# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### March 2023

School is a hub of activity at the moment and there have certainly been lots of fantastic activities taking place this half term, both in and outside the classrooms. We are looking forward to our

Easter celebrations next week. I hope all our children, families and staff have a relaxing and chocolate filled Easter break. Mrs Hickey

# **Sporting Achievements**

There have been some excellent sporting results this half term. Our KS2 children have taken part in swimming galas and the National Biathlon Championship in Redditch. Our Girl's Football team beat Bricknell in the Humberside Cup Quarter Final and our Y6 Boys' Football Team won both of their East Riding League Games against Croxby. We scored some good goals and played some great football. Well done to our netball players that played in a match against Beverley Minster Primary School. It was their

first match of the season and they can't wait for more games after Easter. Good luck to our Girls' and Boys' Football teams who, over the coming week, will be representing Hull and Humberside in the Northern regional finals of the English Football League Cup.

# **Literacy Week at Westfield**

There were many different activities during our Literacy week this half term. All classes have decorated their doors to represent a book and there were some fantastic costumes on World Book Day. We also held our traditional poetry share and the children performed class poems in a special assembly. To end the week, the WSA funded an author visit and both children and staff were inspired to listen to and work with Krystina Litten, a children's author, who coincidently attended Westfield Primary as a child.

## **Maths Magician**

To celebrate World Maths Day, we were delighted to welcome Tony Charles, the Maths Magician back to school and all year groups enjoyed a fun and interactive session with him. It was great to see the children so excited and enthusiastic about maths. Please encourage your child to use Numbots or TT Rockstars to support their work in maths.

#### **WSA Book Donations**

Thank you to the WSA and everyone who has taken part in the WSA Book Donation Appeal. We have received hundreds of books which we have added to class reading areas. We are also in the process of revamping the KS2 library and have used many of the books for this. Mrs Elder has created a fantastic tree, made from old books in the centre of the library and we are looking at how to create an outdoor "library" in the Wildlife area.



## 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. Please contact staff via the school office and they will return the call as soon as possible.

Please could we ask that parents / carers do not contact staff via Seesaw either in the evening or over weekends. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **School Meals—Payments**

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 further increased energy and food costs, the price of a school dinner for KS2 pupils will increase to £2.55 from April 2023. 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 either a hot meal or jacket potato option for the full week Monday—Friday, you will receive one of the meals free —effectively a 20% discount on the week.

## **Playground Improvements**

From 28th March, work will begin to replace the trim trail at the end of the KS2 playground. The design has been chosen in consultation with pupils' views collected by the Junior Leadership Team. Please be aware that access to the Chill Zone (Y3 exit) will remain open to parents but may be slightly restricted in space. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Wellbeing Award for Schools**

After successful assessment, we are delighted to have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This

award demonstrates our commitment to promoting the wellbeing and emotional mental health of both pupils and staff. Please take a look at the Wellbeing section on our website for further details of the support we offer in school



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# Diary dates — Summer term 2023

Friday 31st March
Tuesday 18th April
Monday 24th April
Tuesday 9th May
Wednesday 17th May
Monday 5th June
Monday 10th July
Friday 21st July

END OF TERM
Children return to school
Week of Parent / Carer Consultation Mee
Y4 swimming starts
EYFS visit from Purple Pig Company
Y6 Bikeability starts
Westfield on Tour celebration week
END OF TERM