



WESTROP PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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We have had an excellent start to the new school year. Our teachers have spent time planning exciting activities to get the children working as a team and enthused about their learning. The children in KS1 really loved Pirate day and all the children have enjoyed a whole range of activities under our 'Life Is What You Make It' topic.

It has been wonderful catching up with so many of you, hearing all about your summer adventures, at home and abroad. Our new school chickens are settling into their coop really well, I can't believe how big they are after hatching in April!

This term, I have spent plenty of time in our Nursery and classrooms looking at the wonderful learning that is taking place. It makes me very proud when I see the great progress our children are making in their learning. Everyone seems really happy to be back, learning with their friends.

Pupils Voice

After talking to pupils at the end of last year, we have decided to change our house names. These are now known as; Ingelsham, Kempford, Fresden and Coleshill. As part of this change, we have introduced a reward system where pupils can gain coins for their houses. One of the ways pupils can gain these coins is by taking part in house activities, which the house captains will be arranging soon. Pupils can also gain these coins by working hard and showing outstanding behaviour. These coins will then be collected throughout the term and the winning team will be presented with the house cup.

This week the pupils and staff have just voted for the new Year 6 school council members. The school council will be running the Golden mile café and have plenty of events planned for the year. Please look out for the school council newsletter for more information.

Fabulous Friday

In September, we started our new Fabulous Friday tea party. Each week, teachers nominate one pupil from each class that have shown outstanding behaviour. On Friday afternoons at 2.30pm, they enjoy a cake and hot chocolate. A big thank you to Mrs Green (one of our Governors) for helping make the hot chocolate last Friday. We also have a celebration tree in our hall with golden leaves to celebrate children's achievements.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents that supported our music concert in July which raised £120. The PTA also raised £400 at our school disco, so a big thank you to them. We really appreciated all the parents, grandparents and friends that supported our Macmillan coffee morning, I know that all the children really enjoyed it. This term, we have had lots of volunteers that have listened to children read, cooked with our children and supported with times tables. We value all our helpers and the support they give the school.



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Life is what you make it

As part of our whole school topic, 'our 'Life Is What You Make It' our children were very lucky to have the chance to meet a GB Paralympic wheelchair rugby athlete. Ayaz Bhuta competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics and more recently the World championships in Australia. He came all the way from Bolton to talk to the children about his experiences of being disabled and playing sport. He showed the children a video of how wheelchair rugby is played and they were all amazed by its ferocious nature! The children in KS2 (aged 7-11) had the opportunity to take part in workshops with Ayaz and played a game that helped them develop their team work and communication skills. They had a brilliant time and learnt a lot from Ayaz with his determination to succeed and prove others wrong.



Nursery News

We are so pleased to announce that the Bumble Bee room is now open and offering 2 year old nursery places. There are funded and non-funded places to those that are eligible for Highworth parents and beyond. We also have a 3-4 year old provision that offers 30 hours free childcare and education provision to those that are also eligible.

In both settings we have the flexibility to offer extended childcare as part of your funded hours or at a charge. The learning environment has carefully been designed and chosen to ensure a safe, secure learning environment that reflects how young children play, learn and explore.

We are extremely proud of our nursery provision and the feedback we received from the Local Authority and their Early Years Consultant; we were praised for our Early Years provision.

"The nursery environment is outstanding, offering a range of high-quality resources that have been thoughtfully selected and organised to encourage and motivate the younger children to play and learn."

"The team have put a lot of thought and time into preparing and planning an effective range of activities to capture and motivate children's interests with a high focus on learning".

"The EYFS lead has considered the developmental needs of the children, including two year olds, with a focus on the essential Prime areas of learning, but with a high focus on early writing/pre-writing, and literacy, including phonics. This is excellent practice in preparing children for school."

This feedback has been greatly received as a lot of dedication and hard work has been put in by the Early Years staff to ensure that we deliver and provide only the best for our families and children.

We currently have spaces for 2- 4 year olds – please feel free to pop in and see our provision and learning happening, you will be most welcome.

Pop-in any morning between 9.00 am -11.30am.

Come to the main entrance of the school to be signed in and introduced to a member of staff.



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Mon 5 th Nov	8.40am	Back to school	Everyone	
Wed 7 th Nov	6pm	Book safari	Everyone	Around school
Fri 16 th Nov	All day	Sponsored bounce	All pupils	Hall
Fri 23 rd Nov	3pm	Interim reports to go out	All pupils	
Tues 27 th Nov	1pm to 6pm	EYFS and KS1 Parents evening	EYFS, KS1 teachers and parents	Hall
Weds 28 th Nov	1pm to 6pm	KS2 Parents evening	KS2 teachers and parents	Hall
Fri 30 th Nov	3pm	Christmas Fayre	All year groups & families	Hall
Weds 12 th Dec	11.45am-1pm	Christmas lunch	Pupils who wish to have a lunch	Hall
Mon 17 th Dec	9.15am	Lower KS2 and KS1 play to Grandparents	Grandparents	Hall
Mon 17 th Dec	1.15pm-2.15pm	Upper KS2 play to Grandparents	Grandparents	Hall
Mon 17 th Dec	6pm	KS1 play	KS1 parents	Hall
Tue 18 th Dec	1.15pm	EYFS play	EYFS pupils and parents	Hall
Tue 18 th Dec	2.05pm	KS1 play	KS1 pupils and parents	Hall
Tue 18 th Dec	6pm	Lower KS2 play	Lower KS2 pupils and parents	Hall
Tue 18 th Dec	7pm	Upper KS2 play	Upper KS2 pupils and parents	Hall
Wed 19 th Dec	1.15pm	Lower KS2 play	Lower KS2 pupils and parents	Hall
Wed 19 th Dec	2.05pm	Upper KS2 play	Upper KS2 pupils and parents	Hall
Thurs 20 th Dec	AM	Christmas party EYFS and KS1	EYFS and KS1 pupils	Hall
Thurs 20 th Dec	PM	Christmas party KS2	KS2 pupils	Hall
Fri 21 st Dec	12pm	School finishes	Everyone	



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