

Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term No.12 - Friday 14th July 2023



Dear Parents,

Let me begin by saying we certainly share your disappointment about the need to cancel today's **Sports Day** due to the weather. I had to share this snap from first thing this morning



depicting the saddened staff team who had all set alarm clocks super early and had made a super team effort to put up gazebos as well as bring out chairs and musical equipment before we had to call the decision. Of course we do not want anyone to miss out so we have juggled a few things and managed to reschedule for next Tuesday. Whilst I know this will not work for everyone, we hope lots of family members will be able to join us and most importantly that the children will have the opportunity to participate! Further to this, we would really appreciate any support in the PAWS Refreshment Gazebo as with changing the date we are short of help. If you are able to help, please let either PAWS know directly or call school to let us know as it will be a shame if we are not able to provide refreshments.

I sincerely hope you all thoroughly enjoyed reading your child(ren)'s report(s) yesterday, once again I could not be more proud of the experiences and achievements that these detailed reports capture. In addition to being a wonderful record of our children's impressive progress in relation to their knowledge, skills and understanding but perhaps most importantly, they identify the individual children's journeys in terms of their personal and social qualities that we all value so highly. For Year 4, they also received their Multiplication Check Certificates and of course, our Year 6 pupils were given their SATs Certificates which were hot off the printer- all of which we are also incredibly proud of! I must thank all of the highly efficient parents who have already returned their acknowledgements and comments to school today. As I hope you all know, we appreciate your feedback and we look forward to receiving the rest of these before the end of term.

On a musical note, on Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 were joined by a host of parents and family members who were treated to a 'Boomwhacker Performance'. Sadly I did not manage to attend this time but I have been reliably informed that the children did themselves proud by sharing their skills and performing with confidence. Related to this, I am delighted to inform you that following her maternity leave, Miss Bland our Music Co-ordinator makes a welcome return next week and I know the children and staff will be excited to welcome her back to Westfields. In other performance news our Street Dance Club members also shared their progress from this term with an appreciative audience.

Finally, Mrs Colyer, our Librarian, has also asked me to say thank you to all the families that have managed to return their school library books particularly as the bill from Hampshire Library Service for lost books is never a welcomed one! There are however currently still a substantial number outstanding so please do double check under beds and behind chest of drawers for any that may be lurking there, your support is greatly appreciated!

Have a wonderful weekend, be sure to rest as next week is a very busy one!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman
Executive Headteacher

DIARY DATES...

July 2023

18th Sports Day
(10.00am Yr3 & 4; from 12.00 noon (ish!) Family Picnic; 1.00pm Yr 5 & 6)

18th 5.00pm-6.15pm
Yr 3& Yr4 PAWS Disco
(Details emailed)

18th 6.30pm-7.45pm
Yr 5&6 PAWS Disco
(Details emailed)

20th 10.00am Yr6
Leavers Assembly

20th 3.15pm - 5.15pm
Yr6 Leavers BBQ

21st Gold Book
Assembly

21st 3.15pm End of
Summer Term

September 2023

1st Inset Day

4th Inset Day

5th First day of the new
academic year for
Pupils

11th-15th Yr6
Bikeability Courses
(details emailed)

11th Year 3 Meet the
Teacher Parent
Meeting 2.45pm

12th Year 4 Meet the
Teacher Parent
Meeting 2.45pm

14th Year 5 Meet the
Teacher Parent
Meeting 2.45pm

15th Year 6 Meet the
Teacher Parent
Meeting 2.45pm

19th Yr6 Taster Day @
Frogmore Community
College (details to follow)

26th Yr6 Taster Day @
Yateley School (details to
follow)

REMINDERS...

- Clubs have now finished but we are in the process of arranging next term's timetable.
- We hope lots (if not all!?) the children will join in the fun of the PAWS Summer Discos on Tuesday 18th July (Year 3 and 4: 5.00pm - 6.15pm and Year 5 and 6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm. You can book following this link: [Disco Booking Link](#)

WJS Staffing 2023/24

Just in case you missed your email last week, please see below for the WJS Dream Team for the next academic year!

Westfields JUNIOR SCHOOL Dream Team 2023		
Miss Jo Redman - Executive Headteacher Mrs Jo Wilson - Executive Deputy Headteacher Mrs Luci Long - Assistant Headteacher and Year 4 Team Leader Miss Kat Parsons - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)		
3JL Miss Leadley Team Leader (New Class)	3RP Miss Porter (New Class)	3LF Mr Farrell (New Class)
HLTA: Mrs Rivera-Mohtases LSAs: Miss Reailey, Miss Gibbard, Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Lewis		
Year 4		
4VH Miss Hastings (currently - 3DT)	4MP Miss Pollard (currently - 3BA)	4CB Miss Biscoe (currently - 3CC)
HLTA: Mrs Williams LSAs: Mrs Cannon, Miss Coaker, Mrs Fishleigh & Mrs Ravens		
Year 5		
5DC Mr Chaplin Team Leader (currently - 4MP)	5HB Miss Bevins (currently - 4VH)	5LR Miss Rogers (currently - 4LL)
HLTA: Mrs Penfold LSAs: Mrs Welch & Mrs Wheeler		
Year 6		
6CH Miss Campbell Team Leader (currently - 5DC)	6HC Miss Crooks (currently - 5RP)	6ZN Mrs Nasir (currently - 5HB)
Year 6 Additional Teacher: Mrs Bignall HLTA: Mrs Penfold LSAs: Mrs Evans, Mrs McAdam, Miss McVey & Mrs Warren		
PPA		
Miss Bland (3JL) (4MP) (5DC) (6CH)	Miss Shreeves (3RP) (4CB) (5HB) (6ZN)	Mrs Bignall (3LF) (4VH) (5LR) (6HC)
Librarian and Reading Support Mrs Colver	Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (EL SA) Mrs Walsland	Family Support Worker (FSW) Mrs Kirby

Governor News...

On Tuesday this week we held our Assessment and Progress Committee Meeting where we shared our analysis of end of year internal data and an initial overview of our SATs results which were only made available an hour or two previously. As the data is not yet validated I will resist the temptation to share at this point but I would like to mention how incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils I am. As individuals they could not have done any more and I am once again indebted to the whole staff team for preparing the children for these statutory tests. The committee also received an in-depth breakdown of all our pupil's anonymised data across reading, writing and maths. It is abundantly clear that our strategic priorities are having a positive impact and everyone is working extremely hard to enable our pupils to achieve their potential whilst importantly maintaining a broad and rich curriculum full of extended opportunities.

In addition to this, on Thursday evening (and what felt like into the night!) the Full Governing Body met for this term's meeting. The agenda for this is always extensive and now with two schools to monitor, it was destined to take time. But once again there was so much to celebrate in terms of progress relating to provision and attainment. We evaluated the impact of our strategies for Pupil Premium, Sports Premium and SEND Funding. Looking ahead, discussion also centred around agreeing strategic priorities, policies, governor training and terms of reference for committees as well as evaluated the Governing Body's impact.



SPORTS DAY 2023 - third time lucky?!

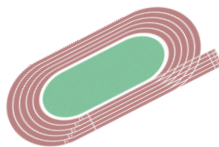
We are hoping (weather permitting!) to welcome record numbers of parents to our rescheduled Sports Day next week! Please remember you are welcome to bring along a picnic to share with your own children!

Our planned times are:

Year 3 & Year 4 Races: 10am

Picnic Lunch for All: 12.00 noon

Year 5 & Year 6 Races: 1.00pm



Please Note: PAWS will be selling refreshments all day... any helpers greatly appreciated!

S'COOL RADIO



6HC have uploaded their Class Radio Show this week to share some of their recent learning highlights. The children would love you to find the time to listen to their fabulous recordings by visiting:

<https://www.westfieldsjuniorschool.co.uk/curriculum/scool-radio/>

Please also remember that the children would be truly delighted to hear what you think, so feel free to comment on the website, twitter or ClassDojo!



Attendance Awards

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

Lower School		Upper School	
3BA	99%	5HB	98%

CONGRATULATIONS...

WJS' very own Baseball Champ is back from the GB U12 Baseball European Championships in Valenciennes. Full of stories and excitement, it sounds like it was a wonderful sporting experience and we all enjoyed the video that was shared in school! Well done!



Closer to home, on Sunday 9th July, Lorenzo Scully took part and completed the **Tour of Silchester** which was a 33 mile bike ride, in an excellent time. Congratulations Lorenzo!

Last weekend Danil Maleckij took 1st place in the **US Kids Golf Competition**, among teenagers under 16 and set a club record gross 76. He won and left his rivals far behind him +24 shots for second place! What a superstar!

Dylan Holt and his Basingstoke Bison teammates competed at the **Ice Hockey Marconi Cup Tournament** in Chelmsford last weekend. The whole team gave it their all to achieve 4th place and most importantly, their resilience, teamwork, and unwavering spirit did not go unnoticed! Congratulations to you all, competition is great but positive sporting attitudes are the best!



Finally, we must share how proud we all are of Darcie Hayward in Year 3 as on Saturday 8th July she cut off no less than 18.5 inches of her beautiful hair to donate to **The Little Princess Trust and Cancer Research UK** for children's wigs. As if this was not enough, she also raised a staggering £3050! What a WJS Superstar!

