

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## September 2024

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer. 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.

*Mrs Hickey*



### School Staffing

This term we are welcoming Mrs Lee to the staff team. Mrs Lee will cover staff PPA sessions in Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

### School Communication

We aim to keep parents as fully informed as possible—either via text, email or letter when appropriate. At the start of the academic year, 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 curriculum and is updated termly. Our school twitter account is a great way to see all the fantastic things happening throughout the school. Please follow us: @WestfieldCott

### Open Classrooms

This term, Monday 23 September, we will be replacing our Pupil Progress Meetings for families with an informal Open Classroom Evening. This will be a drop in session, which will give the opportunity to see your children's work so far and meet their new teacher. No appointment is needed and classrooms will be open from 3.35—5.00pm in EYFS to Y6.

Parents / carers of children in nursery are invited to pop into the classroom on either Monday 23 September or Thursday 26 September from 3.30—4.30pm.

Attainment and academic progress will be discussed in more detail in the Spring consultation meetings.

### 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 EYFS and Y1 to explain how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your children at home. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 17 September at 5.30pm. 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

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.

The price of a school dinner for KS2 pupils is £2.55. 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 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.

A menu is available on the website <http://www.westfieldprimaryschool.org/>



### 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 2024

Tuesday 3 September	School reopens for children
Tuesday 17 September	EYFS and Y1 Phonics Information Evening
Monday 23 September	Parent / carer open evening—whole school
Thursday 26 September	Additional Parent / carer open evening—nursery
Wednesday 2 October	Y6 Residential
Thursday 3 October	Y6 Residential
Friday 4 October	Y6 Residential
Friday 11 October	School Photos
Monday 14 October	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 15 October	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 16 October	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 17 October	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 18 October	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 21 October	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 25 October	END OF HALF TERM

