

Autumn Newsletter 1

A very warm welcome back following the summer break to all our parents and carers, and a special welcome to everyone joining our school community this year.

We have enjoyed a fantastic first week and few days back at school. All of the children have settled in extremely well. We are particularly proud of our Reception children, who have made such a wonderful beginning to their school journey. Thank you to all the parents and carers of our new children for the excellent job you have done in preparing them for starting school!

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes RA, RP & RG

The children have been learning the routines of school and exploring different areas of the classroom whilst getting to know the children in their class. The children have been doing some wonderful singing of nursery rhymes. They have been introduced to outdoor learning and have started their phonics lessons focusing on the sounds that the letters 's', 'a', 't' and 'p' make.

In Year 1: Classes 1C, 1S & 1ST

The Year 1's have enjoyed settling into their new rooms and getting used to going upstairs! They have started some brilliant writing about themselves and drawing self-portraits. The children have also been sorting objects into groups based on size, colour or shape.

In Year 2: Classes 2PG, 2DW & 2H

In Year 2, they have started their Autumn topic about animals and their offspring. They have also drawn self-portraits and have been counting forwards and backwards. In R.E. they have been looking at how they 'belong', including school, countries, languages and groups/clubs.

Identity Day

On **Wednesday 23rd September**, we will be celebrating who we are and what makes us special and unique with our 'IDENTITY DAY'. It will be a day of learning all about each other.



Be You, Be Unique

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise the qualities that make everyone special e.g. Where you come from, favourite food or sports team or what languages you speak. On this day, we will be working in collaboration with the Junior school and have opportunities throughout the day to celebrate how we are all different and unique.

To enjoy this special day, we invite the children to join in with our 'Dress to Express' theme.

Children can wear something that represents who they are or something they enjoy e.g. a football shirt, dance outfit, favourite colour, cultural item etc. We will celebrate and have opportunities for the children to share and talk about themselves.

Many Thanks ☺

Important Reminders

Please activate your child's account with Evolve to order your child's lunch. You need to order 48 hours in advance:

<https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

Contact details – new parents please ensure we have details of at least **4 people** we can contact about your child. If any details have changed for existing parents, please log in and amend your details through your **Arbor account**. If there are any issues with logging onto Arbor, contact the school office admin@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

If you would like your child to have milk in school this can be ordered through Cool Milk, <https://www.coolmilk.com/>. This is free for children under 5 but orders still need to be placed with Cool Milk.

If your child has medication to be administered at school, please ensure a medicine form is completed and both are handed into the office (collected from the office at the end of the day, if it needs to go home).

We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, as we have several children with severe allergies. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure this does not contain nuts or food with traces of nuts.

Earrings – if your child has pierced ears, earrings must be removed on PE days or your child will not be able to take part.

Please ensure all belongings are labelled, as children do mislay items at school.

Children must come to school with a coat everyday as the weather can be unpredictable.

Healthy Family Team

We have sent out a letter to parents/carers of children in Reception about the services provided by the Healthy Family Team. They offer support around common childhood issues such as toileting, sleep and eating.

Please also find more information and links to support you and your family on our website

[West Bridgford Infant School - Safe, Happy, Healthy Children & Families](#)

Have you seen some changes at our school?

Some important jobs and changes have taken place over the summer and we are thrilled about them.

- New CCTV has been installed
- External walls have been replaced, upgraded and new fencing installed.
- Landscaping and trees felled
- New planter installed (a big thank you to Nigel Frost, our IT manager who built it and William Wheat Garden Centre who provided all the pansies for free)
- An improved and resourced area for our children with SEND

Class Assemblies

We are inviting parents/carers to come into school and enjoy their child's class assembly. We look forward to the children leading the assembly with their class teacher. Please see dates for year 2 classes below. All assemblies will start at 2:30pm.

Class 2H – Thursday 12th November

Class 2DW Thursday 19th November

Class 2PG Thursday 26th November

Parent/Carer Information Meetings

Parents/carers are invited to your child's year group information meeting. This will be a chance to find out about the year ahead for your child and to be introduced to the staff.

These will take place on a Wednesday Evening 6-7pm. Please see dates below for your year group meeting.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed below, we encourage you to register for free school meals as this will enable school to claim pupil premium funding allocation. The extra funding could support your child with extra support in school, and help with extra-curricular activities. Free school meals eligibility criteria:

• Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Parents can telephone 0300 5008080 to apply, or online at the [NCC Synergy Hub](#)

Any queries, please ask at the school office.

Tel: 0115 9747885

Email: admin@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

Key Dates for Autumn Term (and INSET days)

Wednesday 16 th September	Reception Parents Meeting 6-7pm
Wednesday 23 rd September	Identity Day
Friday 25 th September	PTA Cake Sale in the School Hall
Tuesday 29 th September	Class 2PG Stonehurst Farm Trip
Wednesday 30 th September	Class 2DW Stonehurst Farm Trip
Wednesday 30 th September	Year 1 Parents Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 1 st October	Class 2H Stonehurst Farm Trip
Friday 2 nd October	Reception PJ Party 4:45-5:45pm
Tuesday 6 th October	Children's Flu Immunisations (info to follow)
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 2 Parents Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 8 th October	Individual & Sibling School Photos
Friday 9 th October	Year 1 Disco 4:45-5:45pm Year 2 Disco 6-7pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Parent/Carers Evening
Thursday 13 th October	Parent/Carers Evening
Monday 19 th October-Monday 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day
Friday 5 th February 2027	Inset Day
Monday 7 th June 2027	Inset Day