

Newsletter: 16th September 2022

Key things to remember for next week

- Remember it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September for the Queen's state funeral, so the school will be closed
- 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/>
- Please see the bottom of the newsletter for more upcoming dates

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The passing of the Queen and the widely published television and media coverage will provide opportunities for children to reflect but they may also have questions. Nottinghamshire County Council has a dedicated [webpage](#) providing information following the sad news along with opportunities to celebrate the life of The Queen. The [NottAlone website](#) contains support for young people, parents and professionals for a range of challenges including bereavement and loss.

What's been happening in school?

Reception



The children have been introduced to the story of Goldilocks, their home corners have also been themed so they can role-play the story. They have also begun P.E lessons with their teacher and Next Level Sport.

They have been discussing who lives in their house and drawing pics of their families. They have also been exploring the outside area, playing on the bikes and at the café, with lots of role-play outside.

Year 1

In English the children have been learning about lists and making lists of their own. They have also been using adjectives to describe things. In maths they have been practising making numbers in different ways. In art, this week's topic was pop art and the painter Roy Lichtenstein. They have been making their own piece of artwork inspired by him.



Year 2

Our year twos have been writing in English about how they can contribute positively to the school. In maths they have been learning the concepts of greater than and less than. In art they have been drawing spirals with chalks, creating textures, and using blending techniques.



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Going to the toilet independently

It's very common for children to have some issues with going to the toilet independently in the early years of primary school. Many more children struggle with wiping themselves and washing their hands after going to the toilet. Please could we ask that you reinforce and encourage these behaviours at home so it becomes consistent across both settings. For more information, please see the following [resources](#) or speak to your GP to book an appointment with the Healthy Family Team who offer advice and support.

Sickness policy- refresher

Sometimes it can be tricky to work out whether your child is well enough to attend school. The following [page](#) has lots of useful information on what to do in different scenarios.

If a child has a temperature of over 37.5° the guidance is that they should not attend school so that their temperature can be monitored.

School photographs Tuesday 13th September

The children were all wonderfully behaved for their school photos this Tuesday morning and there were lots of big smiling faces! We will receive a proof of your child's photograph next week, which we will send out in your child's book bag. This will also have all the information needed for purchasing the photographs online or over the phone.



Children's emotional health and well-being workshop

At WBIS we work in partnership with the Mental Health Schools Team. The team provide a wealth of support to school, parents/carers and individual children. 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 hosted on Microsoft Teams. A link to book onto the workshop is attached in this email.

Getting in touch with school

We have an open door policy for parents and carers, and we encourage you to get in touch with us, no matter how small the matter. If you have a quick question that you want to discuss with your teacher, then the best opportunity for this is at drop off in the school playground. You can also email us on office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk. Class teachers endeavour to respond to emails as soon as possible, but please be aware that any emails sent after school hours will not be replied to out of school hours.

Online safety

We would like to signpost parents and carers to sources of help and advice on online safety. Often it can be tricky knowing what parental controls you can put in place and the best way to go about it. We have a wealth of resources on our website that you can access [here](#) where we try to signpost any new or emerging trends for parents. This week we have added some additional information about online challenges.

Parking near misses on Avon Gardens

There have been several recent near miss incidents involving parents and carers driving into Avon Gardens narrowly missing children and also turning around on people's gardens. Please can we reiterate that **vehicles should not be driven on to Avon Gardens from either George**



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Road or Stratford Road. This is to ensure the safety of all of our children, and to respect the properties of local residents.

Morning drop off

It is really important that we maintain a good flow of people through the playground at school drop off. We ask parents to walk around the perimeter of the playground, following the yellow arrows on the floor and drop children at the back of their class lines. Sometimes if people take shortcuts in front of the lines it can cause confusion amongst the children.

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	Monday 26 th September Tuesday 4 th October (New Date) 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 Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th December Monday 19 th December Wednesday 21 st December	New parents' coffee drop in 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 😊 Year 1 & 2 school nativity at St Giles Reception Christmas sing along at WBIS Last Day of term – school finishes for Christmas break
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