



Newsletter no. 3 25th Sep 2020

Diary Dates:

INSET: 25th September—school closed to pupils

Half Term: Friday 23rd October—school closes

We keep the calendar on our website updated with events and activities www.westfield.staffs.sch.uk



Our **Macmillan** coffee morning needs to run a little differently this year, but we still want to do what we can to support this great charity. With this in mind, we will be holding a **raffle** with a **cake** as the prize; all you need to do is add your own beverage of choice! Children will bring home a ticket for you to complete and return to school on Monday in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class and Macmillan Raffle along with 50p minimum donation.



The draw will take place on Monday 28th September 2020 at 2.30pm

Uniform—Fleece



You are all aware that we are following the guidelines in school for keeping children safe. Part of this includes us having windows open whenever the children are in the classroom. As the temperatures are now falling and winter is knocking on the door, we would like you to consider purchasing a fleece for your child to wear over their jumper during the school day. Fleeces should be plain, bottle green and do not need to have the school logo on. These can be purchased on line from the following companies:

Abbyss, High Street, Wombourne
www.schooluniform247.co.uk
www.countyschoolwear.co.uk

Homework Projects

We love to see how hard you work on your creative homework projects and we've had some very impressive models, pictures, recipes, art work and much more come into school. We usually enjoy displaying this work in classrooms and corridors but unfortunately, at the moment, we need to keep surfaces clear so that our school can be cleaned thoroughly each day. We ask that you continue to complete these projects and take lots of photos so that we can share them with the class and put them in your curriculum portfolios. We'd also love to see your final pieces in school but kindly ask you to take them back home with you at the end of the school day.



Plea for books

We are pleased to be able to use our fabulous library again! Due to Covid restrictions, books have to be quarantined for 3 days when returned which reduces the amount of books available for children to use. We do have an extensive stock of books but could always do with more! We would gladly accept any donations of lightly used fiction or non-fiction books in new or good condition.

Also, could you check whether you have any books at home that your child brought home before lockdown in March and send them back into school please.



Is your child eligible for additional funding to support their education?

If your child is eligible for free school meals, school can receive additional funding to support their education. Parents are not always aware of this especially if their child is in Key Stage 1 where all children are entitled to a free school meal automatically. Please check the following to see if you are able to benefit or speak to the school office.

Are you in receipt of any of the following:

- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit) & an annual household income of less than £16,190?
- Income Support?
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance?
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance?
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit?
- Universal Credit (with an annual net household income of less than £7,400)

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding by visiting: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Email: freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk or Telephone: 0300 111 8007

Call the office on 01902 892143 if you require any further support



As much as we love pooches, unfortunately we cannot allow dogs onto the playground at any time of the day (with the exception of guide dogs). This includes dogs being held. Thank you for your understanding in keeping everyone on our premises safe.



Parents' Evening

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

As we are not currently inviting parents into school, we have been reviewing our system for parents evening. This term we will be inviting parents to attend a Google Meet session with their child's class teacher during the week beginning Monday 12th October.

Further information about how to book your slot will be sent home at the end of the month.

Sharing



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You will know that we opened a Facebook page at the start of lockdown in March so that we could share home learning ideas with you. Now we are all back in school, we felt we could use our Facebook page to share examples of activities that the children have been working on in class as your contact with the class and the teacher has lessened.

We have left the year group emails operating so that you have a direct link to the teacher however if there is an important message that needs addressing that day or communicating that day, please contact the office to ensure the message is passed on. Teachers do not generally open the emails during the school day.