



Green Area



Spring 2017 Newsletter

DIARY DATES!

Friday 10 th February	FOW Cinema Night 3.30-5pm
Week commencing Monday 13 th February	Half-term week
Wednesday 1 st March	World Maths Day
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March	2.45pm Reception Classes to host a joint assembly.
Friday 24 th March	Comic Relief Day FOW School Disco 5-6pm
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term (activities finish at 1:45 PM)
Tuesday 18 th April	First day of the Summer Term



BOOK BAG MESSAGES



We welcome comments about your child's reading in the Reading diary. We know that a few parents prefer to write other messages in the Reading Diary too, however checking all the diaries each morning for messages diverts staff away from the children's learning time. If you would like to use the diary for other comments/ questions too please let your class teacher know and your child's diary will be checked daily.

PARENTS IN SCHOOL

In GRT & GRD we are happy to offer a 'Stay and Play' session till 9am every day, during which parents and carers are most welcome to be in the classrooms and share in their child's learning. Whilst we want the children to be as independent as possible when sorting out their belongings etc., this is a great opportunity to be part of your child's school day.





JUNK MODELLING

All the children adore our junk modelling areas in both Reception and Nursery. However we do struggle to keep them stocked with clean boxes, kitchen rolls, tubs and lids. We would be most grateful for any junk modelling resources, old wallpaper, or sewing bits too.

APP NEWS & TAPESTRY

We are delighted with the new Westfield Primary Academy App and we hope that you have already installed it as we will be using it to send you messages about Green Area. The App will **not** replace Tapestry. Tapestry will continue to be our main way to share photos and updates of your child's individual learning.

TALK FOR WRITING

The children in Green Area are taking part in the whole school 'Talk for Writing' project. This approach focuses on children learning stories orally, by heart, and then using these stories as a basis for their own. The key texts in Reception this term are 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. Nursery children are looking at 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'Little Red Riding Hood'.



REMINDERS

Reading Books- The children are enjoying their new reading books tremendously. Please can reading books and diaries be brought into school **every day** to ensure that we can hear your child read and change their books regularly?



P.E Sessions – These will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. P.E kits need to be in school for both sessions please, as the children are now changing completely for P.E into their full kit.



Spare Clothes- We desperately need spare named spare clothes including underwear for children in Green Area. If you have borrowed spare clothes from us recently please can you return them to school as soon as possible?

Nursery Snack Money – A voluntary contribution of £2 per term for Nursery helps to cover the additional costs of snack and baking activities. The children really do enjoy their hot toast or crumpets on these cold days.

FOCUS CHILD MEETINGS

During the autumn term the children have each been a focus child for a week. This system will continue this term and the paper work will be given to your child on the Friday before they are our 'Focus Child': this gives you the opportunity to complete it and hand it back to us on the Monday. Working together really has such a positive impact on your child's learning and development. Thank you for your valuable contributions to these meetings last term.