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Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term No.4 - Friday 31st January 2025

DIARY DATES...

February 2025

3rd 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Condoover Hall
Residential Meeting for Yr 5 Parents

6th PAWS Film Night
(Details emailed)

7th 10.00am 3AM Class Assembly
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

10 -14th Wellbeing Week

11th Safer Internet Day

12th Westfields Has Talent Showcase

14th PAWS Mufti Dy

17th - 21st HALF TERM BREAK

27th Bags2School Drop Off

28th 10.00am 4LR Class Assembly
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

March 2025

4th 3.45pm-6.45pm
Parents Evenings
(Details to follow)

5th 3.45pm-6.45pm
Parents Evenings
(Details to follow)

6th World Book Day
(Details to follow)

10th - 14th Yr6 Residential to Condoover Hall

17th Yr4 Selborne Trip
(Details emailed)

18th Yr4 Selborne Trip
(Details emailed)

19th 2.30pm Yr 3 Musical Performance
(details to follow)

21st 10.00am 5LS Class Assembly
(Refreshments served from 9.40am)

25th Potted Sports

26th Yr5 Saxons & Viking Creative Day
(Details to follow)

26th 3.45pm - 4.15pm Choir Performance to Parents

April 2025

1st Yr 3 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm (Details to follow)

Dear Parents,

I must confess that I for one am certainly glad that we are at the end of January - what a grey, wet and windy start to 2025 it has been but at least this week there was a glimmer of the blue skies to come as a few more **signs of spring** begin to emerge.

Of course our classrooms have continued to buzz and throughout the week **curriculum highlights** have been as varied and engaging as ever! Year 3 have continued to delve deeper into their learning of the Stone Age as they have been writing their own non-chronological reports using a range of facts and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to embrace learning about what life was like during this historical period in the form of their Stone Age Creative Day (more information shared overleaf and on the school website). This week, Year 4 have had to apply plenty of resilience to their Maths lessons as they have been tackling dividing 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, and Monday afternoon was full of awe and wonder as each class undertook a number of scientific investigations including creating their own working water cycles to monitor how quickly ice cubes melt in various locations around the school. Year 5 have started exploring formal methods of multiplication in our maths lessons and are continuing their Anglo-Saxon and Viking learning by examining where the Vikings came from and why they came as well as looking into Anglo-Saxon kings response to the invasion. This week Year 6 have been learning about offspring, inheritance and genetics in their science lessons. They have also loved writing survival guides for a desert island which have been fantastic!

In addition to all of this, on an incredibly serious safety note, on Monday, we were delighted to welcome some familiar volunteers from the **NSPCC** to lead workshops with our children in Year 5 and 6. Similarly linked to this theme of safety, today Year 6 enjoyed a Fire Safety Workshop with a volunteer from **Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service**. We highly value these extended curriculum opportunities to support our pupils in developing their knowledge, skills and understanding to become safe and responsible individuals and I certainly appreciate the support from these organisations.

In **governor news**, on Wednesday morning our Assessment and Progress committee met to share our anonymised analysis of internal data for the end of the Autumn Term following assessment, moderation and pupil progress meetings. Although parents have already received their child(ren)'s Attainment Tracker(s) and key targets, one of this committee's responsibilities is to monitor all of our data percentages across both of our schools. Progress and aspirations were discussed and there are strategic plans in terms of learning provision to further support all of our pupils in reaching their academic potential across the curriculum.

Finally, on the subject of well-being and looking ahead, I would like to share the wise words of the **'Friendly February' Calendar** from Action for Happiness; the well-being focus is all around the theme of friendship and positively connecting with others which also linked perfectly with my whole school 'Great Dream' assembly this morning; I think we all value our connections and support through friendships but sometimes we need a little reminder.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Redman

Miss Jo Redman, Executive Headteacher



REMINDERS...

- Please remember to support our **safeguarding procedures** regarding any absence by reporting your child(ren)'s absence by 9.00am on the day via the school office (01252 408218 or school.admin@westfields-hants.sch.uk) and not ClassDojo as teachers will not necessarily have the opportunity to check their messages.
- Bag2School Collection** coming next month so please keep hold of any unwanted items to raise funds for our school!



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School Council News...

We held our fortnightly School Council meeting on Tuesday afternoon. In addition to updating progress relating to our previous actions, the councillors were excited to learn that they were all successful in their New Arrivals Ambassadors Assessment so certificates were presented in Celebration Assembly on Thursday. In addition to this agenda items also included writing a role description for the new Lunchtime Monitors as well as sharing class suggestions from the councillor's boxes. As always you can read our full minutes on our school Website and on display in the hall.

Year 3 Stone Age Creative Day

On Thursday, you could be forgiven for thinking that you had travelled to Bedrock rather than WJS as Year 3 had the pleasure of taking part in our Stone Age Creative Day linked to our current History learning. The children looked truly fabulous in their costumes and it is without doubt that everyone enjoyed this immersive extended curriculum opportunity!

During the day, the children took part in a variety of hands-on, creative activities to bring their learning about the Stone Age to life. Learning about hunter gatherers and shelters, the children took their foraging outside as they gathered materials to make their own miniature structures, learnt about what counting might have looked like during this period and even created their own cave art. The children also had the opportunity to create their own salt dough shells, bone jewellery and a Stonehenge art piece. We look forward to sharing some of our wonderful creations during our Fantastic Finish Learning Exhibition on Thursday 24th April 2025 between 2:30pm and 3:00pm; we hope you can join us!

Mrs Long, AHT and Year 3 Team Leader

NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and 6...

Following last week's whole school assembly, this week volunteers from the NSPCC visited each of our Year 5 and 6 classes to deliver interactive workshops promoting keeping safe. The children have shared that they enjoyed finding out more information about their own personal safety as an imperative life skill.

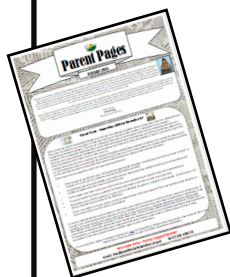
Further to the children's activity in school, please be aware that there are lots of online resources for parents available at: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents



PARENT PAGES - February 2025

Please remember to take a look at February's Parent Pages emailed to you today from our fabulous Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby. This edition's theme is

'Supporting Children Through Grief' We are aware that a number of our families have recently experienced loss and so we wanted to provide a few wise words and links to other further reading linked to this emotional challenge of our lives. There are also some great links for some local family fun alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so if you feel this may be useful, why not take five minutes to have a read?



Year 6 Fire Safety Workshop

Today, Year 6 took part in an exciting and informative workshop led by Hampshire Fire and Rescue. The sessions covered essential fire safety knowledge, including how to prevent fires, the importance of smoke alarms and what to do in the event of an emergency. Following this, the children also learnt about what vital measures to take in order to keep ourselves and our community safe as well as the opportunity to ask lots of insightful questions. Feedback was very positive and this extended curriculum opportunity was a valuable experience that reinforced key safety messages in an engaging (and hopefully memorable!) way.

Mrs Nasir, Year 6 Class Teacher

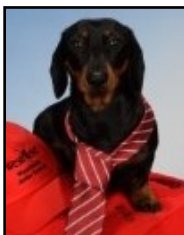


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Dexter's News!

I hope you have all seen that Dexter's latest blog (January) is attached and available on our School Website. Find out all about Dexter's adventures by visiting:

<https://www.westfields-juniorschool.co.uk/school-community/our-school-dog-dexters-news/>



Attendance Awards

Please find below this week's attendance winners; congratulations to you all! What a positive way to continue the new year with 100% scores...

Lower School		Upper School	
3LF	99%	5DC	99%

Football Match Report

Westfields Juniors V Potley Hill Primary School

On Friday, Westfields Red had their second league game of the season and were looking to retain their unbeaten start against local rival Potley Hill. The boys were excited for the match and ready to put all their hard work on the training pitch into practice. The first ten minutes of the match were quite frantic with both teams trying to apply pressure on the other with fierce battling taking place all over the pitch. Interestingly, both teams set up with similar tactics but it was Westfields who struck first with a lovely first touch, turn and finish. At half time, we agreed that an increase in shots on target was our aim for the second half and it didn't take long before we were 3-0 up. The whole team were strong in the tackle, attacked with speed and trusted each other with the ball - a fantastic team effort all round! Our goalkeeper had a very quiet game with only a late deflection getting past him, but his distribution was awesome all game. A deserved victory that keeps us unbeaten and top of the table. Well done boys!!



Mr Farrer, Year 4 Team Leader and Red Team Coach

