

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It is incredible to think that we have already reached the end of the half term—the time has flown by. I am pleased to report that, while we have seen some positive cases in school, the number is far fewer than many other schools and has not impacted on the education of our children. This is very much due to the hard work of staff and pupils in following procedures. As we move towards Winter, we will continue to follow government and LA guidelines to ensure that staff, children and families are as safe as possible.

Wishing all our children, staff and families a great half term break!

Mrs Hickey

Reporting a Pupil Absence

Our attendance data is very positive and is currently 96%. Please could we ask that when reporting a pupil absence symptoms are given, rather than just a general comment stating that the pupil is unwell or “under the weather”. It is important that we understand the symptoms so that we can manage any potential Covid cases within school. Could we also remind parents that children should not attend school and you should book a PCR test if they have any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature
- Persistent and continuous cough
- Loss or changes to sense of taste or smell

School Communication

We work hard to ensure that communication between home and school are strong and Seesaw is a fantastic communication tool. I am aware that many families contact teachers directly and appreciate staff responses, However, in order to support staff wellbeing and protect their family time, please could we respectfully ask that staff are not contacted after 5pm or over weekends. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We apologise for the need to cancel our Parent Consultations at such short notice. This was because of updates made the previous day to the Google Classroom platform, meaning we could not guarantee that other people would not join the meeting. We will be rescheduling the consultations after half term and will be looking to use an alternative platform such as Zoom. More details will follow after the half term break.

Harvest Festival Appeal

A huge thank you to all those families who have supported our Harvest Festival Appeal this year. We have received a magnificent number of donations and your generosity is very much appreciated. We will be dividing the items between the Cottingham residential care homes and I am sure they will be delighted. It is great to see some of the youngest in our community supporting some of the eldest and more vulnerable.



Westfield Nursery update

We are delighted that our plans for Westfield Nursery have finally been approved and building work will start during the half term holiday. The developer is working very closely with the school to ensure minimal disruption for both the children and families.

We have a opening date of 31st January 2022 and have already had many expressions of interest for places. We will be offering morning (8:45am-11:45am) and afternoon (12:20pm-3:20pm) sessions; 15 or 30 hours/ week.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Thank you to all those families who have supported the school through the consultation period.

Sporting Fixtures

It has been great to see children participating in sporting fixtures once again. Recently KS2 children have taken part in the cluster cross competitions and a number of pupils have progressed through to the finals. The Y5/Y6 boys' football team has also been in action and came second in the East Riding Football finals, meaning that they will also progress to the next stage. Thank you to Mr Price for organising these visits and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Long who have accompanied pupils. We are looking forward to taking part in many more competitions as the year progresses.



WSA

We are delighted that the WSA have agreed to fund our Right Choice Reward and are hoping that KS2 winners will be able to enjoy visits again this year. The WSA have also organised a doughnut sale for Friday 22nd October and a Halloween Pumpkin Design Competition. Following the success of the online pantomime last year, they have also arranged another booking this year, meaning all children will have the opportunity to watch an online versions of Cinderella towards the end of time. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking the WSA members for their time.



Amazon Smile Fundraising

If you are buying anything from Amazon, please consider using smile.amazon.co.uk and supporting the WSA. When using Amazon Smile, a percentage of the net price of your purchase will be donated to the WSA without costing you anything! This is a really easy way to help raise funds for our school, so please support us when doing your Christmas shopping! The link below will take you to Amazon with Westfield School Association as your chosen charity:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1028241-0>

Diary dates— Autumn term

Monday 25th October	HALF TERM
Monday 1st November	School reopens
Tuesday 2nd November	EYFS Vision Screening
Wednesday 17th November	EYFS 2022 School Show Round—10am
Friday 19th November	Child In Need Day
Wednesday 24th November	EYFS 2022 School Show Round—5pm
Tuesday 7th December	Flu vaccinations
Friday 17th December	END OF TERM

