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Friday Note  
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### Dear Parents

It has been fantastic to welcome back all of the children at the start of this new term and wonderful to see them rush (well most anyway!!) through the doors as the new school year begins. The classrooms have once again been filled with pupils concentrating and working hard, and already producing great pieces of work. We have certainly missed the children, and some have even been brave enough to admit that they have missed school!

We are however welcoming back pupils in quite a different way to how Westfield was before Lockdown and I would like to thank the children, staff and parents for following all of the new guidance so carefully. We are taking as many steps as possible to try to protect ourselves and others through reducing the risks of catching Covid19. The systems that we have in place have worked well so far, but of course there will be improvements as we start to fall into a routine at school. Day-to-day activities and movement around the school will undoubtedly test the arrangements with over 400 children and almost 70 staff on site!

Thank you again for your continued support in keeping Westfield safe for us all.

### New collection arrangements

Please ensure you are familiar with the new collection times that will be operational from Monday. You must stick to your allotted time slot and always collect at your eldest child's time slot.

### Bag2School

The Bag2School collection scheduled for next week has been postponed whilst we all adjust to being back at school. Please hold on to your clothes donations and we will let you know the new date as soon as it has been decided.

### Curriculum meetings

Unfortunately, our usual Curriculum meetings will be unable to take place in school this September. These meetings were designed to take parents/carers through expectations for the new year group and cover administration issues for your classes (PE, reading book etc).



Class teachers are now instead putting together a Powerpoint presentation that will be shared with you on Weduc by September 21st. This should clarify any questions that you may still have.

We appreciate that face to face communication with your child's class teacher is more challenging so would continue to encourage you to use Weduc as your main method of communication.

### Fosseway Café

Fosseway café have asked us to remind you that they are closing daily at 2.45pm.



### School Photographs



Nigel Coles will be in school on 6th October to do individual photos of the children.

We will **NOT** be doing sibling photos this year however Nigel is holding a sibling 'drop in' photo shoot this Sunday 13th September at the Centurion, 9.00am-12.00noon. The shoot will be outside in the sunshine in the Centurion grounds if you wish to take your children along to be photographed together.

### Reading

We have made some changes to how reading books will work this year. Please ensure you have read the letter shared on Weduc earlier today. Any questions please just ask.

## 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!

### Dinners

Dinners **MUST** be ordered by Thursday every week for the following week on ParentPay.

If nothing is ordered and your child is expecting a meal we will no longer be able to provide one and you will have to bring a packed lunch up for them straight away.

As you know we have changed catering providers and we have to follow their strict guidelines with regards to ordering. We are now a hub kitchen for 6 other schools and cooking over 800 meals a day so we would really appreciate your support with this.

Any problems at all with parent pay, please just call.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack who has become a big brother to a sister, Bonnie, who was born on 3rd September weighing 7lbs and to Amy who has become a big sister to baby Zara born on Monday weighing 6lb 5oz.



### Diary Dates

#### September

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> -

Thurs 1st Remote Parents Evenings

#### October

Tues 6 Pupils Individual Photos

Weds 7 Pupils Individual Photos

Weds 21 Pupils break up for Half Term

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Half Term

#### November

Mon 2 Inset Day

Tues 3 Start of Term 2

Weds 11 Book Fayre in school

Thurs 12 Bedtime Stories

#### December

Fri 18 Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

#### January

Mon 4

Tues 5

Weds 6

Inset Day

Inset Day

Start of Term 3



#### February

Fri 12

Mon 22

Pupils break up for Half Term

Start of Term 4

#### March

Fri 5

Mon 8

Reports out

Parents Evening

#### April

Thurs 1

Mon 19

Pupils break up for Easter holidays

Start of Term 5

#### May

Mon 3

Wed 5 – Fri 7 Bank Holiday

Year 4 Camp

Mon 10 – Fri 14 SATs

Mon 17 – Fri 21 Year 6 Camp

Fri 28 Pupils break up for Half Term

#### June

Mon 7

Thurs 24

Fri 25

Start of Term 6

Sports Day Yrs 1-6

Sports Day for Reception

#### July

Mon 12 – Fri 16 Fantastic Futures

Fri 23 Pupils finish school for Summer holidays