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The half term now in its penultimate week and I can't believe how much staff and pupils have packed into the last seven weeks. There have been various sporting events, visits to the local village, shared family and friends curriculum afternoons and a range of parent information and consultation evenings. This week has seen our very excited Y6 pupils set off for their residential visit to Robinwood. I am sure that they will have a fantastic time and I'm really looking forward to joining Y3 for their blood curdling Halloween themed party next Wednesday afternoon!

Have a great half term!

Mrs Hickey



A Love of Literature

At Westfield, we really value the importance of reading and work hard to encourage the development of this key skill and a love of literature. Please support us by encouraging your child to read at home and encouraging them to read a variety of different text types.

"Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background"

The Children's Beverley Literature Festival will be taking place on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October, with a fabulous line up of fun authors, energetic storytelling and a healthy dose of toilet humour! Nick Arnold's 'Horrible Science Show' will bring the multi-award winning Horrible Science series to life.

For further information and ticket details, please visit <https://www.festivalofwords.co.uk/>

Children In Need Appeal 2018

As always, we are pleased to support the national charity Children In Need. For a small donation, children may take part in our non uniform day on Friday 16th November 2018. The theme for the day is "Spots and Dots" and I am sure that many of the children will enter into the spirit of the day while raising money for this very worthy cause.



Parent Consultation Evenings

It was great to see so many families at our Parent Consultation Evenings this half term. If you were unable to attend, we would still love to catch up with you. Please contact the school office to make a suitable appointment to meet your child's class teacher. If you would find it more convenient, we are able to offer short telephone appointments—again please contact the office who can arrange this for you.

Harvest Festival Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Harvest Festival Appeal. The classrooms are bursting with a huge variety of tinned soups, puddings, biscuits and chocolates and we are busy making up food gift parcels for some of the elderly residents of Cottingham. These will be delivered this week to the Friday Luncheon Club at the Darby and Joan Hall. I'm sure they will be really appreciated.



Sporting Success

The term has started really successfully for our sport teams across KS2. Our cross country runners have been in action. Congratulations to the Y3/4 boys' team (Noah, Harley, Isaac and Milo), the Y3/4 girls' team (Ruby, Stella, Olivia and Veena) and the Y5/6 girls' team (Mary, Eve, Holly and Georgia) who were team winners. An additional congratulations to Seb in Y6 who was the overall winner of the Y5/6 boys' race.

Our Y5/6 boys were the proud winners of the Cottingham cluster football tournament and the girls were very unlucky to lose on penalties. Well done and thank you to all those children who took part.

To keep up to date with our pupils' sporting achievements both in and out of school, please follow the Westfield PE twitter account @WestfieldCottPE

Year One History Afternoons

Our Year One children enjoyed friends and family joining them for an afternoon in the classroom. They were able to compare their lives with that of an older generation. The children really enjoyed looking at a range of photographs and were surprised at how different things were!

NHS Flu Vaccinations

Please return your consent form for the flu vaccination as soon as possible - it is important that you return this even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination. The vaccination programme runs for children in EYFS to Y5 (inclusive) and will take place on Monday 26th November. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary dates— Autumn term

Wednesday 17th October	Robinwood residential visit
Friday 19th October	Robinwood visit returns
Monday 29th October	HALF TERM
Monday 5th November	School reopens
Monday 12th November	Y2 performance—2pm
Tuesday 13th November	Y2 performance—6pm
Friday 16th November	Children In Need Day
Friday 16th November	WSA disco—more details to follow
Monday 26th November	Flu vaccinations EYFS—Y5
Monday 26th November	E-Safety Information Evening -6.00—8.00pm
Tuesday 4th December	Y6 visit to Cottingham High School - Pantomime performance
Tuesday 11th December	Y1 nativity performance—6pm
Wednesday 12th December	Y1 nativity afternoon performance
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Music Concert—2pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Music Concert—6pm
Monday 17th December	EYFS nativity afternoon performance
Tuesday 18th December	EYFS nativity performance -6pm
Wednesday 19th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December	END OF TERM

