

Westfield Nursery and Primary School



Smile and Succeed



Newsletter: March 2019

Head teacher: Mrs Karen Barley

We are nearing the end of a very busy Spring Term and I'm sure the children are ready for a break. We have had many exciting experiences which have included, Tadpoles in Early Years, Viking Day, Book Week, Harry Potter Night, Red Nose Day, Y1 Trip to Carlisle Castle, Science week and rounded off with this week's York Residential for Year 4. There have also been lots of sporting competitions and activities which we have taken part in with other schools.



Twitter and Website



If you are new to our school please check out our Twitter feed. We use our Twitter feed for school trips, learning and activities in classes and for sharing news including the theme of the week for our assemblies. You can follow Westfield Nursery and Primary School on Twitter using [@westfieldnps](https://twitter.com/westfieldnps).

Our school website goes from strength to strength and is well worth having a look at the class pages, photos and other information about our school. The address is www.westfieldprimary.cumbria.sch.uk. Newsletters are now on our website, to view past copies and sign up to new ones visit www.westfieldprimary.cumbria.sch.uk/team-westfield/newsletters

Attendance

Our whole school target is now **96%** following our recent Ofsted and the good work we have all been doing to increase attendance. Our whole school and class attendances this week were:

	Last week %	The Year so far %	Persistent absence (children below 90% attendance)
Whole school	94.5%	94.72%	30
Reception	94.83%	94.41%	8
Year 1	96.15%	94.6%	3
Year 2	96.55	96.31%	5
Year 3	86.79%	93.91%	6
Year 4	99.19%	96.8%	0
Year 5	93.19%	93.03%	4
Year 6	95.19%	95.39%	4

Your child's attendance in school is crucial to their success as a learner, and we have been working very hard supporting parents with attendance for our pupils through many incentives. **PLEASE** ensure you contact school by 9am

if your child is not in school, as we will always follow up any absent children and if we are unable to get hold of anyone, and have made a home visit we may have to call the Police to ensure yours and your child's safety.

In order to have full attendance all children must be lined up for 8.40am and registered in class by 8.50am (except Nursery, which is 9.00am at the Nursery entrance.) If the back playground door is closed then children must come round to the office and they will be marked as **Late** from 8.50am. This means they will not get 100% attendance as they are not in on time. We cannot mark a child as ill if we know they are not. **Reminder- all children in Year 3 and below MUST be dropped off at school either at Breakfast club, on the playground or at the office by an adult and not left to come into the building on their own. They will need to be signed in by the adult bringing them if they are late.**

Holidays in Term Time

I CANNOT authorise holidays in term time. Any absence from school other than illness, must be requested in writing to me and a form is available from the office so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to discuss holidays and notify us through this system. We appreciate your support in ensuring all children are in school if they are not ill.

Parent Support Group

Our Parent support group is in the process of organising an Easter Chocolate Bingo! It will be on Wednesday 17th April, doors open at 5.30pm and eyes down is 6pm. There are chocolate and cash prizes on offer and it is always a busy and successful evening. If you would like to help out and join our parent group, please call into school for information. You will be very welcome



Uniform

We have sent out many reminders recently about uniform and continue to monitor uniform in school. As ambassadors of our school, we expect the children to wear their school uniform properly. DO NOT send your child in branded hoodies for during the day, branded caps for inside school and branded trainers instead of school shoes. We are willing to accept plain black trainers. Once again, **Leggings, joggers and combat trousers** are **NOT** school uniform and we will contact you to bring replacement clothes to school if your child is persistently not in school uniform. Please ensure they have their PE kit with them every week for both of their PE sessions. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. **All children** are expected to wear their school Red t-shirt for their lessons along with black shorts and black pumps/trainers. our red sweatshirts and white or red polo shirts. If your child has PE they should come to school in their normal school footwear and change into other footwear for the lesson only. Texts will be sent home to remind you of any issues with uniform and after three reminders there will be a letter and a request to come and see Mrs Barley and Miss Rossi about how we can ensure your child has the correct clothing, footwear and PE kit.



Traffic Issues

We have a visit from Sue Hayman the local MP on Friday 29th March to come to school and discuss the local problems with school time parking. If you are interested in sharing your point of view and issues please let us know using the slip attached.

Wake Up Shake up

Remember we have our daily Wake up Shake up session from 8.15am, **FREE** if your child doesn't need breakfast, where you can drop children off with an adult in school and they will be supervised. This will save you trying to park at 8.40am and you can still pull into the car park until the gates close at 8.30am. They will be taken to class for registration by staff.

Little Smilers – baby and toddler group (0-5yrs)

We run Little Smilers Parent and Toddler group every Tuesday afternoon 1.30-3pm in the Nursery at school for mums' dads' grandparents and carers to come along, share activities and meet other people. This is run by School volunteers and is £1 per child attending.

School Dinners

When we come back on 15th April we will have a new School Meal provider. The company that won the tender are called Caterlink, they supply the meals at Workington Academy. There will be a new way of doing things and ALL parents will be asked to sign up to a payment scheme called Parent Pay. At the moment we are not sure how this is going to work but as soon as we know we will be in touch with details. It is really important that any outstanding meals this week are paid for. If you have credit we will be refunding anything that is left on your account on Friday after lunch has been taken. The good news is that meals will cost less after the holiday, Reception, YR1 & YR2 will still get Universal Free School Meals, Nursery Meals will be £1.20 from the 15th and YR3, YR4, YR5 and YR6 children who pay will be £1.90. Please look out for details of the new system.

Dates for the next term

15th – 19th April – History Week
17th April Easter Service/Play at St. Mary's Church @ 10am
17th April Reception – Visit to Dino Park
17th April Easter Bingo Doors 5.30pm start 6pm
23rd April – Class photos
7th & 8th May – YR5 Glaramara Residential
24th May – YR5 Play
5th June – Sports Day
10th June – Wheelchair Basketball
18th June – Zoolab
26th June – YR5 English Day @ Workington Academy
26th June – 28th June – YR3 Eskdale Residential
5th July – YR1 Cricket Festival

Key dates for the year

Statutory Assessment weeks
Absences will not be authorised during these times

Year 6 – 13th – 16th May 2019
Year 2 – 13th – 16th May 2019
Year 1 phonics – W/c 8th June 2019

**School finished for end of term on Friday 29th March, 2019
and returns on Monday 15th April, 2019**

We are also off on Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April for Easter Weekend

May Day – Monday 6th May

Half-Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

End of Term Friday 19th July.

Meeting about Parking outside and around school, Friday 29th March

I would like to ask the following questions/make the following comments (*please delete one*) about the above.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Child's Name _____ Class _____

ALL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN SCHOOL BY 3.15PM ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH, 2019.