

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## January 2024

We are now well settled into another term and hope all our children and families have had a restful Christmas break. Children have settled quickly back into their school routines. I know there is already a range of exciting activities planned for this half term.

Please take a look at our updates on our Twitter feed @WestfieldCott to see what takes place this half term.

*Mrs Hickey*

### New Year Resolutions

We appreciate that family time is often very busy but would ask that parents / carers encourage children with their homework. This has been reviewed over previous years and has been scaled back to support families. We would ask that children read three times a week at home. Please ensure that your child's reading diary is signed. This only needs to be for ten minutes each time. Also we would ask that KS1 children access NumBots three times a week and KS2 access TT Rockstars three times. Again this only needs to be for a short period of five minutes. Commitment to this can really boost children's confidence and retention of key facts in literacy and numeracy and can help build those strong foundations for future learning. Please contact your class teacher if you require further information on using these resources. Thank you for your continued support.



### TT Rockstars Day

To help promote the use of TT Rockstars, we have arranged another maths TT Rockstars day for 26th January when the children (and staff) can come dressed as rockstar heroes for the day. Last year there were some fantastic costumes and I'm sure that this year will be just as enjoyable.

### Sporting Success

The sporting calendar has already started. Well done to our Y5/6 Boys' Football Team who were successful in their cup tie match on Monday evening. Despite the extremely cold conditions, they played fantastically well and will progress through to the next round of the Humberside Cup. Well done to you all.



## **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 through updates on our Twitter feed @WestfieldCott or at <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

**Please note that pupils are not permitted to wear Smart watches in school. Thank you.**

## **Volunteer Helpers**

We would love to hear from any parents/carers or family members who would be prepared to help in school listening to readers. We are always on the look out for volunteers who would like to help children develop this vital skill. If you could offer any of your time we would be really grateful. Please contact the school office if interested. Thank you.



## **Winter Arrangements**

During Winter 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..



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

## **Diary dates— Spring term 2023**

Friday 26th January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Monday 12th February  
Thursday 7th March  
Friday 15th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Wednesday 20th March  
Friday 22nd March  
Tuesday 9th April

TT Rockstars Day  
Whole school theatre performance –The Secret Garden  
HALF TERM  
World Book Day  
Red Nose Day—non uniform  
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm  
Class Photos  
END OF TERM  
Children return to school

