

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## November 2024

Welcome to the November newsletter and the start of a new half term. This one always proves to be very busy as the festive period draws closer. There are already many dates in the diary for concerts, performances, workshops, theme days and parties! We have also given families the opportunity, for those who want it, to meet with class teachers at our consultation meetings during the week of 18 November. We hope to see lots of you during the next seven weeks.

*Mrs Hickey*

### Remembrance at Westfield

At the start of the half term, we will be taking the opportunity to remind children of the significance of remembrance. This is an important part of our work on British Values, highlighting the importance of tolerance and respect—something which is becoming ever more important in today's society. Our Y6 Ambassadors have been selling poppies this week; we will be participating in the two minute silence at 11am on Monday 11 November and all classes will be helping produce an outdoor poppy display as a mark of our commitment. Thank you to Mrs Elder for organising this.

We have a number of children from military families and during this half term, Mrs Boyes, one of our staff wellbeing leads, will be attending a training session on how we can best support these children where appropriate. This training will be shared with staff, but if you would like further support, please contact Mrs Boyes via the school office.



### Sporting News

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Elder will be taking the role of PE lead and I know she is looking forward to working with many children and encouraging a love of sport. Our Cross Country Teams did exceptionally well at the cluster competition with the Y5/6 teams for both boys and girls winning their heats and individual first and second places in the Y3/4 girls' competition.

The Y5/6 girls' football team were also successful in the cluster event and will progress to the finals on 7 November.

For the first time, we have also taken part in cluster table tennis event at Snaith Primary. Despite this being our first outing, the team played really well and had a great time.

Thank you to Mr Garnett, Mrs Elder and Mrs Pearson who have given time to support these events.

### TT Rockstars

Westfield will be "rocking" on Friday 8 November with our TT Rockstars Day. Thanks to Mrs Penn for organising the day. The aim of this day is to have lots of fun with maths and multiplication skills, but it also has a serious side in promoting the use of TT Rockstars. As a school we see a marked difference in the understanding of multiplication from those children who use TT Rockstars and this understanding of number and calculation enables them to transfer these skills into more complex problem solving activities. Please support your child in accessing this for approximately five minutes just three times a week—you'd be surprised how easy and how much fun it can be.



### Antibullying Week and Odd Sock Day

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11 - Friday 15 November. This year, the theme is 'Choose Respect.' Anyone can experience bullying at any age, and it can negatively impact our mental wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. At Westfield, we aim to develop a clear approach to preventing and responding to bullying and promote the importance of empathy and respect. We will be discussing this with our children during class and assembly time and would encourage all children to take part in raising awareness by celebrating difference and taking part in "Odd Sock Day" on Tuesday 12th November.



### Parent Volunteers

We are always very grateful to any parents or carers who can come and help at school and we would welcome as much, or as little time as you could give. This might be to hear children read, help out at activity days or with art / technology lessons. If you would like to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you—please contact the school office for more details.

In response to our Ofsted inspection and to promote further opportunities to develop deeper awareness of World Faiths and diversity, we would also love to hear from any families who may have links to community groups or be able to support us in this area. Again, please contact the school office if you feel you are able to help.

### STEM Week

Our first STEM week has taken place with children taking part in a variety of activities. Y6 took part in an engineering bird nest building challenge using scavenged materials; Y1 took the theme of The Emperor's New Clothes looking at materials for seasonal changes; Y2 challenged themselves to look at the best materials to design a coat visible in the dark; Y3 challenged themselves to build the tallest towers using mini marshmallows and spaghetti; Y4 designed rockets to send paper mice into space and Y5 designed Rover vehicles to transport 3 astronauts to an imaginary planet.

Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to more challenges next half term.

### Key Stage Two Tuck Shop

This half term has seen the introduction of our KS2 Tuck Shop. Healthy bakes are available for children to buy at morning break —Y3/4 on a Monday and Y5/6 on a Wednesday. As part of our work towards the Healthy School Award, we would stress that on the days when the KS2 tuck shop is not available, children should only bring healthy snacks – e.g. fruit. Children will not be permitted to eat items such as chocolate biscuits / crisps during breaktime.

EYFS and KS1 pupils will continue to receive free fruit during the school day.

### Diary dates— Autumn term 2024

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 2 December	Y4 Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 4 December	Nursery Christmas Craft Day
Monday 9 December	EYFS Nativity Performance 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 December	EYFS Nativity Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 December	Y6 Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 11 December	Y2 Scooter Training
Wednesday 11 December	Christmas Music Concert 5.30pm
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day 2024
Tuesday 17 December	Y1 Carol Performance 9.00am
Tuesday 17 December	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 December	END OF TERM

