy to meet with parents and discuss any concerns. However the start of the school day can be very busy as they are preparing for lessons and the end of the school day is a more convenient time.

If calling in at school is difficult due to work commitments, staff will be happy to discuss any issues over the phone. Please contact staff via the school office and they will return the call as soon as possible.

School Meals—Payments

Could we politely remind all parents that school meals should be paid for in advance and accounts should not fall into arrears. Should your account fall into arrears, the school office will contact you to inform you of the situation. However, if the outstanding balance is not settled by the end of the working week, we regret that we will be unable to provide any further school meals until the account is in credit. Our school meal—either hot meal, jacket potato and sandwich option is priced at £2.20 for KS2 pupils and is free for EYFS and KS1 pupils under current government funding.

Lost property

Despite having cloakrooms in many of our classrooms and our very best efforts, every term we generate a massive amount of lost property! Many of the items often appear to be brand new and can range from the usual suspects, such as jumpers and cardigans, to expensive winter coats and even shoes! To help reduce this could we please ask that at the start of this year all uniform is labelled with your child's name and their class. This will ensure that lost items can be returned quickly and effectively. Should you need to access our lost property, this is stored in the KS1 Hall.

Diary dates— Autumn term

Tuesday 4th September	School reopens
Monday 17th September	Parent Consultations Y1—Y6
Tuesday 18th September	Parent Consultations Y1—Y6
Wednesday 19th September	Parent Consultations Y1—Y6
Monday 24th September	Robinwood Meeting—Y5 parents and pupils
Tuesday 25th September	EYFS Phonics Information afternoon
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Thursday 27th September	Y1 Family history afternoon
Friday 28th September	Y1 Family history afternoon
Friday 5th October	School photographs
Monday 8th October	Parent Consultations EYFS
Tuesday 9th October	Parent Consultations EYFS
Wednesday 10th October	Parent Consultations EYFS
Wednesday 17th October	Robinwood residential visit
Friday 19th October	Robinwood visit returns
Monday 29th October	HALF TERM
Monday 5th November	School reopens
Friday 21st December	END OF TERM

