

Summer Term Dates 2017

Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thurs 4th May	6pm Governors meeting
Fri 5th May	9.00am Friends of Westfield Meeting
<u>w/c Mon 8th May</u>	<u>Y6 SATS WEEK</u>
Tues 9th May	Year R Dental screening Checks
Thurs 11th May	Class Photographs
Tues 23rd May	2.45pm Blue 1 Class Assembly with parents
Wed 24th May	2.45pm Purple 4 Class Assembly with parents
Fri 26th May	Blue 2 Trip to East Town Park
<u>w/c Mon 29th May</u>	<u>HALF-TERM WEEK</u>
<u>w/c Mon 5th June</u>	<u>Gold Area Activities Week</u>
Wed 7th June	Year 1 School Trip to Hedingham Castle
Thurs 8th June	Gold 5 Class Assembly with parents
<u>w/c Mon 12th June</u>	<u>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check</u>
Thurs 15th June	Year 5/6 Rounders Competition @ Castle Manor
Fri 16th June	Year 3 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge
Mon 19th June	Year 4 Music Celebration Concert @ Arts Centre
Tues 20th June	2.45pm Blue 2 Class Assembly with parents
Tues 20th June	New Reception Parents Meeting for Sept 2017
Wed 21st June	Bollywood Day—Selected classes
Thurs 22nd June	Year 5/6 Athletics Competition @ Castle Manor
Thurs 22nd June	New Reception Parents Meeting for Sept 2017
Tues 27th June	2.45pm Reception Class Assembly with parents
Wed 28th June	2.45pm Purple 3 Class Assembly with parents
Thurs 29th June	Reception Trip to East Town Park
Thurs 29th June	6pm Governors Meeting
Mon 3rd July	Academic Reports to parents
Tues 4th July	9.15am Green Area Sports Day with parents
Tues 4th July	1.30pm Year 1, 2 and 3 Sports Afternoon with parents
Wed 5th July	1.30pm Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon with parents
Thurs 6th July	2pm & 6pm Summer Musical Performance 'Mermaids and Pirates'
Tues 11th July	4.00-5.30pm Parents open evening
Tues 11th July	Reserve Sports Day—Green Area am, Year 1, 2 and 3 PM
Wed 12th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon—Year 4, 5, and 6 PM
Thurs 13th July	2.30pm—Year 6 Leavers Assembly with parents
Fri 14th July	1pm—Year 6 Leavers Lunch and leave Westfield
Mon 17th July	Transition Week—All pupils move up to new classes
Fri 21st July	Last day of term—1.45pm activities finish



Autumn Term 2017

4th/5th Sept	P D Days—Staff only
Wed 6th September	Children return to Westfield

*All dates subject to change; please see the academy website or the Westfield App:
www.westfieldprimaryacademy.co.uk*



Westfield News



'Driving Learning Forward Together'



April 2017



New Term Ahead

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some family time whilst enjoying all the super Spring weather the holidays brought.

Pupils, families and staff have all returned to Westfield feeling reinvigorated for the busy term ahead. Last week it was wonderful to see the pupils and staff settling back into their class routines and already impressing their friends and teachers with the daily challenges they face.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new families that have joined us this term alongside our new teaching assistant in Green Area Miss Dani Lumm.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff we would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous Summer term.

Miss Tyler

Our Summer Term value....

The Westfield values are at the core of all teaching and learning at Westfield.

Our Academy Values are:

COURAGE
DETERMINATION
INSPIRATION
RESPECT
EXCELLENCE

The final value for this academic year is 'Excellence'. Our first assembly of the term involved all the pupils thinking what excellence means to us at Westfield and how we can aim to show excellence every day.

We encourage everyone to show Excellence by: 'Aiming to be the best that we can be'

Please do discuss this value with your child/children and try to identify ways they can show excellence at home and at Westfield.







Chair of Governors Message

Miss Tyler has given me the opportunity to write a small piece in this newsletter about the role of Governors and the work we do within the school. I have been working with the Westfield Governors since October and became Chair of Governors in January this year.

I have only been involved with Westfield for a short period of time but am always impressed with what I see when I come into school. There is a very focused and calm atmosphere, the pupils are engaged and readily talk about their work and experiences in school. The staff are welcoming and very enthusiastic about their role and the children. All Governors were fortunate to be in school on a Monitoring Visit on World Book Day and we were amazed by the effort put into the children's costumes and the presentations each class undertook on the day. A big thank you should go to you as families for investing your time and efforts in the costumes.

I hope to meet some of you over the coming months at school events and will keep you regularly updated on the work of the governing body.

Mrs Becky Poynter, Chair of Governors

<p>Contact Details</p>  <p>It is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for every pupil in case of emergencies.</p> <p>If your contact details have changed please ensure you have informed us via the academy office.</p>	<p>Goodbye Mrs Debnam</p> <p>On Friday Mrs Debnam said 'Goodbye' to everyone at Westfield. Mrs Debnam has been an experienced and valued member of staff over the years and will be greatly missed.</p> <p>She is now looking forward to some travelling time with her family.</p> 
<p>Fundraising at Westfield</p> <p>During the year we have held a number of fundraising opportunities.</p>  <p>In the Autumn term our Christmas Performances raised funds to support our Summer Musical 'Mermaids versus Pirates' which will be taking place later on this term.</p>  <p>In the Spring Term, World Book Day was a great success with a fantastic whole school poetry event, competitions and a range of fantastic book character costumes worn by pupils. £450 was raised on the day. A variety of books has been purchased to support the pupils learning.</p> <p>At the end of the Spring Term we supported the national fundraising event 'Red Nose Day' this year we raised an amazing £701.34 .</p> <p>THANK YOU TO ALL THE WESTFIELD FAMILIES FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THESE WORTHWHILE EVENTS WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!</p>	<p>Are you up-to-date with Westfield News?</p> <p>If the answer is no, download the Westfield App today onto your smartphone or tablet. You will be able to receive notifications about your child's learning as well as keep up-to-date with important messages and information.</p>  <p>Visit your app store and search for Westfield Primary Academy.</p> <p>Westfield Uniform—Be smart</p> <p>REMINDER <i>All pupils are expected to wear the academy uniform at all times. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately everyday.</i></p>  <p>To purchase uniform with the new logo please visit the brigade clothing website. An information leaflet is available in the academy foyer or via the Westfield App.</p>  <p>www.brigade.uk.com</p>
<p>Parking at Westfield</p>  <p>As you are all aware the Haverhill Rovers Overflow Car Park is for Westfield families, who live a distance from the academy. Please remember to use this facility when dropping off and picking up pupils.</p> <p>Please remember the Westfield Car Park is for <u>Staff and Authorised Visitors Only</u> .</p> <p>Thank you for your help.</p>	<p>HOUSE TEAM NEWS</p> <p>Well done to the winning house 'FARAH' for gaining the most house points at the end of the Spring Term what a fantastic achievement.</p> <p>All the pupils and staff in 'Farah' celebrated their win on Friday by holding their very own Non-Uniform Day.</p> 

<p>School Attendance</p> <p>You may have seen during recent weeks the amount of attention that has been paid to school attendance in the national media. At Westfield we have a clear attendance policy which provides clear procedures for all our families. Please see our website under our policy section to find out more about our attendance policy.</p> <p>ATTENDANCE FACTS.....</p> <p>As you know, good attendance is very important to support a child's progress</p> <p><u>Don't forget ... 93% attendance or less is NOT GOOD.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Having only a 90% attendance rate means a child is missing the equivalent of <u>½ day of lessons every week.</u> ◆ If that pupil continues to have a 90% attendance rate through KS2 and onto KS4 at secondary school they will have <u>missed the equivalent of ½ a school year</u> in that time. ◆ An 80% attendance rate means they have <u>missed nearly 8 weeks of school IN ONE YEAR</u> - that is equal to more than half a term. If a pupil has only 80% attendance rate from Year 2 up to Year 6 they will miss the equivalent of one whole year of school in that time. <p>As defined by the Education Act 1996 those with parental responsibility and those who have the care of a child are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ensuring children attend school every day ✓ ensuring children arrive at school <u>on time</u> properly dressed with the right equipment (they need to be here and ready to start learning by 9.00am) <p>Any arrival after 9.00am is considered as late. Just think 12 mins late each day means 1 hour of learning time is missed in a week, do this over a period of 5 weeks and a whole day of learning is missed.</p> <p>Please remember</p> <p><u>Absences will be unauthorised if a pupil is absent from school due to a family holiday.</u></p> <p>If your child is too ill to attend school, you must notify us on the first day of absence; this can be by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ a telephone call or message to 01440 761697; ◆ a text message to 07870 633907; ◆ the parentmail app 	<p>Which classes will win the monthly attendance cup this term?</p>
<p><u>SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT WESTFIELD</u></p> <p>Westfield Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.</p> <p><i>If you have concerns about a child's welfare:</i></p> <p>⇒ Call Customer First 0808 800 4005 (lines are open 08:00-18:45 Mon-Fri. Outside of these hours calls to this number are automatically diverted to the Emergency Duty Service)</p> <p>⇒ or Email customer.first@suffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Thank you for helping us to keep Westfield a safe place to be.</p>	