



Green Area News!



The Green Area Team have been delighted to welcome so many new children to Westfield Primary Academy this month. There have also been many familiar faces returning and going through the doors into Reception too, setting a good example for our new children. All the children have had a really great start to the term and we are so very proud of them.

Green Area Key Dates

Wednesday 21st September

Tapestry Meeting in GRT & GRD classrooms. This is a technical support meeting from 3.15 - 4pm.
All Welcome.



Week commencing 24th October – Half-term week

Thursday 10th November

Green Area Parent Share Day for Early Reading, Writing and Phonics.



Nursery Autumn Term

Our first half term will be spent supporting your children to settle into their new nursery class. As it is a play based curriculum we will be spending lots of time playing with your children and building up strong positive relationships which will support their learning and development. We will be supporting all the pupils with our new routines, rules and boundaries to ensure they are all happy at nursery. As your children settle they will be enjoying small group time sessions at the end of each session incorporating Letters and Sounds activities to support those early listening skills. Our Talk For Writing stories this half term will be **“Brown Bear, Brown Bear”** and **“We’re going on a bear hunt”** to support early literacy skills.

Reception Autumn Term

This is a long and busy term for our Reception children!

We will be dividing the day into short periods of adult led activities and longer periods of child-initiated learning time. This is a gentle progression on from Nursery. The children will begin to do a daily Maths Meeting following the Maths Mastery format used in Blue Area. The children will also have more formal phonics sessions, focusing on learning letter sounds, blending and segmenting skills. In Literacy our Talk for Writing big books will be **‘Billy’s Beetle’** and **‘Owl Babies’** this term. We will be learning to retell simple stories and rhymes.



How can I help my child?

Sharing books at home is a great way of supporting your child’s early literacy skills. We have a basket of books to share with parents which are ideal for bedtime stories. Singing nursery rhymes together is another great way of developing early literacy skills as it helps your child to pick up patterns in speech which will support reading and writing skills later on.

How can I help my child?

Encouraging a real sense of independence and fostering their ‘can do’ attitude has a hugely positive impact in Early Education. As the children settle into school we are looking for them to use the toilet and to begin to get changed independently. Sharing a book or singing simple counting songs and rhymes will also build basic literacy and mathematical skills.

Important Information and Reminders

RECEPTION CHILDREN'S UNIFORM

All children need a pair of named **black school shoes**. Can you please make sure that the shoes are waterproof. If you send your child in wearing wellies can they also have their black shoes with them. Wellies are ideal for the Mud Kitchen and if possible please leave a spare pair at school.

Nursery children do not need to wear school uniform, but they are most welcome to if they wish to do so.

READING



Outside both Reception and Nursery classrooms are a selection of books you may take home to share. Sharing a book with your child is such a positive impact on their attitude to reading. Make sure this time is settled and happy, it should be a time you all look forward to. Try and set a special time aside every day. Reception children will receive a school reading book in a few weeks.

RECEPTION CHILDREN — P.E.

Please bring in a **named** PE kit in a bag. Your child's P.E kit should contain black shorts, plimsolls or trainers (**not school shoes**). Your child will shortly receive their House P.E t-shirt from school. This has been kindly paid for by the 'Friends of Westfield'.

Reception children will be doing P.E on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. If you do take your child's P.E kit home to wash please ensure that it is back in school on these days.



SPARE CLOTHES

It has been very helpful to have so many spare clothes in school this term. Please ensure that your child has a full set of named spare clothes, including socks in a bag on their peg. Spare clothes can be kept in your child's P.E bag. It is not necessary to take them home each night.

NEW STAFF

Mrs Dunn is our new teacher in Reception class GRD. Mrs West and Miss Thomas will continue to work in Nursery, however they will both be spending some time in the Reception classes too.

OUR WAY OF LEARNING

In Green Area we focus on play based learning, with the children developing and extending their own interests and ideas with adult support. We want the children to feel safe and confident so that they can explore and play independently. The classrooms are all set up in a workshop style, therefore resources are not necessarily formally set out. The children can select the resources and activities themselves.

MEDICINES

If your child requires medicine during the school day please fill in the permission slip in the office with the relevant details and leave the medicine with a member of the office staff to be stored safely.

GOOD MORNING GRT & GRD



We are happy to offer an open door welcome to all children, parents and carers each morning. The register will be called at 9am and this is the perfect time to say the final farewells. We feel this is a lovely snapshot into your child's school day. Equally your child may just be accompanied to the inner classroom door to start their day. We encourage the children to be independent in sorting out their lunchbox, selecting their lunch

THANK-YOU

The Green Team would like to thank you for your patience and support with our new way of entering and exiting the school. If you have older children we suggest that you collect them first and then head over to Green Area. If you have any questions or concerns about your child or the school day please do not hesitate to speak to us.