

Newsletter: 9th September 2022

Key things to remember for next week

- Please remember to order next week's lunches through <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login> if you haven't already
- Remember to order school milk though <https://www.coolmilk.com/>
- Reception children begin school full time from Monday 12th September
- Individual school photos on Tuesday 13th September
- Please see the bottom of the newsletter for more upcoming dates

Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022



Irrespective of our individual views on the monarchy, the sad news of the Queen's death has shaken us all and given us cause for reflection as we process this information and its implications. Our thoughts are with the Queen's family as they mourn the loss of a mother and grandmother, and also with our community.

We are aware that for some of the children this has stirred memories of the loss of grandparents, or other family members. We started the day in years 1 and 2 with opportunities to talk about how we are feeling and that, if we are sad, this is okay. At 12 noon years 1 and 2 formed a circle in our playground to share a minute of reflection and thanks as a community. Our assembly this afternoon celebrated the life of the Queen and the many things she did in service to our country. We will keep you updated of any further plans as events unfold and official guidance is issued.

Learning at West Bridgford Infant School

You can find out about our curriculum and what children will be learning this year by visiting the curriculum page on our website. <https://www.westbridgfordinfants.co.uk/curriculum-information/> We have updated each year group page with an overview for this year. There is also information about our new phonics scheme. Whilst we have a clear focus on reading, writing and maths, it is central to our philosophy that we provide a rich, broad and balanced curriculum. All subjects are equally valued as they enable children to develop key knowledge

and skills that will prepare them for future learning and life. In many cases the skills in different subjects are interlinked and transferable.

In addition, every week we like to celebrate what the children have been learning in school as we know that the typical response to your question “what did you do today?” is “I can’t remember.”

What’s been happening in school?

Reception

The children have made a wonderful start to the school year, settling in really well and learning their new routines. They have been learning their new classmates’ names and investigating all of the resources in the classroom. This week they have also begun to learn phonics and are exploring the playground.

Year 1

Our new year ones are enjoying their new classes, so far this week they have been learning about the human body. They have also been learning about themselves, what they like and what they don’t like. They have been sorting and counting in maths and also settling into to their new classrooms, and getting to know their new teachers and teaching assistants.

Year 2

Year two have had a great start to the year, getting stuck in straight away. In maths they have been counting up to 100. In English they have been talking about their families and also writing descriptions of them using adjectives. They have also been painting self-portraits in art and creating a map of their classrooms in geography.

Parents/Carers of children in Reception – classes 1, 2 & 3

A huge thank you to all our Reception parents/carers! You have done a great job of preparing your children for school and have navigated the part time start successfully. The children may be quite tired this weekend. They have had a lot to process; getting to know their new classmates, orientating themselves to a new building and learning lunchtime systems. Learning so many new routines and expectations would be daunting for anyone! You may find they need more down-time this weekend and may not want to talk in detail about what they did at school.

All Reception children will be doing full school days from next Monday 12th September, as a quick reminder the school day begins at 09.00 and ends at 15.30.

New Parent/Carer Welcome Events

Monday 26th September 09.00

We would like to invite parents/carers of our new children to a coffee drop in on **Monday 26th September**. After dropping your child off at the start of the day we will be serving tea & coffee in the hall. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents and myself informally. We are also hoping that a member of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be able to join us to share some tips on supporting your child’s emotional health and wellbeing.

Wednesday 28th September 18.00

The Early Years Team will be holding a parent/carer information evening. This will be a chance to find out about what your child will be learning through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and how we organise learning at West Bridgford Infant School. There will be a brief presentation and an opportunity to see your child’s classroom. The event is not suitable for children. However, we realise that this may pose difficulties for single parents or parents

working shifts. We will therefore be offering supervised care for a small number of children. We will also be uploading the presentation to our website after the event. Further information about the event will be issued shortly.

Supporting Children's Emotional Health and wellbeing

Children's emotional health and well-being workshop – Tuesday 27th September 18.00-19.15- ONLINE

We are very fortunate to be a trailblazer school working in partnership with the Mental Health Schools Team. The team provide a wealth of support to school, parents/carers and individual children. They work with primary and secondary age children, so not all services are suitable for our children but many are. Parents who have used the support have commented on how amazing it has been. The team will be facilitating an online workshop about supporting your child's emotional health on **Tuesday 27th September at 18.00**. This will be on Microsoft Teams. A link to book a place will be sent shortly.

If you would like to discuss any concerns/worries about your child's emotional health, behaviour or development please don't hesitate to arrange a time to talk with our **Mental Health Lead Ms Stevens**, or our Deputy Head Mrs Cutts. They will be able to offer you advice and signpost appropriate sources of support.

Say cheese! School photographs Tuesday 13th September

Each autumn we have a school photographer in school to take individual photographs of the children. The photographs are used for your child's record on our school data system, but they are also available to buy as a keepsake of your child's year in school. They make great Christmas gifts too. This year the photographer will be in school next week on Tuesday 13th September.

As classes 4 and 9 have PE on this day, they will need to wear a school polo shirt as normal and sweatshirt/ cardigan with their PE bottoms and trainers. (Photographs are head and shoulders only).

Sickness bug in year 1

Unfortunately, there has been a sickness bug going around year one, so we all need to be extra careful.

If your child is sick, they must stay at home for a further 48 hours from the last episode of sickness. If your child seems unwell, or is complaining of tummy ache, please only send them to school if they are well enough to be here.

Team changes at WBIS

Following last week's staff announcements, we are sad to inform you that Mrs Cox, our School Business Manager, has had to step down from her role for personal reasons. In the meantime, we are delighted to say that we have coaxed Mrs Dobson back in for a few mornings to help cover the role, whilst we search for a suitable replacement. More details on this process will follow in the coming weeks.

We ask for your patience during this time with the school office team, who will be covering the role with a skeleton team and will be a little busier than usual.

Parent/ carer reading volunteers

In next week's newsletter we will be sharing details of our plans to organise a team of volunteer parents and carers who would like to help with reading in school. We will be inviting all interested parents and carers to a meeting to explain the process. Please keep your eye out for further details next week.

Sleep hygiene workshop

Our year 1 children will be learning about sleep hygiene next week with resources from the MHST. This is part of our Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum.

School dinners and packed lunches

If your child is unable to eat a school meal due to a special diet, or another circumstance please contact the school to make a request for them to bring in a packed lunch.

Our school staff may also contact you if they are concerned about your child's eating at lunchtime. Please also note that school dinners do have a sandwich option if your child prefers this.

We must ask that you commit to your child having either a school meal, or a packed lunch for the whole half term. We are still charged for school dinner's that aren't taken and then may have to pass this charge on to you. Please ensure all packed lunches follow the 'Healthy Schools' expectations as well as being **nut & seed free**.

At break times we provide all children with a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Sunshine and showers

As mentioned last week, the weather has been very changeable over the past few days. Please make sure that you remember your children's weatherproof coats just in case of sudden showers.

World Suicide Prevention Day Saturday 10th September

This World Suicide Prevention Day, Samaritans is encouraging people not to be afraid to talk about suicidal thoughts and feelings and raising awareness of their vital 24/7 service.

They are busting the common myths around suicide and encouraging conversation about suicidal feelings if you're worried about someone.

You can find out more here <https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/campaign/world-suicide-prevention-day/>



Robin Hood Mini Marathon- 25th September 2022

Entry is still open for the mini marathon for more information please visit <https://www.robinhoodhalfmarathon.co.uk/pages/robin-hood-mini-marathon>

**ROBIN HOOD
MARATHON EVENTS
25TH SEPTEMBER 2022**



Key dates

We have set as many dates as possible for the year ahead. As far as possible, we will try to honour these dates. All dates in **purple** are PTA events. Please be aware that dates may have to be changed due to circumstances outside our control.

More detailed information about individual events will be shared over the coming weeks.

2022-23	Tuesday 13 th September Friday 16 th September Tuesday 27 th September Tuesday 27 th September 6pm Wednesday 28 th September Tuesday 4 th October Thursday 6 th October Wednesday 12 th October Monday 17 th – Friday 28 th October Monday 31 st October Tuesday 1 st November Wednesday 21 st December	Individual school photos Sleep hygiene workshop for year 1 Year two visit to Stonehurst Farm Children's' Emotional Health Workshop New parent information evening Parents Evening Parents Evening Parents Evening October Half Term INSET Day – school closed to children First day back 😊 Last Day of term – school finishes for Christmas break
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Community news

- **After school clubs and classes-** We have a wide variety of leaflets from local children's clubs and activity providers in the school reception area. Please feel free to come in and take a few.