

# Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term No.8 - Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Although it seems like a very long time ago now, I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends as well as have the opportunity to relax and recharge. We have returned to the second half of the Autumn Term with great gusto! Year 6 have enjoyed their visits to Winchester Military Museums, 5DC performed the first Class Assembly of the year (some more details can be found overleaf!) and more pupils have enjoyed swimming lessons and PE sessions with Mr Arnold. Unfortunately, due to the torrential rain, it was necessary to postpone our sponsored Fun Run until next week - you will see from the dates, we are hoping this will be on Monday but it will be weather permitting so please just make sure your child has everything they need in school so that when the weather allows, we can all get our trainers on and have some fun raising money for a very worthy cause. I must also mention that we have so much planned for the weeks leading up to Christmas, please do keep a careful eye on the dates and our text messages to avoid missing out.

Of course I must share news of our incredibly successful Open Evening. The stars of the event were most definitely our current pupils; it was such a privilege to see in excess of 120 pupils return to school on Tuesday evening to volunteer for lesson demonstrations and of course as informative tour guides! Once again I was quite honestly bursting with pride listening to the children speak so passionately about their school and why it is the best place to learn! We welcomed record numbers of perspective families and all of the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Well done to everyone involved, I believe these experiences are such great life skills and we would not be able to offer such an insight without such a wonderful team effort!

Another highlight for me this week has certainly been our pupil progress meetings where myself and Mrs Wilson meet with each class teacher to discuss the academic progress of each individual pupil in their class. In addition to identifying their learning successes and support in place, we also take this opportunity to discuss pupil engagement and wellbeing which obviously contribute to their success and enjoyment of school life. I must say that I could not be prouder of the dedication and opportunities that the WJS team provide. These are incredibly timely with Parents Evening fast approaching...Speaking of which, you have all received an email today detailing the arrangements for these meetings and step-by-step instructions on how to book an appointment on our on-line system which will open on Sunday at 6.00pm. We sincerely hope all of our parents will be able to meet with their child(ren)'s class teachers so, as mentioned in the letter, if you have any difficulties accessing appointments, please just call us so we can help, we do not want any one to miss out!

Finally, as part of our ongoing well-being priority this academic year, I am sharing the next **Action for Happiness Calendar for New Ways November...** I hope you, as well as our children and staff, will find these positive suggestions useful as there is much evidence to suggest that trying out new things is good for our well-being so why not give at least one or two a go?

Have a super weekend, we hope to see lots of you tomorrow!

Kind regards,

*Jo Redman*

Miss Jo Redman, Headteacher



## DIARY DATES...

### November 2022

**5th** Firework Fiesta at WJS

**7th** - Race for Life Fun Run (following the necessary postponement from this week due to the weather!)

**8th** 6.30pm - 7.30pm Parent Workshop (English)

**9th** 7.00pm PAWS Meeting

**11th** 4MP Class Assembly

**13th** Remembrance Parade (Details to follow)

**14th** Odd Sock Day

**18th** Time to Shine Dress Up Day

**18th** WISPA & PAWS Quiz Night (Westfields Infant School)

**23rd** 3.45pm-6.45pm Parents Evening

**24th** 3.45pm - 6.45pm Parents Evening

**25th** Flu Immunisations

**26th** Choir Performance at Yateley Christmas Market (Details to follow)

**29th** 6.30pm-7.30pm Upton Court Information Evening for Yr4 parents

### December 2022

**1st** PAWS Christmas Pop Up Shop

**7th** 2.00pm Yr 3 Christmas Performance

**7th** 6.00pm Yr 3 Christmas Performance

**9th** 2.30pm-4.30pm Christmas Extravaganza

**13th** 10.30am-12.00pm School Carol Concert at St Swithun's Church

**14th** 5.00pm-6.15pm Yr 3&4 PAWS Disco

**14th** 6.30pm-7.45pm Yr 5&6 PAWS Disco

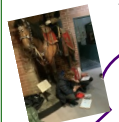
**16th** 3.15pm End of term

## REMINDERS...

- Many hands make light work - any volunteers will be gratefully welcomed for our Firework Fiesta, particularly in the evening - helping to sell refreshments or glowsticks!
- To support our safeguarding procedures, please call us to let us know if your child will not be attending an after school club.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bags2School collection and to Mrs Buck for hosting our collection point. I will let you know how much we raised as soon as I am informed.



## Year 6 Trip to Winchester Military Museums...



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 6 enjoyed a brilliant trip to Winchester Military Museum. From handling World War II artefacts, to trying on a range of military uniforms, we all certainly enjoyed immersing ourselves into our current topic. During the morning, we learnt all about different military medals and then had a go designing our own. After this, we became history detectives and investigated historical sources to answer questions about a range of World War II topics such as the Blitz, propaganda and the role of women during the war. Finally, we learnt all about Gurkha soldiers and the impact they have made on the British Army. The children were a credit to the school and I hope they enjoyed their time deepening their historical knowledge!

Miss Campbell Year 6 Team Leader

"I enjoyed trying on different uniforms and holding different artefacts from both of the World Wars."  
Sean Wise 6CH

"The experience at the museum was particularly fun, interactive and engaging."  
Matus Kovac 6JF

"The best part of the trip was trying on the different military uniforms because some of them were real and some were replicas. I learnt lots of facts about the medals and awards too."  
Lacey Marie Allen 6CH

## Rocket Competition Results 2022

Following our fun filled assembly before half term, we once again set the challenge of creating their own rocket to all of our children. I am always so impressed by the creativity and originality of our pupils and was delighted to see this year was no exception. This year the overall winners were:

Year 3 and 4: Octavia Anderson  
Year 5 and 6: Megan Uden



	St Patrick	St David	St George	St Andrew
Entry Team Points	120	70	120	110
Winning design team points	0	50	50	0

Well done to you all and particular congratulations to St George team who have been awarded the most team points for this event!

We hope to see you there!



**Yateley Lions & Westfields Junior School Firework Fiesta 2022**  
Saturday 5th November  
Westfields Junior School Playing Fields, School Lane  
Gates Open 5:30 - Bonfire 6:45 - Fireworks from 7:00pm  
Refreshments and glow products available  
Adults £5 (Advance £3) Child (4-16 yrs) £3 (Advance £2)  
Ticket sales in advance, on-line from:  
<https://yateleylions.co.uk/event/fireworks/>  
or card only at the gates.  
No advance sales after Friday Nov 4th  
NO PRIVATE FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS ALLOWED



Joint WISPA & PAWS Quiz Night  
Friday 18th November 2022

Please don't forget there is still time to join our first joint Quiz Night on 18th November - the cost of entry is £5 per person to be paid in cash on the night.

The event will be held at Westfields Infant School with doors opening at 7:15pm for the quiz to commence at 7:30pm. If you are interested in entering a quiz team of any size up to a maximum of 8 people, please scan the code to register...

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
7.30PM START  
FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER  
WESTFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL  
£5.00 PP (Max 8 per team) RAFFLE B.Y.O. Drinks & nibbles  
Scan here to register your team.

## 5DC Class Assembly Success!

Today 5DC performed their "out of this world" Class Assembly all about their current Science topic, Space. They revisited the famous 1969 Moon landings involving Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. After a fabulous re-enactment of this historic event, they performed the classic song Walking on the Moon by the Police. The audience were then informed of the planets in our solar system, the children giving fabulous facts about each one. They rounded off their performance with an enthusiastic rendition of Sam Ryder's Eurovision hit Spaceman. Well done 5DC for a thoroughly fantastic and informative assembly.



Mr Chaplin Class Teacher

## Attendance Awards

Please find below this week's attendance winners; well done to you all!

Lower School		Upper School	
3DT & 4LL	98%	5HB	98%

## Dexter's News!

Please remember Dexter's latest blog (October) is available on our School Website (and has been uploaded to ClassDojo!) Find out all about Dexter's adventures by visiting <https://www.westfieldsjuniorschool.co.uk/school-community/our-school-dog-dexters-news/>

