

# Westfield Nursery and Primary School



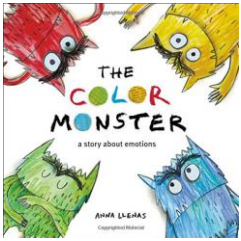
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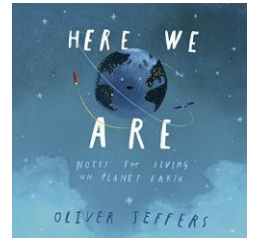
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Head teacher: Mrs Karen Barley

We have had a brilliant first month back in school and all the children have adapted well and shown great resilience with all the new measures we have in place. School has a happy buzz about it and the children's smiles and laughter make it all worthwhile.



We have used some great books to support our children starting back in school, which include The Colour Monster and Here We Are. You may have heard your children talking about their feelings and emotions in colours, which relate to the colour monster and helps us to understand how the children are feeling daily. It has been very successful. The staff continue to do a fantastic job of supporting both the academic progress of the children but also their mental health and well-being, through these difficult times.



## Arrival & Departure

Thank you for all your co-operation with the start and end of the day. It really helps us to manage the adults on site and the children having a settled day, as we have various crossover locations in school for coats, bags etc. We really appreciate you supporting this with your children.

## Lunches



We are delighted to let you know that we have a new cook, Alison Campbell, who has been working with us for a few weeks and she has made a huge difference to the number of meals we are now serving daily. The children and staff are enjoying the new menu, which we have worked on to ensure it is good quality family favourite food and warming for the winter months ahead. Instead of having a sandwich option daily, we decided to have a jacket potato option and this has gone down very well, alongside the hot dinner option.

Thank you once again for your patience and trust in getting this sorted. We have been tweeting lots of pictures of the menu, children's lunchtime experiences and you can see they are enjoying the food and have full tummies! Please check out ParentPay to select your child's meals, please ensure you add money to your child's account ahead of the meals being taken.

## Twitter and Website



You will know that we have been communicating lots with our Twitter page @westfieldNPS and on our website [www.westfieldprimary.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.westfieldprimary.cumbria.sch.uk) where you will see lots of the activities we are doing in school and details of the routines we have in place. We also publish all our letters and communications home on our Website and use the School Jotter app for this. Please contact the office if you need help to get signed up.



We are delighted to be supporting the Workington Derwent Rotary Club by being a distribution centre for their Fare Share scheme. This supports Free School Meal families with a bag of food items, which are surplus from a range of supermarkets.



We have had our second drop off and the bags have been very welcome. Please get in touch and let us know if you are not sure if you are eligible for Free School Meals or have not registered for them. Even if your child gets free school meals as they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, you should still sign up for Free school Meals as it brings extra money into school that is used to support your child.



We are collecting for the North Lakes Food Bank again to support their Harvest Appeal. In our Reception entrance, we have a box where you can drop off donations for the food bank. They often need items such as pasta, jars of sauces and tins, including baked beans, vegetables etc. We know that you have been generous in the past and we recognize that things may be different this year. As that well-known supermarket says, "Every little helps!"





### **Halloween Dress up day**

We are dressing up on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for Halloween day in school. Children can come dressed in a costume, (please do not feel like you have to go and spend) which can be homemade, or they can wear Halloween colours, e.g. Black and Orange. If you have face paints, please do these at home, as we are unable to top up or do any face paints in school. The children will have a craft style day where they will make masks, hats and other items and then in the afternoon will have a class party with snacks provided by school.

### **Bonfire Day**



As the events for Bonfire night are not running this year due to COVID, we would like to have an activity day in school. We would like all children to dress up in their pyjamas or onesies for the day and they have hot chocolate and indoor fireworks to celebrate bonfire day in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

FINAL NOTE - We are on half term break from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for one week. Despite all the talk in the press, there have been no plans or instructions from the Government to extend this.

As always, if you have any SEN concerns, please make an appointment to see Mrs Smyllie who is our Inclusion Leader.

We hope you are all staying safe and well and continue to ask us for any support we can offer in these uncertain times. We're always here to listen and give you any advice we can.

Thanks for you continued support    Team Westfield ☺

All of the children have settled in really well in all year groups. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding any issues, you are more than welcome to, but please contact the school office in the first instance. The office staff will then arrange for your child's teacher to give you a ring at a mutually convenient time. Teachers are unable to leave their classrooms whilst teaching. At present we are trying to limit the number of parents coming into the school, therefore any issues in the first instance, will need to be resolved by phone.

### **Dates for your diary so far**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parent /Teachers session – Day 1  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Parent/Teachers session – Day 2

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Halloween dress up day and Class parties  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire day in school