

Westfield Nursery Class



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February/March 2019



Parent Meetings

We will like to invite all parents to make an appointment with their child's key worker during our parents' meeting week (4th March - 15th March). An appointment sheet will be available in the cloakroom.

If you are unable to make a daytime appointment Miss Copeland will be available at Parents Night on Thursday 7th March, 6pm-8pm.

Throughout February and March we will continue to learn about seasonal change: Winter into Spring.

Our New Topic is:
'People who help us'

Transition from nursery to primary

We have an established programme at Westfield to ensure a smooth transition for all children when moving from nursery to primary:



* August to October the new Primary 1 children visit the nursery once per week to spend time with their friends and staff.

* October to Christmas the pre-school children work with the Primary 1 children in the open area in a free play context, for an hour per week.

* Christmas to summer the pre-school children work with the Primary 1 teachers and children in the open area and the classrooms, completing structured play activities.

* Wednesday 15th May, 10am: Primary 1 Induction Day

* Wednesday 12th June, 1pm: Teddy Bears Picnic

* Thursday 13th June, 6:30pm: Beach Party Disco

Dates for your Diary

Holidays and In-service Days

**Nursery closed Monday 1st April

** Nursery re-opens Monday 15th April

**Friday 29th March, 2.30pm closure, reduced session:

Morning session: 8.40am - 11:00am

Afternoon session: 11.50am - 2:10pm

** Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April (Nursery closed for Easter weekend)

Events

* Parents' Appointments: Week beginning 4th March

* Parents' Evening: Thursday 7th March

* Primary 1 Induction Day (Pre-school children only): Wednesday 15th May, 10am

* Teddy Bears Picnic (Pre-school children only): Wednesday 12th June, 1pm

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Snack Donations

We would like to gently remind parents about the snack donations, as you know the £2.50 per week you donate for your child's snack goes a long way. The donations are used not only for daily snack, but also for birthday (cards, gifts and cakes), parties, towards trips and special events. As you know the Easter Bunny is due to visit the nursery soon so all donations would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

School trip

Every year we go on a Summer day trip, there is a voting sheet in the cloakroom in the nursery for you to help us decide where to go this year. Every child will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the day of the trip. We hope to go one day in the last fortnight in June, this will obviously depend on the availability of buses and the chosen trip location. We will calculate the cost of the bus and trip and confirm nearer the time. We understand this will be an expensive trip so plan to do a fundraising event to help with the cost.

Stay and Play Days

We would like to thank all the parents who came along to our stay and Play Days. There are more slots for next week if you have not had a chance to come in. The sign up sheet is in the clock room.



Homelink

Our homelink programme is a rotation of 3 fabulous resources: the ipad mini's, library books and Sid and Shanarri bags. Your child will have the opportunity to take these resources home over the next 6 weeks. Please ensure they are returned on time to allow the next group to get them. We hope you find them useful.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 7th March. A the focus will be on *sharing your favourite book* all children are invited to bring their favourite book to nursery on World Book Day. Parents /grandparents are also welcome to join us if they would like to read a picture book to a group of children. There is a sign up sheet in the cloakroom.

Nursery staff and students

Miss Copeland would like to thank all the children, staff and parents for the lovely warm welcome back she has received, since her return.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our two students who will be with us weekly until the summer.

Ms MacDougall is an HND student who will be in the nursery every Monday and Tuesday and Ms McGuire is an HNC student who will be in the nursery every Wednesday.



Easter Holiday

The nursery will close in line with the school time, 2.30pm, on Friday 29th March. We have altered the session times on this day to ensure that both sessions receive the same amount of contact time.

Morning session: 8.40am - 11:00am
Afternoon session: 11.50am - 2:10pm

Open Door Policy, Suggestions, Concerns and Complaints

Please remember if you have any concerns or anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to approach your child's key worker or any other member of staff. Although it is not always possible to enter into discussions when all of the children are entering the nursery, the staff are usually able to discuss concerns once the busy period is over. Mrs Ellington, Miss Reilly and Mrs Alston are also available by appointment if there is something you wish to discuss with management.

Please remember that you can make suggestions to the nursery staff using the suggestions board and box in the cloakroom, using the slip at the bottom of the newsletters or by speaking to a member of staff. If you have any concerns or complaints you may also report these to nursery staff, Mrs Ellington or by following the complaints procedure on the cloakroom notice board. Thank you.

Suggestions / Comments: If you have any suggestions or comments please fill in below, tear off and return to a member of staff.