

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## September 2022

We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and made the most of the lovely weather. 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 know that the staff have been busy during the holidays, preparing classrooms and designing exciting activities to support our ambitious curriculum at Westfield. I'm sure the children will embrace new learning opportunities whilst having lots of fun. We will soon be sending parents topic webs detailing the various learning to be covered this half term and further information found in the curriculum tab on the website:

<http://www.westfieldprimaryschool.org/>



### School Staffing

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff to the team this September. Mrs Elder and Mr Russell have joined the teaching staff. Mrs Hansley, Miss Robins, Mrs Turner and Miss Mason have joined our TA team and we have a new caretaker, Mr Hunt and new cook, Mrs Wilkinson. I'm sure the staff, children and parents will ensure that they feel a part of the Westfield community very soon.

### School Communication

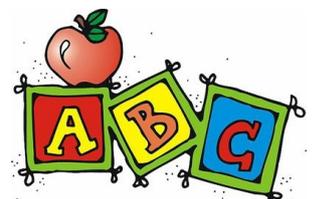
We aim to keep parents as fully informed as possible—either via text, email or letter when appropriate. Please ensure that we have your current and correct contact details so that you don't miss out on key information. Our website has details of each year group's curriculum and is updated termly and our school twitter account is a great way to see all the fantastic things happening throughout the school. Please follow us: @WestfieldCott

### Pupil Progress Meetings

Our Pupil Progress Meetings for families will take place during the week commencing 26th September—Years 1 to 6 and week commencing 3rd October for Mrs Hunt's and Mrs Fultsow's classes. Children in the nursery will have separate meetings at the start of the Spring Term, by which time we are sure they will have settled into school life. 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 academic progress will be discussed in more detail in the Spring consultation meetings. We are hoping to offer either face to face or virtual appointments to suit families' needs and circumstances. Further information will be sent home next week.

### EYFS Phonics Information Sessions

Teaching phonics is an important start to children's education and, this half term, we are pleased to offer an Information Session for parents of pupils in Mrs Hunt's and Mrs Fulstow's classes to explain how phonics is taught in school, the recent government changes to the teaching of phonics and how you can support your children at home. More details and a date will follow. We hope to see lots of you there!



### 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.

### School Meals—Payments

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Wilkinson as our new school cook.

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.



Due to increased energy and food costs, the price of a school dinner for KS2 pupils will increase to £2.50 from September 2022. This is in line with the recommended cost from the Local Authority. Pupils in KS1 and EYFS are entitled to free school meals through current Government funding.

We would like to remind parents we are now able to offer a weekly meal deal, meaning that if children order a meal of any kind—hot meal, jacket potato, sandwich option for the full week Monday—Friday, you will receive one of the meals free —effectively a 20% discount on the week.

### 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/>



To promote pupils wellbeing this term we are hoping to encourage as many children as possible to become involved in extra curricular activities and we have evaluated our Homework Policy - details to follow.

### 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 school entrance.



### Diary dates— Autumn term

Tuesday 5th September	School reopens
Week Commencing Monday 26th September	Pupil Progress Meeting—Y1 to Y6
Week Commencing Monday 3rd October	Pupil Progress Meetings—Mrs Hunt and Mrs Fulstow
Friday 7th October	School photographs
Monday 10th October	Y6 Residential
Tuesday 11th October	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 12th October	Y6 Residential
<b>Monday 24th October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 31st October	School reopens
Friday 16th December	<b>END OF TERM</b>

