

## June 2024



### PUNCTUALITY, ATTENDANCE AND TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A reminder that children should be **in their classroom by 8:45am** every morning. Lateness causes worries for the child who is late and also disrupts the start of the lesson affecting all children and the staff. Children should also be in school every day unless there is an unavoidable reason. The work the children do builds on what has been learned the previous day and provides the basis for what is taught the next day. If your child is unable to attend school, you should contact the school office giving the reason for their absence. If no valid reason is given for an absence then the child will receive an 'unauthorised absence' mark within the register.

Finally, holidays in term time should not be taken. We cannot authorise any term-time holidays for the children, regardless of the circumstances.

### SUMMER FAIR

The PTFA Summer Fair will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, from 4-6pm.

We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, in exchange for donations of chocolate from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and bottles from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 please!

### SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held, weather permitting, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Reception and Key Stage 1 will start at 9:15am, and Key Stage 2 will begin at 1:30pm. In the event of bad weather, it will be moved to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure you bring your own blankets, camping chairs etc. to sit on.

**All the children should be in PE kit on Sports Day please.** PE kit is navy or black shorts and a blue t-shirt, with trainers. Hoodies or tracksuits should be either Westlands branded ones, or plain black or navy.

We ask that no photos or videos are taken on Sports Day - the teachers will be taking plenty of photos to be loaded onto Dojo and the website.

### ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHERS – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

To give parents the opportunity to have a photograph of their child's class at the beginning and end of their time at Westlands we take whole class photographs of Reception and Year 6. The photographers will be in school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June to take these class photos. We will also be taking individual photos of the Y6 leavers. All photos will be available for parents to purchase afterwards.

Children should wear full uniform (can be either winter or summer uniform) – there is no need for them to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt.

## YEAR 6

All the Year 6 pupils coped brilliantly with their SATS last month. They will be taking a well deserved trip to Cadbury World at the end of the year (more details will follow soon) and their Leavers Assembly will take place in school on the morning of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to the PTFA for the leavers hoodies that were presented to Year 6 at the end of SATS week.

## MOVE UP DAY – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Children will spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

The classes will be taught as follows for the 2024/25 academic year:

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Reception (RA)	Miss N Adams
Year 1 (1AS)	Mrs L Alderman & Mrs S Smith
Year 2 (2G)	Mrs N Gray
Year 3 (3M)	Miss N Maddock
Year 4 (4M)	Mr A Mainwaring
Year 5 (5R)	Mr C Rhead
Year 6 (6A)	Mrs M Al Agouri

The date coincides with the induction day for a couple of the high schools, but if they are not at their new schools, Year 6 will still be in school as usual.

## MEDICINE

Children **should not** have any form of medication with them in the classroom, other than inhalers. Any medication - paracetamol, ibuprofen, antibiotics or hay fever medication should be brought to the school office, where it remains for the school day. All medicine requires that a 'Request to Administer Medicine' form is completed (available from the school office).

## SNACKS, PACKED LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing sweets, multiple chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches. Water bottles should contain only water please - when some of the children have juice it can cause arguments, and also make a sticky mess when it is spilt.

We would advise against sending expensive Air-up bottles into school, however if the children do bring them into school, please be aware there is a risk of damage or loss.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for **income-based** free school meals, then we can also offer help for after-school clubs, school trips and music lessons. Pupils eligible for free school meals also receive free snacks from morning tuck shop in KS2. **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children can also apply for income-based free school meals, even though children in those years get free school meals anyway.**

It is easy to apply online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

## **DATES FOR 2023-24**

### **June**

<b>3-14</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place
<b>4</b>	Children back in after half-term break
<b>6</b>	Year 3 at Blue John Cavern
<b>7</b>	Non-uniform day in exchange for summer fair donations
<b>10-14</b>	Phonics Screening Check for Year 1
<b>13</b>	PTFA Summer Fair
<b>18</b>	Sports Day (KS1 - 9:15am, KS2 - 1:30pm)
<b>19</b>	Transition project at Newcastle Academy for Year 5
<b>20</b>	Year 3 at Victoria Hall for Entrust WCET (Ukuleles) concert
<b>25</b>	Swimming Gala (selected pupils only)
<b>26</b>	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
<b>27</b>	Reception and Y6 Class photos, Y6 individual Leavers photos

### **July**

<b>2</b>	Governors meeting (Teaching & Learning Committee)
<b>2-8</b>	Book Fair in the hall after school
<b>3</b>	Move Up morning
<b>4</b>	Farm on Wheels in school for Reception class
<b>5</b>	Year 1 at Jodrell Bank
<b>8</b>	Zoo2U in school for Year 2
<b>9</b>	Northwood Athletics Competition (selected pupils only)
<b>9-10</b>	Drama Club performance of Dream On (evenings)
<b>12</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>15</b>	Year 6 Trip to Cadbury World
<b>15</b>	Roman Day in Year 4
<b>18</b>	Entrust Live! Music concert in school
<b>19</b>	School closes for Summer holiday
<b>22</b>	INSET day (staff only)