

Dear Parents

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	Alfie Worgan	Charlotte McNab	Eric Vasilache
Year 1	Layla Stubbs	Edward Burton	Rose Valentine
Year 2	Jack Harrison	Freddie Harrison	Clara Overland
Year 3	Harry Chapman	Carter Moul	Jessica Downs
Year 4	Emily Payton	Harris Cootes	Ava Freemantle Thomas Brock
Year 5	Ivy Michelson	Bronte Davé	Elizabeth Lawrence
Year 6	Harry Wood	Henry Stacey	Grace Andersen
	Samuel Elson		Jacob Mussa-Beaumont

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 21st November.

Gold Trophy	Miss Walker's Class (99.33%)
Silver Trophy	Mrs Johnson's Class (99%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Chatham's Class (97.33%)
	Mrs Pardoe's Class (96%)

Opal Update

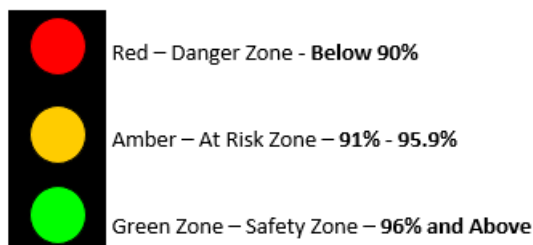
Thank you for all your support and donations so far towards our Opal project. As we approach the end of term, we are pausing our collections to allow us time to assess and evaluate our progress so far. We have received lots of pallets recently and have reached our storage limit; we will advise you when we are ready to take in more in due course. Thank you once again for all your support and we will be back in the New Year with our donation requests and an update for you all.

Year 6 Christmas Assembly

As previously mentioned in our Calendar of Events the Year 6 Christmas Assembly at the Baptist Church will go ahead on Friday 9th December. Doors will open at 1.00pm and the service will start at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to collect their children at the end of the performance and take them home. Due to the size of the venue, there is a maximum of two seats per child for this event.

Attendance

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we are following a new system for tracking our attendance. If attendance falls below 93%, for whatever reason, the system will flag the individual pupil and parents will be notified. We understand as a school that absences occur unavoidably due to illness; however, we do have a responsibility to inform parents/carers when attendance falls below the target percentage. Please see below our traffic light initiative:



Red – Danger Zone - **Below 90%**

Amber – At Risk Zone – **91% - 95.9%**

Green Zone – Safety Zone – **96% and Above**

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year
Pupils in this group will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.
95%: 10 days absence a year
Pupils in this group are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 10-day holiday during term time every year can only ever achieve 95% attendance.
92%: 15 days absence a year
Pupils in this group are missing three weeks of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. The school may consider referring pupils with this level of attendance to the Local Authority.
90%: 19 days absence a year
The Government classes pupils in this group as “Persistent Absentees” and it will be almost impossible for them to keep up with work. Parents of pupils in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.

Do you find your child's behaviour puzzling or frustrating on occasions?

Angela Pinchin and Jacqueline Clark are planning another course titled '*Understanding Your Child*'. We are sure *all* parents may benefit from this reflective course that covers relationships, managing emotions, reducing conflict, sleep, eating, anxiety, anger tantrums - and of course, boundary battles!

It is a relaxed and accepting environment, suitable for anyone involved with children aged 0 - 18 and everyone is welcome.

It will run on a **Thursday morning from 9.15 - 11.15am for 9 weeks, commencing 12th January 2023**. The cost is £27 (concessions can be discussed with Jacqueline) and this is payable prior to the course, or £3 per week, whichever you feel would suit you.

Please let us know if you are interested as there are limited spaces. If you would like further details please contact Angela Pinchin, Family Liaison Lead, by phone, or email angela.pinchin@bw.keystonemat.org

Parents attending past courses thoroughly recommend it!

Warm Welcome Spaces

Warm Welcome Space Campaign is about providing a warm welcome for those struggling to heat their home this winter and supporting those who wish to offer those spaces for people to go to. A website has been launched [Find A Warm Space](#) where you can find a space to use through a search function. Please

consider how this could be shared in your school community to those that may need to utilise these spaces. You can also register a space that can be used if you or anyone you know is looking to establish one.

Reminder - Reception Nativity

Just a reminder that the Reception Nativities will soon be upon us. We will open the middle infant doors at the front of school at 2.15pm on the dates below. We ask that you only attend on the date allocated for your child's class. **Please note that spaces are strictly limited to 4 per child due to space in the hall.**

RCB - Monday 12th December

RAB - Tuesday 13th December

RW - Wednesday 14th December

We hope you enjoy the show!

School Lunches

A reminder that our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 14th December. The children will be able to have roast turkey, stuffing, crispy roast potatoes, carrots, peas and turkey gravy or the vegetarian option will be Quorn roast. Due to the high take up of this lunch, these will be the only options available on this day. **The deadline for ordering the Christmas Lunch is Tuesday 6th December.** It is always very popular so please make sure you order in time.

All of the weekly menus for next term are now available on the meals website, so you can order well in advance. A copy of the menu and upcoming Theme Days has been sent out by Parentmail and added to the school website. **Tuesday 13th December is the deadline for ordering meals for the first week back in January.** The kitchen will not be able to accommodate for any unordered meals. Our first theme day lunch next term will be a 'Winter Warmer' lunch on Thursday 19th January. The children will be able to have beef burger in a bun (cheese slice optional), hash browns and spaghetti hoops followed by fudge brownie with chocolate icing and sprinkles for dessert. Margherita French bread pizza, hash browns and spaghetti hoops will be the vegetarian option. All of the other regular options will be available on the day. The deadline for ordering this lunch will be Tuesday 10th January.




Oracy Challenge

Activity

Discuss the following statement at home or online with your classmates:

Billionaires shouldn't exist

Talk tactics you can use in the discussion:

 Instigator	 Builder	 Challenger
In my opinion... I think...	I agree and would like to add.. Your point made me think...	I disagree, because... To challenge you, I think...

Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>
Reindeer Run (5th-9th December) - We are all super excited for the children to complete their runs/walks during next week's PE lessons. Please see the poster sent via ParentMail and the sponsorship form in your child's book bag for full details. Activities and distance will vary by age group, no special clothing or equipment is needed. All children will receive a set of antlers and a sticker for taking part in this fun festive activity.

There is no obligation to raise sponsorship money, but if you, family or friends are able to contribute, all funds will be gratefully received. Proceeds will be going towards the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project.

You can return paper sponsorship forms with cash to school or submit online to reduce cash handling - www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/FOW-reindeer-run-2022

All forms/online pledges will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win one of six fabulous festive hampers. The draw will take place at 10:00am on Thursday 15th December.

Donations for Festive Prize Hampers - We would very much welcome any donations of chocolate, alcohol and other festive naughty treats to add to our festive prize hampers. You can leave donations in the box outside the school office at any time. Thank you 😊

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to Mr Wilmot who was the winner of the school lottery last week. 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.

Atkinson's Announcements

Punctuality

A reminder that the gates close at 8:45am and all children should be in their classrooms to start learning at this time - thank you.



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