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Friday Note
 13 December 2019

Dear Parents

The Governing Body of Westfield Primary School has made the decision to change the way in which parents currently communicate with the school through its Facebook page. As a result most comments will no longer be authorised and posted onto the school site, which is also in line with MNSP policy. The following points were raised as areas of concern:

- Is the school Facebook page the appropriate channel to raise concerns or express certain views?
- Would private and confidential discussions with school be more appropriate? If so contact school to discuss any concerns you may have.
- Notifying absences must be done through contact with the school office, either by phone or email.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings also need to be organised through the school office, preferably with appropriate notice.
- The school must not be notified of collection arrangements through social media as these may not be sanctioned and as a result put your child at immediate risk.
- It was also noted that many of the queries were only relevant to the individual and not suitable for public posting.
- No member of staff should be approached through any form of social media or instant messaging to comply with new GDPR regulations.
- Many of the queries are also easily answered through reading the school's weekly newsletter or website.

The school is looking to replace the messaging with a secure system at the start of the New Year which will enable parents to contact the school on a one to one basis, similar to texting or emailing. We will notify you of developments in due course.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas lunch will be on 18th December. This will need to be pre ordered and paid for on School Grid (free for Reception and KS1 children) by the end of today. We welcome children to come to school on that day wearing their normal school uniform with the exception of a jumper/cardigan. They are welcome to replace this with a Christmas Jumper!

Christmas Church Service

Tuesday 17th December

Due to the size of the church and the number of pupils at school it is simply not possible to do this all together. We have therefore decided to run two identical services, with half the school in each service. This will not be done as Key Stages, as it affects the service, but rather as one class per year group in each service. This allows us to run a nativity/tableau arrangement with Reception, and doubles the opportunities for pupils to contribute.

We have thought carefully about how we divide the school and it will be as follows:

Please note Falcon and Eagle have swapped

9.15am	2.00pm
Nursery	
Badger	Panda
Owl	Rabbit
Squirrel	Bumblebee
Dolphin	Monkey
Dragonfly	Turtle
Panther	Butterfly
Eagle	Falcon

We have taken siblings into account and have done the best job we can. Parents are, of course, welcome to attend both services if they want.

We do hope you are able to join us and celebrate this special time of year with the children.

Safeguarding

Please can we remind parents that you are only allowed in certain areas of the school buildings. Doors and entrances are clearly signed stating which places are for staff only which includes the Atrium building for Years 4, 5 and 6. If a member of staff finds somebody in an unauthorized area then expect to be challenged – this is to ensure that all children and staff are safe in school at all times.

Gardening Club

Mrs Exley has kindly offered to help with Gardening Club in Mrs Ross' absence. It started this Thursday and will run every other week so, December 19th, January 16th and 30th etc etc.

Westfield Carols

On Thursday 19th December at 2.15pm, children from years 3, 4 and 5 will be putting on a music concert on the school playground. Come along and join us for an afternoon of carols!



Christmas Parties

Reception and Year 6 - Friday 20th December
Year 1 and 2 – Thursday 19th December
Years 3,4 and 5 – Wednesday 18th December
Please bring party clothes into school in a named bag.

Key Stage 1 classes will have food sign up sheets in the classrooms from Monday.

Key Stage 2 classes please can you bring the following

Savoury Foods	Sweet Foods
Eagle	Falcon
Panther	Butterfly
Dragonfly	Turtle
Monkey	Dolphin

Swimming

Due to Christmas celebrations only Year 2 and Dolphin class are swimming next week. Years 1, 6 and Monkey class will not swim.

Swimming will start back on Wednesday 8th January and will be as follows.

Tues – Year 4

Weds – Year 5 (will need kit on 1st day back)

Thurs – Year 1

Fri – Year 2

Online gaming and parental monitoring

We are fully aware that many of our children take part in on-line gaming and that many of the gaming programmes have opportunity for instant messaging. Unfortunately being removed from face to face contact sometimes encourages children to write things that they may not say. In school, PSHE lessons are currently covering e-safety and cyber bullying as educating the children about the effects of their words/actions is key. Whilst we appreciate that it can be quite difficult to monitor what your child is saying to others online, there are systems in place to facilitate this. Many parents choose to download the same apps onto their own devices so that conversations their children are having are monitored.

We would appreciate your support in this matter from a home perspective and we will continue to educate the children around e-safety during lessons.

Reading Raffle

Key Stage 1

Winners	64% Owl
	61% Bumblebee
	56% Badger
	32% Rabbit
	30% Panda
	29% Squirrel

Key Stage 2

Winners	87% Eagle
	84% Turtle
	79% Butterfly and Falcon
	64% Panther
	50% Dolphin
	48% Dragonfly
	32% Monkey

Help your child with home reading

Please can you make sure that you hear your child read their school reading book 5 days each week. This needs to be recorded in their reading record book. At KS1 we ask parents and carers to fill out the comments, whereas in KS2, the children should be recording what they have read and writing a comment. Both reading books and reading record books need to be in school EVERY DAY!





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Diary Dates

Dec

Tues 17 Christmas Services
9.15am and 2.00pm
Wed 18 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19 Phase 3 Carol Concert
Fri 20 Pupils break up for Christmas

Jan

Mon 6 Inset Day
Tues 7 Inset Day
Wed 8 Pupils return to school
Tues 14 KS2 Stay and SPAG
Thurs 21 KS1 Stay and SPAG

Feb

Mon 17 – Fri 21 Half Term
Thurs 27 KS1 Stay and Read
Fri 28 Reports Out

March

Mon 2 Book Week
Parents Evening
Thurs 5 KS2 Stay and Read
Book Day – Dress Up
Parents Evening

April

Mon 6 – Fri 17 Easter Holidays
Wed 22 KS2 Stay and Multiply
Wed 29 KS1 Stay and Multiply

May

Tues 5 – Thurs 7 Year 4 Camp
Fri 8 Bank Holiday
Mon 11 Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 15 Inflatable Day
Year 3 Sleepover
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Half Term

June

Tues 9 KS1 Stay and Puzzle
Tues 16 KS2 Stay and Puzzle
Thurs 25 Sports Day
Fri 26 Reports Out
Mon 29 Shuffle Up Morning

July

Thurs 2 Shuffle Up Day
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Fantastic Futures Week
Thurs 16 Year 6 Leavers Services at Church
Mon 20 Inset Day
Tues 21 Pupils break up for Summer

Sept

Thurs 3 Pupils Return to School