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NEWSLETTER 1 - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome back to all our returning children and new starters.

We hope you had a lovely summer and are already enjoying the new school year! We have had a great start and it has been so lovely to see everyone. New Nursery and Reception children are settling well.



INFORMATION WE HOLD ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Please help us keep our records up to date by informing us of any changes to the following information about your child:-

- Address
- Emergency contact information including names and telephone numbers
- Child's registered doctor and medical practice
- Email address for first contact (this is where the weekly newsletter will be sent)
- Medical conditions and allergies
- If your child has asthma or an allergy, please remember to let us have a copy of their updated Action Plan after a review. **Please ensure your child has an inhaler that can be kept in school.**

Email any changes to admin@westfieldinfants.co.uk .

THE WESTFIELD PANTRY



The Westfield Pantry was set up to help families within our school. Thanks to a £500 grant from Sainsbury's and a donation from the store at Rawdon our pantry has been re-stocked.

The Pantry is available to anyone who may be struggling to buy food, whether it be just a couple of days worth of meals or a larger food parcel. If you are requesting a food parcel we ask for a donation of 10% of the value of the parcel which we will use to replenish stock. Donations to the Westfield Pantry can be made throughout the year, either in cash, on School Spider or by bringing items to the office. You can access the Westfield Pantry by filling out the form at the link below:-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oG8qla3a8Uy5lVNAvr7Ohr2N4mvADTtHkuQv9uUVICVUQ0syTThDVjZlVfHUVQVkyR0hUOVlCTU9ZVi4u>

SCHOOL SPIDER AND TAPESTRY LOGINS FOR NURSERY AND RECEPTION

If your child has started in Nursery or Reception you should have now received your login for School Spider and Tapestry Learning Journal. If you haven't please contact the school office on 0113 2505449 or email admin@westfieldinfants.co.uk.

Tapestry is a tool that we use in Nursery and Reception **only** to share your child's learning in the setting. This year in Nursery the aim is to share at least one photo per week. Parents can also share special occasions at home. In Reception we have a slightly different approach to Nursery. There will be group photos of specific activities uploaded. One week per half term there will be an increase in the number of photos and observations when your child is one of the children of the week. You are also welcome to upload photos of special occasions at home.

ATTENDANCE

At Yeadon Westfield Infant School we value great attendance and work in close partnership with parents and carers to ensure every child is accessing their education. As with every school, and in line with DFE guidance, we make a distinction between 'authorised absence' and 'unauthorised absence'. Below are some examples of both, but please be aware this list is not exhaustive:

Authorised Absence	Unauthorised absence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical appointment (with letter)• Illness• Family bereavement• Religious observance (2 days max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unexplained absences• Family holiday in term time• Truancy• Birthdays

Our responses to non-attendance are evidence based and intended to be implemented at the point of most impact. Below are the key stages for parents and carers to be aware of:

97% + Attendance is positive and a cause of celebration

93% -97% Attendance is reasonable but could be improved. School will monitor.

90% – 93% Attendance is becoming a concern. From October half term, a letter outlining the risk of persistent absence will be issued other than in exceptional circumstances when attendance is at 93% or lower.

<90% From September, absence will no longer be authorised without a medical note

PUNCTUALITY

Although we appreciate that there are occasionally circumstances which prevent a prompt arrival and that your child may have been late by just a few minutes, late arrivals can make it more difficult for your child to settle into the school day and cause disruption for the class in general. Please help us to help your child gain the most from their time in school by ensuring that they arrive on time. The school day starts at 8.40am when the doors open. We close the gate and doors at 8.50am sharp. The expectation is that children are in the playground ready to enter the classroom at 8.40am. If your child arrives after 8.50am you will need to take them to the office to be signed in. Well done to everyone arriving on time for our new start time.

PSA UPDATE

At the end of last term a number of parents expressed interest in restarting the PSA to raise funds for school. Sharon Telford whose granddaughter is in Year 1 took the lead and sent out this message to parents:-

'Remember lock down and home schooling and how difficult it all was ... think about how much all our children benefit from our fantastic school right on our doorstep. It now needs our help ... and if like me you want the best for our children, to provide them the best early years as we can then I'm going to ask you all for your help, ideas, suggestions etc. All schools are feeling the pinch at the moment and we have to give back, and whilst times are hard I just want to ask for a list of skills you're willing to share, nail techs, face painters, crafty people (I'm definitely not one of them), BBQ Kings and Queens, bakers and any other skill that you have, but most importantly and which I personally feel is the most valuable "your time". So, I'm asking for you to come forward and speak to Dawn, Jane, the office or myself and let's get a plan together to help support and make our school the absolute best it can be. It takes a village to raise a child is the old saying, think the modern one should be it takes a fantastic school to help our children have a great childhood.

You can contact Sharon by email gizimuta@hotmail.co.uk or to message her on 07946473394.

PARKING

We have had a number of complaints already from local residents about parking near school.

Please remember the following points:-

- Please drive slowly, safely and with consideration to pedestrians and other drivers.
- Please **do not** park with your wheels on the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the road.
- The 'No Parking' areas around school are clearly marked. Please be aware that our community police issue tickets during spot-checks in the area.
- Please **do not** block local residents' driveways, preventing residents getting cars in and out of their own homes.
- Please **do not** block the entrance to the school gates. There needs to be access at all times for emergency vehicles.
- Please do not park on the dropped kerb where children are crossing the road to school.
- Please do not leave your engine running while your vehicle is parked

Under advice from the police we will publish photographs in the newsletter of cars parked illegally near school. You can also email photographs, including registration numbers to outernorthwest@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS

Keep up to date with school news and blogs by downloading the School Spider parents app and selecting Yeadon Westfield Infant School. To receive instant messages and use the payment facility you will need to log in.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM AND THE WESTFIELD PANTRY

Parents and carers at Westfield Infants have access to our stock of second hand uniform and food parcels from The Westfield Pantry. To find out more information, please follow the links below:-

- [The Westfield Pantry](#)
- [Second Hand Uniform](#)

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you're on benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant free school meals anyway or brings a packed lunch, it's still important to register for a free school meal to ensure school doesn't miss out on funding called pupil premium. Find out more information on our [school website](#).

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support Yeadon Westfield Infant School at [Easy Fundraising](#) when doing your everyday shopping.



STARS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Welcome back to our STARS children. We hope you had a wonderful Summer. The children have settled back in so well and have been having lots of fun getting to know each other and the staff.

STARS Before and After School Club is open to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 and siblings at the Junior school. To find out more information about opening times and prices, please visit the [STARS page](#) on our website.

COMMUNICATIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

EMAILS:	05/09/2023 – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete 05/09/2023 – Start and Finish Time Reminder 05/09/2023 – After School Multiskills and Sports Clubs Year 1 & 2) 05/09/2023 – Message for Year 2 Blue 05/09/2023 – Message for Reception Class 06/09/2023 – Year 2 Class Information Sheet 06/09/2023 – Year 1 Class Information Sheet 11/09/2023 – Vacancies in School 12/09/2023 – Chat and Play 12/09/2023 – Reception Class Information Sheet
SENT HOME VIA CLASS:	-
COLLECTING:	Toner cartridges, batteries, clean jam jars with lids

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	21/09/2023	8.50am	Phonics information session for parents and carers. This is an overview of how Phonics is taught in school. All parents/carers welcome. The session will last approximately 20 minutes.
Wednesday	27/09/2023	8.50am-10.00am	Chat and Play – for parents and carers with pre school age children.
Thursday	28/09/2023	2.15pm	SEND meeting for parents/carers with local councillors
Friday	29/09/2023	8.50am	Maths information session for parents and carers. This is an overview of how Maths is taught in school. All parents/carers welcome. The session will last approximately 20 minutes.
Friday	06/10/2023	8.50am	Parent Voice – more details to follow
Wednesday	11/10/2023	All day	Individual school photographs
Wednesday	11/10/2023	8.50am-10.00am	Chat and Play – for parents and carers with pre school age children.
Tuesday	17/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2– more details to follow(attend one session only)
Wednesday	18/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2– more details to follow(attend one session only)
Thursday	19/10/2023	3.10pm-3.30pm	Share your Child's Learning Year 1 and 2– more details to follow(attend one session only)
Wednesday	25/10/2023	8.50am-10.00am	Chat and Play – for parents and carers with pre school age children.
Thursday	26/10/2023	8.50am-9.30am	Harvest Assembly – more details to follow (one performance only)
Friday	27/10/2023	8.50am-9.30am	Harvest Assembly – more details to follow (one performance only)
Friday	27/10/2023	3.10pm	School closes for the half term holiday
Monday	06/11/2023	8.40am	School opens for Autumn Term 2

COMMUNITY NEWS



SEND Provision in Aireborough

**Thursday 28th September at 2:15pm
at Yeadon Westfield Infant School**

All parents/carers in Aireborough are invited to attend a meeting/surgery to raise concerns and discuss their experiences regarding SEND issues.

The following Councillors will be available to hear your concerns and listen to your experiences.

Cllr Jonathan Prior

Executive Member for Education at Leeds City Council

Cllr Paul Alderson

Outer Northwest Children's Champion

Cllr Oliver Edwards

Local Representative

Cllr Eleanor Thomson

Chair of the Outer North West Community Committee

This is the first meeting of its kind, and a great opportunity to meet with members of Leeds City Council. We hope that parents/carers will take this opportunity to speak to elected officials who are at the heart of decision making in the local area.