

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Despite a rise in cases across school, our half term has started positively and it is great to see children getting back to enjoying more and more activities in school. Staff at Westfield are working incredibly hard to ensure that, even under the current restrictions, school is a positive experience for children. Children have taken part in a number of sporting competitions and extra curricular clubs. We are hoping that our EYFS Nativity performance will go ahead this year and we have Children In Need, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day, Cinderella online pantomime, year group parties and hopefully a visit from an extra special guest to look forward to!

I am extremely grateful to all the staff who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to make such events possible.

Harvest Festival Appeal

We were delighted to receive a number of cards and thank you letters from the residents and staff from Cassandra House and Godfrey Robinson Care Homes who we supported through our Harvest Festival Appeal. It is very clear that they are very touched by our thoughts. Along with your gifts, our Y4 pupils produced art work, short messages and poems

“On behalf of all the staff and residents, can I say a huge thank you to each of you for your truly kind and generous gesture. It brought huge smiles all around. Our maintenance co-ordinator is currently arranging the artwork on the wall in the Activity Room and your poems and notes will be displayed for everyone to see. The other items have been tucked away ready for festive activities in December.”

**Christine
Service Manager—Godfrey Robinson House.**

It is great to see some of the youngest in our community supporting some of the eldest and more vulnerable and it would seem that we really have made a difference. Thank you for your support.

Climate Change Support

Over the last two weeks, staff have considered a variety of ways to promote children’s awareness of Climate Change and the COP26 Conference. There have been some fantastic responses including:

- Year 2: Read the book Bear’s Magic Pencil and discussed Bear’s approach to saving the planet. We don’t have a magic pencil or plaster and therefore what can we do to protect and improve our world?
- Year 3: Climate Art
- Year 5: Reading challenges all focused around climate change
- Year 6: Links made when carrying out ‘Extreme Earth’ Geography unit. Discussions over how our actions as human’s are creating some of the extreme natural disasters we are experiencing. Discussions centred around the problems and the actions we can try to make as individuals/push for as Global citizens.
- Geography Club: Focused around plastic pollution within our oceans.
- Y3 Art Club: Using colour to represent the effect of climate change upon our planet.



Westfield's Sporting Success

Our Sports' Teams have been out in full force again. This time has seen our Y4 Dodgeball Teams come first and second place in the Cottingham cluster competition and our Y5/6 Girls' Football team have qualified for the Humberside Finals in December. Our Y5/6 Boys' Football Team also came 4th in the Humberside finals this week. Well done to you all and a huge thank you to Mr Price for his commitment to promoting sport in school.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place during the week commencing 22nd November. These are short five minute appointments with your child's class teacher and will focus on how they have settled this term. Attainment and progress will be discussed in more detail in the Spring consultation meetings. Zoom class codes and login details have been sent to families. Please login at your allocated time and when ready the class teacher will allow you to join the meeting. To ensure staff remain on time, we would stress that parents must stick to the allocated time and that further conversations, if required, should take place via a telephone call with the teacher concerned.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner Day will take place on Wednesday 15th December. This is always a popular event. The menu and more details will follow next week. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and lunchtime staff who work so hard to make this a lovely day for the children.



Parking

Can we please remind parents about the difficulties with traffic at the start and end of the school day. Parents should not be stopping on the turn around or on the yellow zigzag lines. This morning was particularly difficult and I have received a number of complaints from concerned parents and residents regarding the safety of children and conflict between adults. Please remember that we have a Park and Stride Agreement with the Fair Maid, meaning their car park can be used at the start and end of the school day. Can we also ask that parents are respectful of our neighbours at all times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As Winter approaches we would like to remind parents of our procedures regarding potential school closures during severe weather. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We will always endeavor to make a closure decision as early as possible. If possible, parents will be informed via the school text message service. However, parents should also ensure that they check the school Twitter account and website and listen for announcements on BBC Radio Humberside and Viking Radio.

Please be assured that we will always endeavour to keep school open and will only close for health and safety reasons.

The above information will be a constant newsletter item during the winter months.



Diary dates— Autumn term

Wednesday 17th November	EYFS 2022 School Show Round—10am
Friday 19th November	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 24th November	EYFS 2022 School Show Round—5pm
Monday 29th November	EYFS Nativity performance—2pm
Tuesday 30th November	EYFS Nativity performance—6pm
Tuesday 7th December	Flu vaccinations
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 17th December	END OF TERM

