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## NEWSLETTER 7 - 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Please remember school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 3.10pm and re-opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Rocket Awards 23/10/2023**



**Handwriting Stars 23/10/2023**



**Reading Stars 23/10/2023**

Congratulations to the children who received awards in assembly on Monday.

More photographs are available on the website

<https://www.westfieldinfants.co.uk/page/achievements/63794>

## **END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM MS LOWRY**

It has been a busy and exciting half term. It has been so lovely to welcome our new children and watch all our children grow in confidence. We have had Wonderdome in Keystage 1 which was amazing. We have welcomed parents in for phonics and maths information sessions as well as Shared Learning. I have a feeling that next half term is going to be even busier, so please have a restful break and we will see you in November!

## **BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

Poppies will be on sale in school from tomorrow until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. If your child would like one please send the donation in a named envelope.



## **ATTENDANCE**

As a school we continue to monitor attendance. If your child's attendance has fallen below 93% at the end of this half term we will be sending a letter after the holiday to inform you. You may be invited into school to discuss how we can support you to improve your child's attendance. Please be aware that if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% any absences due to illness will not be authorised unless you have a medical note.

## **PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS**

Parent Consultation Appointments are now available to book via the School Spider App or by logging into the school website ([www.westfieldinfants.co.uk](http://www.westfieldinfants.co.uk)) using your School Spider login details (Parent Login at top left of the Homepage). Please book a slot if you haven't done so already. If you are having any problems booking, please ring the office on 0113 2505449.

## **WINTER COAT APPEAL**

As part of the #LeedsWinterCoatAppeal we are calling for donations of winter coats.

Do you have any spare winter coats in your wardrobe that haven't been used for a couple of years, or that your kids have grown out of?

We're looking for donations of winter coats and fleeces (in baby, child and adult sizes), children waterproofs and snowsuits, baby sleeping bags and pram footmuffs, hats, scarves and paired gloves (in all sizes). All we ask is that the items be clean, of good quality and have a functioning zip.



Please bring any donations to the school office. The last date for donations will be 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**Please keep these items separate to donations for bag 2 school.** Thank you.

# **REMINDERS**

## **CHILDREN STARTING NURSERY, RECEPTION & YEAR 3 IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

The remaining Open Days for children due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024 will be on the following days:-

- Wednesday 15th November 2023: Tours at 9.30am and 10am
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Tours at 9.30am and 10am
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Tours at 9.30am and 10am

To book a tour please complete the form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Edz4C3aiNg>.

**If your child is currently in Year 2 and you would like to look around Yeadon Westfield Junior School they will be open at the same times. Please contact them on 0113 2503395 for more details.**

Applications for Reception and Year 3 places open on 1 November 2023. The deadline to apply is 15 January 2024. Please remember that although your child is guaranteed a place at Yeadon Westfield Junior School, you still have to submit an application. There is more information about how to apply on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>.

# **GOVERNOR NEWS**

## **GOVERNOR PROFILE – JAMES HORAN**



My name is James Horan and I am an LA representative on the Governing Body at Yeadon Westfield Infant School.

I decided to apply when my daughter started to attend reception in September 2019, the reason being I just wanted to give something back to the system that helped get me to this point in my life. I live locally with my wife and daughter.

I grew up and was schooled in various parts of Leeds and spent part of my early childhood in South Africa. At the age of 16 I went to Thomas Danby College and completed a 3 year B/tec course in Hotel management. This enabled me to achieve my main ambition at the time which was to travel and work around the globe. Having done that I found myself back in Leeds and I am now Head Chef at Horsforth Golf Club.

I have spent the vast majority of my adult life in hospitality but have worked as a part-time wedding photographer and digital artist. I also managed to teach a couple of photography courses at 2 Surestart centres in Leeds.

My main focus now is my family. Having been fortunate enough to fulfil the majority of my 'bucket list' my aim now is to help others do the same.

## 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

The children at STARS have been decorating skeleton biscuits and creating some amazing firework pictures for bonfire night.

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

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| <b>EMAILS:</b>              | 20/10/2023 – Reminder – Payment for Enormous Crocodile (Year 1 & Year 2)<br>23/10/2023 – After School Dodgeball and Multiskills Club<br>23/10/2023 – Second Hand Clothing<br>24/10/2023 – Headlice (Nursery & Reception)<br>25/10/2023 – Chat and Play<br>25/10/2023 – Harvest Collection Reminder |
| <b>SENT HOME VIA CLASS:</b> | -  |
| <b>COLLECTING:</b>          | Batteries for recycling  |
| <b>WEBSITE UPDATES:</b>     | <a href="#">Achievements</a> , Class blogs (updated at the end of this week)   |



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

| <b>DAY</b>    | <b>DATE</b>       | <b>TIME</b>    | <b>EVENT</b>  |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Thursday      | 26/10/2023        | 8.50am-9.30am  | Harvest Assembly  |
| Friday        | 27/10/2023        | 8.50am-9.30am  | Harvest Assembly  |
| <b>Friday</b> | <b>27/10/2023</b> | <b>3.10pm</b>  | <b>School closes for the half term holiday</b>  |
| Wednesday     | 01/11/2023        |                | Applications open for Reception and Year 3 places for September 2024                                  |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>06/11/2023</b> | <b>8.40am</b>  | <b>School opens for Autumn Term 2</b>   |
| Wednesday     | 08/11/2023        | 8.50am–10.00am | Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children.                                  |
| Friday        | 10/11/2023        | 9.00am         | Bag 2 School  |
| Monday        | 13/11/2023        | 5.00pm-7.00pm  | Parent Consultation Appointments – representatives from MindMate will be present.                     |
| Tuesday       | 14/11/2023        | 5.00pm-7.00pm  | Parent Consultation Appointments  |
| Wednesday     | 15/11/2023        | 9.30am-10.30am | Open Day for children starting Reception in September.  |
| Wednesday     | 15/11/2023        | 9.30am-10.30am | Open Day at the Junior School for parents of Year 2 children moving there in September.               |
| Thursday      | 16/11/2023        | All day        | Children in Need – children to come to school wearing dots and spots – donation £1                    |
| Thursday      | 16/11/2023        | All Day        | Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have consent                           |
| <b>Friday</b> | <b>17/11/2023</b> | <b>All day</b> | <b>Training Day – School Closed to pupils</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>20/11/2023</b> | <b>All day</b> | <b>Training Day – Nursery and Reception classes closed. Year 1 and 2 children to attend as normal</b> |
| Tuesday       | 21/11/2023        | 1.30pm-2.30pm  | Northern Dreaming Storytime Tour for Reception and Nursery (in school)                                |
| Wednesday     | 22/11/2023        | 8.50am-10.00am | Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children.                                  |
| Wednesday     | 29/11/2023        | 3.10pm-4.30pm  | Christmas Fair – more details to follow soon.   |
| Monday        | 04/12/2023        | 12.00pm-3.10pm | Year 1 and 2 Visit to Leeds Playhouse to see The Enormous Crocodile.                                  |
| Tuesday       | 05/12/2023        | 9.30am-10.30am | Open Day for children starting Reception in September.  |
| Tuesday       | 05/12/2023        | 9.30am-10.30am | Open Day at the Junior School for parents of Year 2 children moving there in September.               |
| Tuesday       | 05/12/2023        | 2.00pm-2.50pm  | Codwollop Theatre Group Christmas performance for Nursery and Reception (in school)                   |
| Wednesday     | 06/12/2023        | 8.50am-10.00am | Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children.                                  |
| Tuesday       | 12/12/2023        | 8.50am-10.00am | Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance – more details to follow   |
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| Thursday      | 14/12/2023        | 12.00pm                               | Christmas Dinner   |
| Tuesday       | 19/12/2023        | 8.50am-9.30am                         | Reception Christmas Performance – more details to follow             |
| Wednesday     | 20/12/2023        | 8.50am-10.00am                        | Chat and Play - for parents and carers with pre school age children. |
| Wednesday     | 20/12/2023        | 11.30am-12.00pm<br>&<br>2.40pm-3.10pm | Nursery Christmas Sing a-long  |
| Thursday      | 21/12/2023        | 9.00am-10.30am                        | Whole School visit to St John's Church – more details to follow      |
| Thursday      | 21/12/2023        | PM                                    | Christmas Discos – more details to follow                            |
| <b>Friday</b> | <b>22/12/2023</b> | <b>3.10pm</b>                         | <b>School closes for the Christmas Holiday</b>                       |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>08/01/2024</b> | <b>8.40am</b>                         | <b>School opens for the Spring Term</b>                              |