

Westfield Primary Head's Newsletter— May 2023



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Welcome to our May newsletter. This year really does seem to be flying by! Although it doesn't seem very long since our last newsletter, as we have had the Easter holidays for two weeks of April, the term has already been busy and fun filled! So far this term the children have enjoyed activities that have included:

- ♦ An immersive 'Viking Day' for Year 5, to begin their term's topic
- ♦ World 'Mile Day'
- ♦ Peter Pan drama workshops for Reception and Years 1 and 2
- ♦ Learning and workshops with the Lifebus
- ♦ Bikeability for Year 4
- ♦ A netball match against a local school team
- ♦ Police car visit and talk for Year R
- ♦ Class assemblies recorded and sent out and live

That's a lot to fit in, in just two weeks! As we look ahead into May there are lots more fun and exciting activities to look forward to, at the end of next week we will be celebrating the King's coronation in school, such a historic event! Later in May we will be enjoying a 'creative curriculum' themed week, more information on that in due course.

This half term we are focusing on the 'D' in our PRIDE values—Diversity. The children have shared an assembly and alongside celebrating diversity in all its forms, we have explored the definition of diversity and the understanding that the concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognising our individual differences. Moving past simple tolerance to making sure we really value and celebrate our own and each others' differences.

Although the weather currently seems a bit stuck in colder seasons, as we progress through this term we can expect, and hope, that the weather will start to get warmer, this means that we all need to be sun smart! This means ensuring we stay hydrated, cover up in the sun (wearing sun hats) and put on sun cream to protect our skin. Therefore, please can you ensure that your children come to school with water, sun hats and with sun cream applied. This way we can all enjoy the warmer weather safely—do remember we can still all burn through cloud cover!

Later on in this newsletter there are some reminders and information about how we expect communication with the school to look, remembering that we are all role models for the children in our care. Please do take the time to read through.



At Westfield we are all looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term full of learning, while also hoping for a bit of sunshine so we can all enjoy our beautiful grounds.



Well-being and Mental Health at Westfield.

The Happiness Calendar for May has the theme: Meaningful May. On their website it says, "Let's find ways to be part of something bigger."

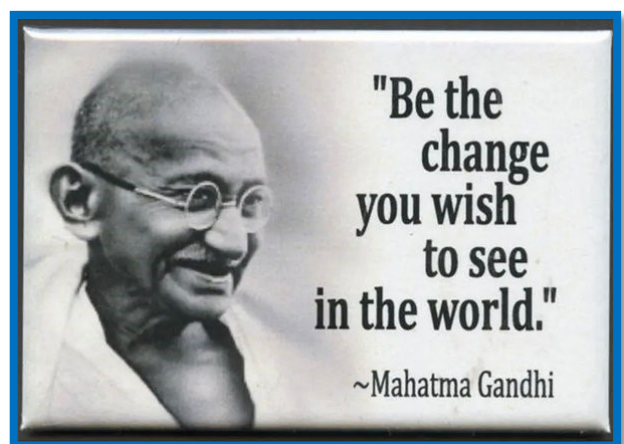
The suggested activities for each day cover ways in which we can all do actions to increase meaning in our lives, even if in small ways, for example a couple of the actions are, '*Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times*' and '*What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today*'. Just two actions that can help us take a moment to think and reflect and also help increase our wellbeing.

Having a sense of purpose, fulfilment and meaning in our lives helps our wellbeing, so it is important to recognise and find this in our daily lives.

This month's happiness calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Another one of the actions in May is one which we often focus on with the children, 'Focus on how your actions make a difference for others'. This also features in our Westfield Way in the statement: 'We treat others as we want to be treated'. We want our actions to make a positive difference to others, this can be through actions such as a kind word, offering a helping hand, a friendly greeting or smile. How we treat others has an impact, we want it to be a positive one!

Don't forget when we are kind to others, it increases our happiness and sense of wellbeing too!





A Parent's Guide

What is it?

Fortnite: Battle Royale is a game which combines Minecraft-style building with shooting for survival. It has been described as 'Call of Duty for kids' and has 40 million players worldwide. It can be played on the PC, Xbox or Playstation.

Why is it popular?

The game is fast and generally lasts no more than 20 minutes. It has a silly sense of humour and is popular with YouTubers such as DanTDM and JackSepticEye. Children may have seen their favourite YouTubers playing it and want to play it themselves.

Is it safe?

With safety settings and the involvement of parents, it can be a positive and engaging experience. The action is cartoonish rather than gory, and players work together to plan strategies and tactics. Fortnite: Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 by the Video Standards Council for frequent scenes of mild violence.



To avoid children speaking to strangers during the game, set up a **Party** of friends before they play. This means that they are only **able to communicate with people they know**, and other players voices will be muted.

Although children will want to use headphones during the games, so they don't miss important noises, you should consider **setting the sound so it comes through the TV and headphones**. This means that you can hear what is being said during gameplay.

If they're playing on an Xbox or PlayStation you can use the **parental controls** to limit the length of gaming sessions.

Fortnite matches can last up to 20 minutes, and children won't want to stop playing in the middle of a game as they will leave team-mates in the lurch and lose any points they've earned for that game. You could **use a timer**, or discuss in advance **how long you are happy for them to play**.

Sports events at Westfield

Well done to our Year 6 Netball team who played exceptionally well as a team in their friendly game against Kingfield on Friday 21st April.

The girls, who have been training hard at netball club all year, were able to keep Kingfield from scoring only half as many goals as last time they played each other.

After some brilliant shooting from Darci and Sienna we scored two goals in the second quarter. There was some excellent defensive skills shown from Evie and Aimal who stopped Kingfield from scoring in the 3rd quarter. Excellent passing from Ilinca, Amelia, Khloe, Alanna and Alona allowed us to dominate the game near the end but sadly the final score was a 6-2 loss. Well done girls on a great team effort!



Adult Communication and Conduct in and with School

At Westfield we value our partnerships with parents/carers and members of our community and recognise that the children will benefit the most from good relationships and school and home working together effectively.

We have policies which clearly set out the ways and forms of communication we offer and the communication we expect all adults to model. These policies are on our website for easy access, these are:

- ◆ Code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors
- ◆ Parent and Guardian communication policy

We also have clear posters around school that remind everyone that the expectation is that everyone will treat each other with respect and that aggression, shouting and threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

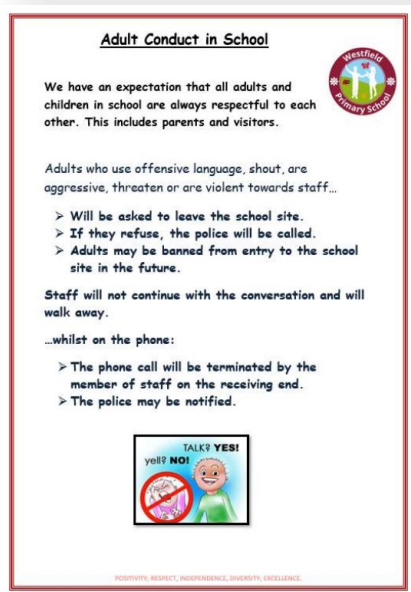
It is never acceptable to treat others in a disrespectful way, to shout, to make threats or to be verbally or physically aggressive. If visitors to our school site, including parents, behave in such a way then there are procedures we follow to ensure everyone is and feels safe. These procedures can include, a ban from the school site, a clear communication plan which sets out how the person can communicate with the school and in some instances the police will be called.

We thank you for recognising the importance of being a good role model to all the children, young people and other adults. As our Westfield Way states:

We treat others as we want to be treated.

We would also like to inform you that to protect our staff wellbeing and welfare we have taken the following action: all external emails are blocked for the duration of weekends and school holidays. Therefore, if you need to email in on one of the school email addresses please do so during the working week and you will be responded to in line with our Parent and guardian communication policy.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and its community.



School drop off protocol and parking/road use considerations

Please use the Adult Education Centre car park for drop off and pick up. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN BONSEY LANE OR HOEBROOK CLOSE** as this causes a problem with the flow of traffic, and is dangerous for any child crossing the road. There are also parking enforcements in place and you may be ticketed. **Please park in the designated bays only. Parents need to drop and drive off to work in the mornings, and are being prevented from this by some inconsiderate parking.**

Please be aware that it is not an offence to park a vehicle on a grass verge unless **there are waiting restrictions (yellow lines) on the road, as these also apply to the verge**; therefore do not park on the grass verges near the school and by the garages as you may be ticketed.

Please ensure that you do not park in front of driveways or the kitchen gates, or stop on any zigzag lines. These need to be kept clear at all times for staff access and deliveries and in consideration of our neighbours.

Whilst we understand that Bonsey Lane does get very busy and everyone has somewhere to go, please be polite to all car users. Please **DO NOT** block the roads and car parks for other drivers.

Adult education will ask their car park attendants to monitor this and cars will be issued with a ticket if they park in this area.

Please do not smoke on the school premises or on the Adult Education premises. These are all no smoking zones.



Westfield Heroes

It's nice to be nice and if a member of Westfield staff made you smile then let us know and we will pass on your comments to them. It can be for absolutely anyone in school and for any reason - we'd just like to know! Maybe someone in the office was super helpful, someone made your child smile, your class teacher or LSA went the extra mile, or you were helped by a Well-Being Assistant or Nurture Lead, SENCO or Inclusion Leader, or you just want to say thankyou. Please click on the link and fill out the form it will take you to, then just add in the information about the Westfield Hero.

[Click](#) for the Westfield Hero form.



Year 5 Viking Dress up Day

Year 5 had a great day on Viking day this year! Children made clay coins, pots and boats. They junk-modelled some Viking style shields, swords and daggers and designed and made some Viking style jewellery and gauntlets. Children also learnt about Viking runes and religion as well as making some Viking style bread.



Application for leave of absence/exceptional circumstances

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. Holidays should be taken during the school holiday period. During the academic year pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days. Students are expected to attend 100% of the time.

Please fill in a request of absence form (available from the office or online) if you want to ask the Headteacher to authorise a leave of absence during term time. You must ask well in advance and you are strongly advised to request leave of absence before you confirm your arrangements.

New legislations (Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013) means that if an application is not "made in advance to the Head teacher by a parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and the Head teacher does not consider that leave of absence should be granted due to the relating to that application", then it will not be authorised. **We will therefore not authorise any holidays.**

If you take your child out of school without the approval of the school, you may be liable to receive a Penalty Notice from Surrey County Council for failing to ensure your child's regular school attendance.

Holidays in school time will not be authorised. *Guidelines from the local authority are that they may issue a Penalty Notice (with a fine) to each parent, when students are taken out of school during term for 5 days or more and if this absence is recorded as unauthorised by the school (e.g. a holiday).* **Please note it includes cumulative absence over a 3 month period (several unauthorised absences that total 5 days within a 3 month period).**

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. **If the absence exceeds 20 days, your child's name will be removed from the school roll and you will have to reapply for a place on your return.**

The Headteacher will consider the reasons for the request carefully, taking into account the effect on the continuity of your child's learning and your child's overall attendance rate, and then may authorise up to five days of absence. The Headteacher will notify you, via the office, of the decision within five working days of receiving your written application.

Leave of absence, for exceptional circumstances, will not be granted if additional leave is taken as holiday either side of this time. Proof of flights or other documentation supporting the request must be produced if asked for.

Monthly Attendance Letters

Monthly letters are automatically produced and sent to all parents whose children are late 4 times or more in a month. Monthly letters will also be produced to all parents whose child has an attendance below 90%, and for those between 91-94%. These letters will continue to be sent until the attendance is above 90%. Please be aware that this may take quite a few months.

Surrey Inclusion Officer (previously Education Welfare Officer)

The Surrey CC Inclusion Officer (Mrs Beverly King) also comes in half termly and conducts register checks and she may contact parents if children are consistently late or there are concerns about attendance.

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At **Valentino Schoolwear** we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now,

so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2023 is **available online** and **in store** for our customers.



15% OFF All school uniform purchases: **22nd – 28th May 2023**

Use discount code **SUMMER15** when you click 'View Cart'

10% OFF All school uniform purchases: **29th May – 4th June 2023**

Use discount code **SUMMER10** when you click 'View Cart'

Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until schools open in September!

Please note that we are unable to accept returns and exchanges during our promotional dates above 22nd May – 4th June 2023.

Returns & exchanges are all subject to our normal returns policy. These offers are available online and in store. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.

www.valentinoschoolwear.com

Attendance Award for April

The best attendance this month is

Beetles class with 96%

Well Done.





END OF SEASON FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 14th May, 12:00 - 22:00

Celebrate the conclusion of 2022/23 with the family at the
Laithwaite Community Stadium, home of Woking FC

£8 for Adults
£6 for Kids
Under 3s FREE



- Giant inflatables - Live Music - Children's entertainment
- Toddler Town - Local business stalls
- Hogsback, Prosecco, Madri and Pimm's Bars
- Local gourmet food - Woking FC end of season awards
- + So much more!



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May Half-term Holiday Activities

Marble Maze

30th May 2023

Create a marble maze out of a
box top, straws and your
imagination.

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm

Cost: £3

Booking is essential

Age: 6-12 (5 year olds with adult)

Weave a bowl or Pencil Pot

1st June 2023

Learn to weave with recycled
materials. Create a woven bowl
or pencil pot.

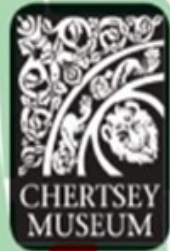
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To book, go to: <https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>
Or phone: 01932 565764



www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place





Coronation Garden Party

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8th MAY

2.30-4.30pm

@ St Mark's Church Westfield



**Come and celebrate the King's coronation
with tea and cake, music, bouncy castle, face
painting, raffle and lots more family fun**

(Park in Bonsey Lane or Westfield Avenue)

**Everyone
Welcome!**



**Free
Entry**



Find out more:
www.stpeterwoking.org/coronation



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WESTFIELD PRIMARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Whilst we endeavour to keep the school dates fixed, we sometimes need to change these and ask for your support with amendments.

Monday	1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday	5th May	10am Butterflies class assembly
Friday	5th May	Red , white & blue or anything royal dress up day
Monday	8th May	Bank Holiday for King Charles III coronation
Tuesday—Friday	9th—12th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday	12th May	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
Tuesday	16th May	Year 4 Romans dress up day
Thursday	18th May	Year 3 trip to Hampton Court
Friday	19th May	10am Robins class assembly
Monday-Friday	22nd May—2nd June	Two week half term break
Monday	5th June	Children return to school
Mon-Fri	5th-9th June	Bikeability for year 6
Tuesday	13th June	Years 3 & 5 Sports day 9-11am
Tuesday	13th June	Years 2 & 4 Sports day 1-3pm
Wednesday	14th June	Year 6 Sports day 9-11am
Thursday	15th June	Year R & 1 Sports day 9-11am
Thursday	15th June	Sumer fayre 2.30-4.15pm
Wed-Fri	21-23 June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Friday	23rd June	10am Kingfishers class assembly
Tuesday	27th June	Move up day for children
Tuesday	27th June	Parents of children in Year 1 & 2 in SEPT to meet new teachers in hall 3.15-3.45pm
Wednesday	28th June	Parents of children in Year 3& 4 in SEPT to meet new teachers in hall 3.15-3.45pm
Thursday	29th June	Parents of children in Year 5 & 6 in SEPT to meet new teachers in hall 3.15-3.45pm
Friday	30th June	10am Owls class assembly
Thursday	6th July	Year 6 Summer production 2pm
Friday	7th July	10am Woodpeckers class assembly
Friday	7th July	Year 6 Summer production 2pm

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Thursday	13th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ 4-5.30pm. Please note that children go home as normal at the end of the day, and return at 4pm for the BBQ.
Thursday	20th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly and graduation 10.30am
Thursday	20th July	Year 6 finish at 11.45am
Thursday	20th July	Years R-5 finish at 1.20pm

Wellbeing webinars for parents

The charity Eikon is running a selection of webinars aimed to support children's and adults' wellbeing. They have a selection of webinars which you can register for, they cover such areas as:

- ♦ Supporting your child's wellbeing and confidence
- ♦ Supporting your child with transition to secondary school
- ♦ Supporting your child with transition to secondary school—for parents of children with SEND

There are other titles too, it is well worth a look and the Eikon site can be found [HERE](#).

Reminder—Red, White and Blue Dress Up Day for the King's Coronation!

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the historic event of the King's coronation in school.

Everyone is invited to wear red, white and/or blue or anything royal for the day. There will also be a themed lunch, fun activities in class and the children will find out facts about the coronation. There will also be workshops for some year groups.

The Friends of Westfield have generously bought each pupil a special coronation gift to mark this momentous event.



The King's
CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023

