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This half term has presented both challenges and positives. I am sure that you are aware that we have experienced a significant number of cases across school, but have successfully managed to avoid whole school closures. The staff have worked tremendously hard to ensure that children are safe and happy and that any disruption to their education is kept to a minimum.

Dare I say that it feels like the tide may be turning and we are able to get back to many of the things we enjoy so much at Westfield such as extra curricular clubs, sport competitions and school performances.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation throughout the past weeks.

Mrs Hickey



Westfield Nursery—Grand Opening

We were delighted to officially cut the ribbon to the school's new nursery and welcomed some very excited children to their new, vibrant Westfield Nursey. The unit opened on 31st January, offering 30 places for three- to five-year-old children to join our school family. It is great to see how well the children have settled and how they are enjoying making new friends. Their enthusiasm is infectious!

We have also welcomed Miss Arbur and Miss Mcleishlongthorne to the team, who, along with Miss Plews, are really enjoying getting to know all our new starters.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place during the week commencing 14th March. These are ten minute appointments with your child's class teacher and will focus on attainment and progress. For children in the Nursery this will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled. We will continue to hold meetings virtually via Zoom, as many parents felt that this system gave them greater flexibility and was a much more efficient system with regard to timings. Information regarding the online booking system and how to access Zoom will be sent home after half term. We hope that as cases settle and the national picture changes, we will be able to offer a session where parents can visit school and children can share their work with you.



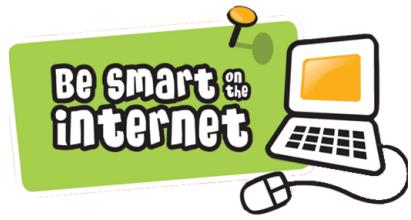
Literacy Celebrations

It was great to bring live performance back to school this week and children across school enjoyed the performance of the classic Oliver Twist from M and M productions. Children and staff absolutely loved it and we have made a booking for next year's Alice in Wonderland performance.

Our World Book Day celebrations will start on 3rd March, when children can come dressed as their favourite character. We will also be taking part in our traditional Poetry Share and classes are busy selecting and rehearsing the poems they will perform. To finish our celebrations on Friday 4th March we will be welcoming the Magic Theatre Company and their production of The Wizard of Castle Magic.

Staying Safe

Teaching pupils to be safe is an important part of our work and we are aware that many children were lucky enough to receive electrical devices for Christmas such as iPads or Smart phones/watches. Could we please stress to parents the need to monitor children's online activity and be aware of privacy settings on social media Apps such as Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat. Talking to your children about the need to stay safe and encouraging them to report any unwanted or inappropriate material to a trusted adult is a great way to support children. Further information and advice can be found on our Twitter feed @WestfieldCott or at <https://www.internetmatters.org/>



Sporting Success

Our sports teams are back out in force and it's great to see them enjoying competitions again. Our Y5/6 girls made it through to the Humberside Football Finals and the boys' team were winners in the first round of the Humberside Cup. In addition our Y6 Bench Ball team were winners of the Tigers Trust tournament and after qualification, our Y5/6 Athletics Team will compete at the East Riding finals this week. Good luck and well done to you all.



In school our Y3 children have enjoyed dance sessions with Flexdance and Y2 have been improving their gymnastic skills with sessions from HSSS Sports. A huge thank you to Mr Price who works so hard to promote sport and physical wellbeing at Westfield.

As Winter draws to a close 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.

Wellbeing at Westfield

We continue to promote mental and emotional wellbeing for both children and staff at Westfield. Our website has been recently updated to include a wellbeing section. This can be found within the Our School tab. It gives information for families and offers lists of signposted services and resources for parents/carers. Please take a look at <http://www.westfieldprimaryschool.org/>

Diary dates— Spring term

Monday 21st February	Half term
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day and Poetry Share
Friday 4th March	Magic Theatre Company visit—whole school
Monday 14th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day—non uniform day
Monday 28th March	Humberside Fire and Rescue to visit EYFS
Friday 8th April	End of Term

