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Welcome to the October newsletter—I can't believe that we are now more than half way through the first half term and so much has already taken place. We had a fantastic time last week with our Platinum Games Award celebrations. The children loved trying different activities—especially the Stacking Cups and, as a whole school, we managed to run a very impressive total of 392 miles! As part of our work to promote British Values and respect and tolerance, PC Osler has delivered Hate Awareness workshops with Y5 and Y6 pupils. Our Y6 pupils are currently on the Robinwood Residential and judging by the Twitter feed, they look like they are having a great time. There is much planned for the coming month, including: cluster sport competitions, Y6 Bikeability sessions and a school visit from Dame Dianna Johnson MP on Friday 11 October. We're going to be busy!

Mrs Hickey

School Staffing

This month we are welcoming Mrs Mattock and Miss Walmsley to the support staff team. I'm sure they will very quickly be made to feel part of the Westfield family.

Open Classrooms

This half term we trialled our informal Open Classroom Evening. This drop in session provided the opportunity to see your children's work so far and meet their new teacher. We hope that families found this to be a positive experience. Following discussions, we will now also offer an additional consultation meeting later in the term (November) for those parents who would like this. More details to follow in a separate letter nearer the time.

Cluster Football Competition

A fantastic effort from our Y6 Boys' Football teams at the Cottingham Schools' Cluster Competitions. Both teams played exceptionally well and we were placed first and second. We now progress to the next round. Weather permitting, the girls and Y5 boys will be in action later this month and we are also looking forward to Cross Country and Table Tennis competitions before half term.

Primary Science Quality Mark

Westfield strives to be a forward thinking school, looking for ways to drive teaching and learning and improve outcomes. We were delighted to learn that, following a successful application, Westfield has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark Award. Congratulation to all the staff and, especially Mrs Bailey, who is science lead. This is a fantastic achievement which we hope to build on with our commitment to becoming a STEM School.



Y5 Space Experience

Y5 enjoyed a fantastic experience linked to their learning about space. They had the opportunity to ask questions to a NASA astronaut in a specially arranged virtual session arranged by Mrs James. The children loved the session and were truly inspired—what a fantastic way to bring learning to life.



Westfield in the Community

We love to find ways to support our local community and our Harvest Festival Appeal is a fantastic way to do this. Next week we will be supporting our local Foodbank once again. If your child would like to be involved, please bring suitable dried or tinned food donations into school during the week commencing 7 October. We will then arrange for these to be collected the following week and I know that the Foodbank will be very grateful to receive our support.

We have also supported the local community this half term with a Y5 visit to the Civic Hall, where children were able to sing and entertain local residents. Brilliant effort—well done Y5.

Reading at Westfield

Supporting your child’s reading is one of the best ways you can help with their education as the ability to read fluently opens up access to the wider curriculum in later years. Just listening to your child read for ten minutes, three times per week and signing their reading record will make a huge difference.

Our Book Fair will take place for one week from 8 October and is always very popular. This is a great way to promote reading for pleasure. Thank you to Mrs Hunt for organising this event. We hope that lots of you will be able to visit.

Lost property

Despite it being so early in the year, we are still seeing a massive amount of lost property! Many of the items are unnamed and we struggle to return them to their original owners. Could we please ask that uniforms and items such as coats are 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

Friday 11 October	School Photos
Friday 11 October	Dame Dianna Johnson visit
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
Friday 15 November	Children in Need Day
Friday 22 November	Y6 First Aid Training
Friday 29 November	Y5 Yorvik visit
Monday 9 December	EYFS Nativity Performance 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 December	EYFS Nativity Performance 5.30pm
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day 2024
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 December	END OF TERM

