



Newsletter no. 4—Friday 2nd October 2020

**Diary Dates:**

School Photographer—Tuesday 13th October  
Parents' Evening— w/c Monday 12th October  
Half Term: Friday 23rd October—school closes

We keep the calendar on our website updated with events and activities [www.westfield.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.westfield.staffs.sch.uk)



Thank you all for your donations for the **Macmillan** coffee morning cake raffle which raised an amazing £131.00! Well done to Elliot in Ash Class whose ticket was drawn by Mrs Anderson, have a look at the video on Facebook! A big thank you to the PTFA for providing the fabulous cake.



**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 and from several high street retailers:

Abbiss, High Street, Wombourne  
[www.schooluniform247.co.uk](http://www.schooluniform247.co.uk)

**Drop off and Collection of children**

The two starting times we now have across school has certainly impacted on the ability of families to socially distance when on school grounds. Hopefully, it has also restricted numbers of people on the footpaths around school making your journey safer.

It is important that start times are adhered to as we currently have many Year 4 children on the playground before their drop off time which is 8.50—9.00am. Please aim to be here between these times rather than earlier otherwise it means children can be standing on the playground for upto 20 mins.

The additional advantage of two start times is that it allows one set of parents to park, drop and drive away before the second group arrive. This obviously has a very positive impact on parking.



Despite this, there are still parents who continue to park dangerously on the neighbouring roads. Not only does this cause a great deal of upset to local residents who get blocked on their driveway, it also creates dangerous situations for our children as they are often forced off pathways as cars have blocked the way. I do not need to detail the serious consequences of this. We are currently working with the local police community support officers to investigate ways of addressing this inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

**Plea for books**

Thankyou for the donations of books that we have received so far, they have been quarantined, put on the shelves and many have already ben chosen by the children!

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.