

West Bridgford Infant School Newsletter

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Key things to remember for next week:

- Remember Red Nose Day– 17th March. Your child can come in wearing any red item. Donations can be made via ParentPay.
- Check you are up to date with any contributions for school trips and activities via ParentPay
- Remember to order school meals through <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Remember to order milk through <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Coming up in School

Strike Days 15th & 16th March

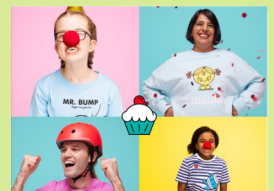
A separate letter is attached to this newsletter confirming the school plans for next week.

Spring Term Parents' Consultation Meetings 2023

Thanks for everyone who has selected their preferred times with their child's class teacher. We will be collating all of the responses and sending out appointment slots via email next week.

Red Nose Day

This will be held next Friday 17th March and we will be marking the occasion by asking children if they would like to come into school wearing something red, so either a red item of clothing, a hair band, pair of socks, whatever you have already at home! You will also be able to donate an amount via the Red Nose Day page on your ParentPay account.



Year 1 Tamworth Castle Trip

On Friday 21st April we will be taking the year 1 children to Tamworth Castle, to enhance their learning of their Spring 2 topic 'Homes and Castles'. The children will be taking part in the castle household and squire workshop where they will have the opportunity to take part in the some interactive sessions.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am promptly so please ensure you drop off your children in good time before 9am. We will be leaving the castle at 2.00pm so will be back in time for pick-up from school at 3.30pm. Please send your children in with a packed lunch, school uniform, sensible footwear and weather appropriate clothes on the day.

The cost of the trip is £19.00 per child, which covers the cost of the entrance to the castle, plus transport. If you able to make a donation the ParentPay link is live now.

We will also be requiring parent volunteers to accompany us on the day, so if you would like to come along please let your child's class teacher know.



Things to look out for

French lessons

Next week Madame Vasco has requested that she move French classes to Friday 17th March for one week only, because of the potential for strike action on Wednesday 15th March. Classes will be at the normal times of 12.15pm for Year 2 and 12.55pm for Year 1. The following week they will return to their normal day of Wednesday. She will also be emailing parents and carers separately to notify you.



Save the Date: 21st April 2023

Our PTA alongside the HSA (Home School Association) at West Bridgford Junior School are organising a joint **Curry and Quiz Night** on 21st April at West Bridgford Junior School. The evening should be fantastic fun, all raising money for the two schools.

You will also be able to pre-order drinks for your table for the evening. More details are available on the attached PTA Newsletter.

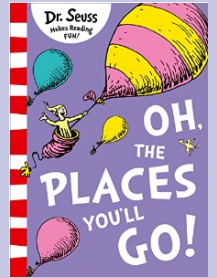


What's been happening in school?

This week has seen the return of Thrilling Thursday Assembly where children have been sharing their achievements out of school, with the whole school. We were really excited to hear and see our children celebrating the many activities that they have tried hard in, including swimming, karate, football, piano, dancing, singing, skiing, poetry recitals, writing books and gymnastics.

In other assemblies we have been continuing of our theme of 'Be you Best' We talked about aiming high and not being deterred by setbacks or challenges. We read 'Emmanuel's Dream' by Laurie Ann Thompson and also 'The places you will go' by Dr. Seuss.

We have also been learning about Holi, one of the most popular and significant festivals in Hinduism, it is also known as the Festival of Colours, the Festival of Spring, and the Festival of Love.



Reception

Our Reception children kicked off the week by reading stories about "People Who Help us", they have also been talking about the people who help us in our school – for example the midday supervisors, the Site Manager and the office staff. They have also been labelling pictures of people who help us and the special clothes they wear e.g. hat, bag, boot, coat, torch, sock, hair, jacket.

In Maths the numbers of the week are 15 & 16. Each day they have been singing number songs and practising counting upwards. They have also been comparing numbers to 10.



Yr1

This week our year one classes had a Geography and History walk around West Bridgford, looking at human features for example different types of buildings including shops, West Bridgford Hall, detached and semi-detached houses, and also physical landmarks such as West Bridgford Park. They also got to stop off at the playground and have a play on the equipment before returning to school.



Yr2

The Year 2 children have been retelling a story from a different culture to our own, building on what they learnt last week when they read Cuckoo, Cuckoo which is set in Mexico. The children retold the Cuckoo story in chronological order. They also discussed what an excellent piece of writing should look like and what it should contain.

In Science they have been conducting an experiment to find out the quickest method of melting ice. They learnt to: ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways, observe closely, use simple equipment and perform simple tests, and finally to gather and record data to help in answering questions.



Communicating with school

We have had quite a few queries this week across the school where parents have heard information from other parents which has caused them to worry or panic unnecessarily. As a school we work really hard to keep you up to date with everything that you need to know about whole school events, class activities or anything relating specifically to your child.

If information has not come directly from a member of staff or an official school channel, for example this newsletter, school letters, or the school email it might not be correct. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, or school in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch so that we can help.

Activities and initiatives:

Joint Arts Week

Thank you to everybody who sent in photographs of patterns in the community, over the next few weeks we will be working with the Juniors to create

Charity Treasure Hunt

Local mum Kate Cooper-Holmes is holding a charity treasure hunt and cake sale at Rushcliffe Country Park on Saturday 18th March from 09:30-15.00. Along with her cousin, Kate will be running the London marathon on behalf of Activity Alliance - a charity that works to promote equal access to the mental and physical benefits of sport for disabled people.

The cost for the treasure hunt is £2 for a map, which contains a list of suggested codes that can be cracked using various markers throughout the park, you can return your map with an answer and win a small prize! No need to book, but maps (and cakes) are limited and the event will be cut short if supplies run out. Cash on the day please, or donations can be made directly to the fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/katealice23>

Spring Term Dates 2023

- W.C 20th and 27th March Parents' evenings
- W.C 27th March Arts Week- joint with WBJs
- 23rd March Coaching session from Trent Bridge Cricket Club
- 31st March Football coaching session
- 31st March 1st-16th April Easter holidays
- 21st April- Year 1 trip to Tamworth Castle



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