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Dear Parents and Carers,

Time Flies! Our summer term is almost over and as we come to the end of another busy year we hope this letter finds you well. It is always with great sadness that we say goodbye to our year 6's - may they take everywhere the kindness and love of learning that our caring and hard-working staff have gone above and beyond to provide for them.

As we look back to 2022-23, there are many things to celebrate, starting with a full year without a pandemic. We welcomed Ofsted, who graded us *GOOD* and congratulated us on our particularly strong safeguarding approach. We achieved our National Wellbeing Award for the second consecutive time, of which our Well-being ambassadors play a key part in the strength of this at Westfield. This was alongside the wonderful and varied multitude of trips, events and workshops that the children have been able to enjoy.

The attached "Wonderful Westfield" letter highlights many of the amazing opportunities and experiences that the children have had over the year. In addition, there have been well-being courses and events for parents and carers and sign-posting to other services, which we very much hope have been of assistance in this difficult economic environment. There was also a full agenda of fun events run by the Friends of Westfield. These events bring our community together but also bring in funds to the school that are re-invested in our children (for example, our wonderful Art room). Thank you so much to Rachel and her team!

We are continuously working creatively to ensure we are always improving the educational outcomes of each and every one of our children, whilst also providing them with a broad range of experiences to develop them as a whole child; making school life enjoyable and allowing them to develop their own confidence and self-esteem. As governors, it is always wonderful to see how happy the children are in their classes.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hing and all the staff at Westfield Primary for all their incredibly hard efforts and dedication in making Westfield the fantastic and wonderful community it is. As governors, we feel very proud of our school community and are very much looking forward to an exciting, successful 2023-24 and welcoming our new reception children.

Last, but by no means least, an enormous thank you to you as parents for your continued support and encouragement, it is so incredibly important to us to work together for the success and happiness of your children. Thank you!

We wish you and your families a well-deserved and enjoyable summer break and very much look forward to seeing you again in September.

With warm regards,

Westfield School Governors

WONDERFUL WESTFIELD!

These are some of the things that have been happening at Westfield Primary School this year, 2022 - 2023:

There have been so many wonderful activities that have happened this year and we want to celebrate them - and as you will see, a lot has been happening!

This was the year that Ofsted revisited us and graded us as 'GOOD' in all areas. We were so proud of our staff, pupils and our whole community.

During this year pupils have had so many opportunities to experience and participate in a wide range of events - scientific, sporting, and cultural. Below are some of the highlights:

Trips have included:

- Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
- Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
- Year 3 trip to Hampton Court
- Year 5 trip to the Houses of Parliament
- Year 6 Residential trip - 3 days at Grosvenor Hall where the children take part in lots of challenging activities, which develop team work skills and resilience
- The school choir performed at the O2 with Young Voices
- The school choir took part in the Picnic in the Park in Woking
- Y2 have started visiting Mayford Grange for our Intergenerational Project

Themed weeks and days this year have included:

- This year started off brilliantly with a Diversity Week where we focused on Paralympians. This week included workshops with Kylie Grimes MBE (wheelchair rugby)
- Whole school History Perform workshops in Autumn term linking history with dance/ drama
- Year 2 held a 'Superhero Day'
- Year 6 held a World War 2 'Evacuee Day'
- Year 5 held a 'Victorian Day'
- Year 3 held an 'Egyptian Day'
- Year 4 held a 'Stone Age Day', including using the fire pit
- Year 6 held a Grecian Day

- Year 4 held a Romans' Day
- Year 5 held a Viking Day
- Our Maths Week took a times table focus and theme, we dressed up as rock stars and took part in challenges
- We celebrated World Smile Day
- We marked World Mental Health Day in October by wearing yellow clothing (#hello yellow). It helped us remember that no one is alone with their mental health. We also did fun activities which helped boost our well-being, including a class kindness challenge and created class kindness charters
- We remembered the Queen by opening a remembrance book which we could sign and share our thoughts and memories of this incredible lady
- KS1 watched a performance of the show, 'Burglar Bill'
- Year 5 held a Victorian Christmas afternoon
- Year 4 held a 'Heroes and Villains' day
- We celebrated world kindness day, which included a kindness assembly and workshop for Key Stage 2
- We celebrated International Day of Happiness
- We held our own 'UK Parliament Week'. Each class did activities linked to Parliament and had a virtual tour! Year 5 visited Parliament
- Anti-bullying week, theme: Change Starts with Us. We also held an 'odd Socks Day' to raise awareness. We took part in workshops
- We held our annual Writing week, this year the theme was 'Your Class Name', we created some amazing writing displays
- Children's Mental Health Awareness week saw us all celebrating, learning about, raising the profile of and reducing the stigma of mental health. We reminded ourselves that it's okay not to be okay and to ask for help. We also know that there are many things we can do to help ourselves and we learnt lots during this week. We held a 'Dress to Express' dress up day, produced collaborative art as a class (these are displayed in our Art Room - Da Vinci's Den) and many of our KS2 classes enjoyed workshops with Jamie Knight, a renowned freestyle footballer
- Our annual well-being week was based around the 5 ways to well-being. The children enjoyed lots of activities and we started the week by dressing up, the theme was pyjama day or leisure wear (whatever we felt most comfy in). The children enjoyed an online Brush Party, orienteering (round an Easter egg theme) cooking, constructing with spaghetti and marshmallows and much more!
- Year 4 took part in a Stone age day, where they dressed up and took part in many fun activities, including making bread
- Year 5 took part in a Space Day where they designed planets, tried astronaut workouts and created a giant solar system
- Book Week - Dress-Up Day saw splendid costumes and a great deal of enthusiasm about sharing book characters. There were also various activities and competitions during the week!
- We celebrated Safer Internet Day, with assemblies from Miss Beattie and work done in class to celebrate how fantastic we are at staying safe online
- Creative Curriculum week this year had a 'Healthy Living' theme. We started the week by dressing up in sports gear. We did lots of fun activities in our classes and also took part in workshops such as the Smoothie Bike, dance workshops, penalty shoot out, orienteering workshops and many more!

- Dance Woking did 'Dazzle Days' with KS1 and KS2.
- KS2 held a Spanish themed day
- Whole school Geography Fieldwork Day
- Year 2 had a Superhero themed Day
- Workshops from Chertsey Museum for Y2 to support History work on toys from the past
- Our Red, White & Blue day saw us celebrating the King's coronation. We dressed up, had a special themed lunch, took part in fun activities in class and Years 3 and 5 took part in workshops
- Year 3 had a Tudor Experience Day where they made and tasted ginger bread, played Tudor board games, learnt about Tudor food and made Tudor model houses and roses
- Year 6 took part in the 'Fiver Challenge', where they designed and made their own products, which they then marketed to the rest of the school. Some had designed games to take part in and some had made products that could be bought or eaten! They worked hard and produced some great results, all this from a £5 start!
- Year 6 held their Science Fair, where they chose a scientific investigation and then shared it with the rest of the school. We had lava lamps, volcanos and electricity experiments!
- The whole school held a 'Carnival Day' where we dressed up, took part in fun class-based activities and Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in dance workshops

Visitors:

Visitors to the school and workshops have included:

- Paralympian Kylie Grimes MBE ran workshops and an assembly for the whole school
- Year 6 took part in motivational workshops
- Perform theatre group ran history workshops for Years 1 to 6, on the history topics they were each learning about (e.g Victorians, World War I & II, Mary Seacole, Great Fire of London etc)
- The author Alison Simpson visited Key Stage 1
- Year 5 worked with our fire safety visitors
- We had a visit from Enabled not Disabled - wheelchair basketball assembly for the school and workshops for Years 5 and 6
- Year 6 took part in World War workshops, 'Tommy's War'
- Pantomime - Cinderella, was performed to the whole school
- Year 4 have been working with the Delight in Dance company on a project on 'Heroes and Villains'. They performed their dance to parents and carers. It was a great success!
- Year 5 and 6 had a virtual visit from Chris Lubbe, who had been one of Nelson Mandela's body guards. He is now an inspirational speaker
- Year 1 and 2 enjoyed watching a performance of 'Robin's Winter Adventure'
- Year 2 took part in workshops based around 'Transport & Travel Through the Ages' and 'Toys in the Past'
- The Road Safety Magic Show performed to Years R to 2
- Life Bus workshops for all year groups
- Chicks in Year R - the eggs were delivered and the classes cared for them before, during and after the chicks hatched
- Bosun, our Pets As Therapy dog, visits us weekly
- Engage Assemblies Team visited us
- KS2 classes took part in an online workshop on kindness, the importance of it and the positive impact it has

- Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in Carnival Dance workshops
- Perform worked with Years R to 2 on workshops with the theme: Castles, Knights & Princesses'
- Zoolab brought interesting animals and insects to our annual Open Evening in November, we enjoyed meeting and holding them
- Our Let's Read volunteers have been in school all year supporting some children in Year 2 with their reading
- Year R enjoyed a minibeast workshop with Perform
- The Mayor attended our annual Pride Tea Party in July

Arts events:

- The pupils have had the opportunity to be involved in arts activities during the year, including Year 3 and 4 learning the guitar and Year 2 the recorder.
- We held our annual Christmas talent show, which children were keen to enter and perform in - the Christmas Cracker Event. This took place in KS2 class or year groups, enabling more children to perform
- All children have taken part in school productions: 'Born in a Barn', 'The Landlord's Cat' and 'Away in a Spaceship'.
- Children performed in Harvest and Easter assemblies as well as class assemblies which were a mix of recorded and sent out to parents to view at home with their children and also in-person class assemblies
- Online Brush Parties through the year, where the children got to produce beautiful paintings
- Year 6 Christingle service, where the children performed readings and songs, including some solo and small group singing
- The children have watched professional actors perform in school and virtually
- Year 4 have worked with the Delight in Dance Company. The children worked on storytelling through the medium of dance on the theme of Heroes and Villains and completed the project with a performance to their parents/carers
- Year 6 Production 'Wind in the Willows' was performed to KS2 and to Year 6 parents
- The choir sung at Mayford Grange at Christmas. Performed at the O2 for the Young Voices concert and took part in the Woking Singing Picnic

Sporting Events:

Pupils have taken part in a range of sporting events organised and supported by the school's PE subject leaders (Mrs Lewis & Mr Clarke). These include:

- Sports day events run in year groups
- Dance Woking after school dance clubs for Year 5 & 6 as well as performances at The Rhoda McGaw theatre and taking part in the Surrey Street Dance Slam in the Spring term
- Bikeability for various year groups
- Surrey outdoor learning came in and delivered orienteering for Key stage 2
- District Sports Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6
- Year 2 Boys football tournament
- Year 5 & 6 Football tournaments and matches for the boys, girls and mixed teams
- We created a Year 5/6 Netball team and participated in matches against Kingfield
- Year 4/5/6 Rounders club & netball clubs
- Year 4/5/6 Rounders tournament
- Dance Dazzle days as part of creative curriculum week
- Urban dance class for Year 6
- Westfield sports team photo gallery in the main corridor

- Football was offered by Ultimate Coaching for KS2 and KS1
- KS1 Girls football club started
- Lunchtime dodgeball and mixed sports clubs
- Introduction of new table tennis kit to the playground
- Dance Woking club offered dance clubs during every term.
- Dance Woking community encounters performance in Jubilee Square, Woking
- Paralympian workshops
- Wheelchair basketball for Year 5 & 6
- Year 2 mixed football tournament at Greenfield.
- Cross country events at Hoebridge School
- Sports Crew training for Year 6
- Flamenco workshops for Spanish day

Able, Gifted and Talented:

- This year we have hosted Aim High Workshops for surrounding local schools and the focus has been on Maths and writing.
- Years 5 and 6 writers had the opportunity to explore different forms of writing with the author Jenny Valentin .
- Years 3 and 4 worked with the author Stephen Davies who brought along many of his books which he was happy to sign for the children.
- Throughout the year able mathematicians from Years 3 to 6 had the opportunity to challenge their learning with the help of Jean Knapp and Pete Hall.

Well-Being Ambassadors:

We have 6 'Well-being ambassadors' for the school and they are in Year 6. They have attended bi-weekly meetings this year to discuss how to promote and support well-being across the school. It has been great that they have been discussing well-being with their peers and feeding back what they think can be done in school. They have been very enthusiastic about raising the profile of the 5 Ways to Well-being. We have also discussed the use of well-being barometers in classes and how they think they could be used more effectively. The Well-being Ambassadors supported the school in the reassessment for the Wellbeing Award by meeting with the assessor and discussing Well-being at Westfield. This year's Well-Being Ambassadors also enjoyed carrying out a learning environment walk during our Friday weekly well-being time to see some of the activities taking place and talking to the children about what they are focusing on during that session. They have also helped out at our termly 'Wellbeing Wednesday' events.

School council:

School Council had the pleasure of meeting with all year group representatives face to face again this year. The first major project of the year was to create a Positive Behaviour Booklet for Westfield Pupils. The children had to discuss with their classes what were positive behaviours linked to The Westfield Way.

For Christmas, School Council organised the Shoe Box appeal for "Link to Hope" Charity. We raised £295.35 in total. With the money raised we were able to fill 22 shoe-boxes with toiletries, candles, small toys, crayons and colouring books. The people at Link to Hope, thanked us for our amazing Shoeboxes and said that families receiving them would be most appreciative.

In the Summer term, School Council ran a stall at the Summer Fair, to help raise money. They had to create posters to encourage people to attend and visit their stall. School Council also took a positive role out in the playground, by tidying up different areas at the end of playtimes.

Friends of Westfield:

The Friends of Westfield have had a busy year, they have continued to be very innovative and have put on some amazing events! These have included:

- Silent auctions
- Donated class gifts from Father Christmas
- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Fair
- Themed bake sales
- Discos
- Christmas cards
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Happy bags (clothing donation)
- Easter Egg tombola
- Summer fair
- Donated a mug to celebrate the King's coronation to every child

Community Links:

Courses offered to parents, included:

- Healthy cooking on a budget workshops
- Parenting Puzzle
- Wellbeing Craft Activities for Parents and Children
- NAS course for parents
- Managing your child's anxiety
- Managing your child's anxiety of attending school
- Mindworks have run courses for whole classes and worked one to one with children, as has our Matthew Hackney Charity counsellor.

We have run termly wellbeing events for parents and then parents and their children, entitled 'Wellbeing Wednesdays'. These are designed to help parents learn about ways to support their children's, and their own, wellbeing at home. We also have external visitors who can offer support in the community, and parents can find out more about them at the events.

We continue to have a Food Wise freezer on our site and we can refer parents for home cooked frozen meals, to help out in these difficult times.

Through our close links to the Woking Food Bank, they continued to provide us with food bags (blue bags) which were available to all in our Westfield community. So far we have given away approximately 783 blue food bags.

We have started an intergenerational link with our neighbours at Mayford Grange, the retirement village. Our Year 2 children have visited during June and July and got to know our neighbours through chatting and playing games, doing puzzles and sharing some colouring activities.

Last September we decided to set up our very own Twitter account! Please do check it regularly as you can find even more of the exciting activities and events we have been up to!

Our Twitter address is:

<https://twitter.com/WestfieldPri>

We are very proud of all the achievements and events this year and look forward to another exciting and successful year next year.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Westfield Primary School Staff and Governors.