

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year at Westfield and a very special welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this September. We are particularly proud of all our Nursery and Reception children who have started school so confidently this week. It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back to school.

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service. Our school will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned.

Today we have held special assemblies in school to remember the life and work of the Queen. The children have also completed work in their classes to celebrate her remarkable achievements and all she did for our country. The school will remain open at this sad time. Once the details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will receive further guidance from the government and then communicate this to you.

School Information

Our Stars

A huge 'congratulations' to our special stars this week. To achieve this award children have tried very hard to excel in an area of their learning or behaviour. Our stars this week are:

Reception	All the children are stars for an amazing start to their journey at Bourne Westfield			
Year 1	Georgia Lambie	Matilda Moore	Pippa Hibbins	
Year 2	Alfie Cunningham	Craig Dickens	Harry Brampton	
Year 3	Layla Ward	Hattie McLean	Artie Saunders	Archie Manning
Year 4	Drew Fairs	Emily Greenfield	Isabella Sharpe-Grose	
Year 5	Leo Klein	Summer Fairs	Kaylum Cole	
Year 6	Ashmit Arun	Ollie Shaw	Elliot O'Connor	William Greenslade

Amazing Achievements

Well done to the following:

Isla Staite passed her grade 1 ballet exam with a merit.

School Information

Calendar Dates

Our list of calendar dates for the new academic year will be shared with all parents in next week's bulletin.

Learning Journals

Children have all been provided with a new learning journal (not nursery). The journals are intended to be both a learning tool for the children and a communication tool for you, so please take time to look through them. **Please complete the contact details and home collection details in the front of the journal as soon as possible. Please also read and sign the home school agreement regarding behaviour.** The journals are for you and your child to fill in as appropriate. Learning journals need to be in school **every day** as the children will be using them in lessons. Teachers will initial any messages you send in the journal so that you know they have seen them; in this way, we will ensure that no important messages get missed. Please record every time you read with your child and for the older children, please encourage them to record their own reading **at least 3 times a week**. Reading and vocabulary are still a focus in school so we will be monitoring home reading regularly.

Important contact e-mail addresses for the school are as follows:

enquiries@bw.keystonemat.org (School Office)
starting@bw.keystonemat.org (Bourne Westfield Nursery/Slippers)
reception@bw.keystonemat.org
year1@bw.keystonemat.org
year2@bw.keystonemat.org
year3@bw.keystonemat.org
year4@bw.keystonemat.org
year5@bw.keystonemat.org
year6@bw.keystonemat.org

Please do not e-mail staff directly.

Years 1-6 - After School Clubs (School Led)

Information regarding **school-led** clubs was shared with parents on Wednesday 7th September via Parentmail/google form. To make it fairer to all children, we have created a timetable which covers the whole school year in 3 big terms. The only exception to this being the sport after school clubs which will be released at the beginning of each big term. School led sports clubs run separately to other clubs and children may access them in addition to non-sports clubs. (School led sports clubs for Terms 3/4 and 5/6 will be released nearer to the time).

As clubs are extremely popular, we would ask that you make your choices as soon as possible and prior to the **cut-off date of 23.59hrs on Sunday 11th September**. We will be unable to administer any club responses after this date.

After school clubs for the Autumn term will commence on **Monday 19th September** (ending w/c 28th November). Club slips will be emailed to you next week via Parentmail - the e-mail will include full details of timings/where to collect your child (as applicable) when the club finishes.

Healthy Snacks (all year groups)

A courtesy reminder that any snacks sent into school for children to have at their morning break should be healthy snacks; all children from Nursery to Year 2 have access to a piece of fruit at school every day. Please do not send cakes and biscuits for children to have as a snack (these are fine in their packed lunch). We are a nut-free school so please ensure that any food products sent into school for snack or lunch **do not contain nuts** - thank you.

Permission for Child to Walk Home/Walk to Meet Parent/Collect a Younger Sibling - Y5 & Y6 only

If you haven't yet done so, but would like your child to walk home at the end of the day, walk to meet you on the school site or collect a sibling in KS2, please contact the school office, by e-mail or telephone, for the relevant permission slip. Once completed, this should be returned to your child's class teacher.

Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>

For those new parents to us, Friends of Westfield is a fundraising group made up of parents, teachers, friends and supporters of the school. Money raised by the group is used to enhance our children's time at Westfield and has been spent on a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects/equipment over the years. Our current focus is on new outdoor play and learning resources and we have recently funded some additional music equipment.

Please follow our Facebook group to stay up-to-date on all our latest events and ways you can support us.

Last school year we staged a Christmas Lights Trail & Raffle, Mothers Day Sale, Father's Day Sale, our first post Covid disco, the Year 6 leavers pool party and a Summer raffle. We were very thankful for amazing support at all events. You can also help us fundraise by nominating us on Amazon Smile, joining the school lottery or donating/buying from our preloved uniform shop. Links for all on our Facebook page. This term, we have some exciting plans for Christmas and our October disco so watch this space ... We'll be holding a Friends AGM and introductory meeting very soon - date to follow.

Our current committee is very small, so we'd love to have a few more parents onboard. If you have some great ideas and can take an active role in organising/planning, please get in touch via Facebook or e-mail - friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com. You can also speak to Amanda Nightingale or Jo Challinor (Co-chairs of FOW) most days in the Y1 area at pick up, if you'd like to know more about FOW.

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

For those of you who aren't aware, the Friends of Westfield run a School Lottery. The winnings increase as more people join - if you want to join for just £1 per ticket per week and have a chance of winning the weekly draw, then please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions. Congratulations to all of the parents who were winners of the school lottery during the summer break.

Calendar Dates

Friday 16th 11+ Testing at Bourne Westfield Primary Academy **(Registered children only - parents must register direct with Bourne Grammar School)**

And last but not least we have had a tremendous start to the new academic year. The children have returned so enthusiastically and the school is buzzing in anticipation for what promises to be another very exciting year.

Atkinson's Announcements

Parking

We have noticed this week an increase in inconsiderate parking by parents in the morning and at the end of the day. Please do not park on the entry or exit roads to the school or in any side roads where you are causing an obstruction to local residents. If one of our neighbours does speak to you about where you have parked, please be polite to them. Please also do not arrive too early and sit in your car with the engine idling - **it is an offence to leave vehicle engines** running unnecessarily when they are stationary.

Stopping and parking on the zig-zag yellow lines is prohibited from 8:00-9:00am and 3:00-4:00pm is prohibited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Atkinson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Miss K Atkinson
Headteacher