



## **Westfield Primary School Newsletter**

### **Holiday Dates**

School closes: Thursday 28 June at **1.00pm**

School re-opens for pupils: Thursday 16 August 2018

### **Safety in the Playground and Car Park**

Teachers often have classes in the playground for PE or outdoor learning up until the end of the school day. Recently some parents and carers have been coming into the playground while lessons are happening. We would be grateful if parents would wait until all children are back in class before entering the school grounds. May I also remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the premises, even small ones which are held in people's arms.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that the car park is strictly for staff only. An increasing number of parents are dropping children off in the car park where staff are trying to park and often lorries and vans are making deliveries. The car park opposite Westfield shopping centre is ideal for parking and there is a crossing patrol officer on duty every morning and afternoon.

Your support in ensuring that our children are kept safe and well is very much appreciated. Thank you.

### **Modern Language Awards**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's 1+2 Language Awards run by North Lanarkshire Education Service. The following children won an award for being enthusiastic learners of a foreign language:

Early Level – Logan Wells

First Level – Lucy Millar

Second Level – Mark Hewitt

Rosie Lewis – P2 won the multi-lingual language learner of the year.

### **Congratulations also to the following children who were runners –up:**

#### **Early Level**

Emma Sullivan

Jacob Cassells

Jordan Innes

Jessie Ward

Arran Gallacher

#### **First Level**

Jin Choong

Yasmin Hamilton

Katie Stewart

Ava Pettigrew

Justin Choong

Terri-Leigh Clarkson

Dylan McKenzie

### Second Level

Kaycey Moore

Hannah McDougall

Tyler MacKinnon

Danny Suffredini

Julia Farrell

### Summer Trips

P7: Bowling and cinema on Friday 22 June – more information to follow.

P1-6: Heads of Ayr Park on Friday 15 June.

P1-6 pupils should wear their school polo and sweatshirt, unless it is very warm, for easy identification. Please apply sun screen lotion at home and supply your child with a hat or cap if the forecast is for sunny weather. Any child who has asthma must have an inhaler with them on the day of the trip. If your child no longer requires an inhaler we need a letter to that effect.

£10 needs to be paid by Thursday 14 June at the latest. Thank you!

### Health Week

June the 4<sup>th</sup> starts off our annual Health Week. During the week the children will have a variety of activities from football to dance. Just a reminder that children need their P.E. kit every day.

On a health note! Many thanks to all of the children who have attended the various after-school clubs throughout the session and to the parents and carers who collected them. Access to sport can alter a children's life in a positive way, not just from a health benefit perspective, your encouragement and support for the different sporting activities we offer are very much appreciated.

A huge thank you is also deserved to the children who have participated in the festivals, competitions and taster events this session. Their behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm has been exemplary. They are a credit to you and to Westfield Primary.

### Sports Day

Our whole school sports day takes place on Friday 8 June at 9.30 am, weather permitting! Children can come ready for action in their shorts and t-shirts. Trainers or gym shoes are required. Parents are welcome to attend – the event should last just over 90 minutes. Fingers crossed for a dry day!

### Hill Walk

Pupils from P5 – P7 will be walking up Dumyat on Wednesday 6 June. More information will be issued nearer the time.

### World of Work Event

I am looking for contributors for our World of Work afternoon on Thursday 14 June from 1.30 until 2.30pm. If you think you could spare the time to come along to chat to small groups of P7 pupils about your job I would love to hear from you. Please phone me on 794812 or send in a note if you can help out. Thank you!

### P7 Leavers' Assembly

A special end of term assembly has been arranged for Tuesday 19 June at 9.30 am to say goodbye to our P7 pupils. All P7 parents/carers are invited to attend. Due to

limited space in the hall a maximum of two guests per pupil is permitted. There will be refreshments after the assembly (and hankies!).

## **PTA**

PTA Summer Disco will be on Thursday 14 June. The tickets are the usual price of £2.00 and will be available from the school office. The infant disco starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.45pm. The senior disco starts at 8.00 and finishes at 9.15pm. All children must be collected by a responsible adult.

I would like to thank all our PTA members for their hard work and support this session. The school benefits enormously from the efforts of these dedicated parents and teachers.

This session alone we have received thousands of pounds from the PTA that has enabled us to purchase a new projector, sound system and electric screen for the assembly hall; new blinds for the assembly hall; headphones for the ICT suite and a friendship bench for the infant playground.

The school cannot afford these types of resources just from its own budget and we really appreciate the financial support we get from our very industrious parents and teachers. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who support our PTA events.

We would really welcome any parents who wish to join – please contact Mrs. Alston or Miss. Reilly, Principal Teachers, if you are interested.

## **Parent Council**

I would like to thank all the Parent Council members for their support and assistance this session and for their ongoing commitment to our school.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mark Harper, our Parent Council chairperson, who will be resigning his position at the end of this session as his last child at Westfield will be moving on to high school. Mark has worked so hard to ensure all our children get a fair deal and he was instrumental in organising support for keeping our free bus travel along with many other campaigns and initiatives over the past years. You will be a big loss but thank you for all your support and contributions that have helped make Westfield a better school.

## **Reports and Classes for Next Session**

We have planned for **ten** classes next session based on our projected roll. Our numbers are very tight and we have spent a long time sorting the classes in the best way possible for children and staff. This may change however if we gain more pupils between now and August and classes can change during the session. There will be three composite classes. Composite classes are necessary due to large numbers at these stages which don't fit neatly into straight classes. Teacher numbers are allocated based on the total number of children in a school not the number at each stage. At some point almost all children will experience being in a composite class during their time at Westfield Primary.

Composite classes are made up of children from two different stages to make one class. The children are still taught in their ability groups and new topics are taught so that no work is repeated with the older children.

For example, P4s in the composite P4/3 class will comprise of a group of pupils working at the same ability level who are fairly independent and responsible workers and able to set a good example to the P3s and the same arrangement applies to the other composite classes.

Children are not placed in composite classes because they are being held back in any way. This is purely an organisational arrangement based on the numbers in each group and how best we can match numbers to classes.

Class lists will be issued before the end of the term when staffing for next session has been confirmed by the authority, however if you have any questions or concerns about composite classes please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Reports**

The **pupil progress** reports were issued during the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. I would be grateful if you could return the parent response sheet to confirm you have received your child's report. Thank you.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in helping Westfield to be such a high achieving and successful school and wish you all a very restful, enjoyable and sunny summer!

Kind Regards,

Carol Ellington  
Head Teacher