

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a good break over the festive season. It has been lovely to see the children return refreshed for the start of a new term.

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	Mia Darbost	Temi Akinola	Theo McLure-Reed
Year 1	Joshua Kirk	Robin Simmons	Henry Dring
Year 2	Lola Collins	Thomas Peplar	Bailey Gibson
Year 3	Grace Chapman	Rupert Bothwell	Jamie Tomlin-Anderson
Year 4	Quinton Lister	Layla Rigby	Yaw Kye-Nyarko
Year 5	Florence Cooper	Louie Chamberlain	Mason Baker
Year 6	Elliott Eveleigh	Kye Jones	Ollie Shaw
	Seb Knott	Lennon Smith	

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 12th December.

Gold Trophy	Miss Roberts' Class (96.33%)
Silver Trophy	Mrs Knott's Class (96.09%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Chatham's Class (98%)
	Mrs Pardoe's Class (97.33%)

Reception Places - September 2023

A reminder that the application process is now open to apply for Reception places for 2023-24. This applies to all children who were born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019. Please use the following link to make your application - [Apply for a school place](#). The deadline for making your application is 12 noon on 15th January 2023.

Clubs (Years 1-6)

School led clubs for the Spring term begin next Monday. Parents have been informed, by Parentmail, of the clubs that children have been offered for terms 3 and 4. Places for clubs in terms 5-6 will be sent to parents in due course. Please note the following:

- Children will be registered at the start of the club; therefore, if for any reason your child cannot attend on the day of the club **please let us know**.
- All clubs finish at 4:00pm prompt. Please ensure that your children are collected on time at the end of the club. **The location of all pick up points from clubs is highlighted on your child's acceptance slips.**

- After the February half term break, children in Y5/6 will be permitted to walk home on their own, only if you have provided us with a permission slip- until this point they must be collected by an adult.
- There is no access to the school car park to collect children from after school clubs.

A reminder, as per the Parentmail sent yesterday - due to unforeseen circumstances the **Year 5/6 Thursday Choir club and the Friday Year 5/6 Percussion Club WILL NOT START** week commencing Monday 9th January as originally published. We do apologise for any inconvenience and we will advise you as soon as these clubs are due to re-start.

Year 4 - Swimming

A courtesy reminder that swimming for all year 4 children will commence on Monday 9th January. Please remember to send children to school with their swimming kit. If you haven't already provided payment and permission via Parentmail, please do so as soon as possible.

Opal Update

We are very excited to be opening some new Opal play areas in the next couple of weeks and with this in mind we are now reinstating our loose parts collections once again. We are in the process of setting up a designated drop off area at the side of the bike sheds. This area will be signposted, and we are very grateful for all your donations - we will have a continuous need for all the items on our loose parts guide list, so please keep them coming. Please look out for this week's loose parts request email - but be aware that anything on the full list can be brought into us at any time and will be very gratefully received. Also, if you have any old Christmas decorations that you may be disposing of, we will gladly take those as well! Thank you.

Free Fruit for Families

Due to a large amount of fruit provided for the KS1 children being wasted every week, we have decided to make this available to anyone that would like to take some home. Our School Council Representatives will collect the remaining fruit from classes towards the end of a Friday afternoon and a box will be placed on the wall by the school office gate - please help yourself!

Oracy Challenge

I Went to the Shops...

This is a great game to challenge your children's listening and memory skills. Start off the shopping list by saying "I went to the shops today and bought..." The next person continues by saying the previous item and adding their own item! Continue around all of the players. To give it structure, use the alphabet and adding items to the list. For more challenge, use random items or why not make the items topic specific, such as items you'll find only in the rainforest?

Do you find your child's behaviour puzzling or frustrating on occasions? - Only a few places left!

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!

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Happy New Year to you all! We hope you've had a lovely festive break and a good return to normality this week.

Christmas Jumper Collection - we are hoping to stage a swap/sale in the run up to Christmas 2023. If you have any children's Christmas tops/jumpers/dresses that you know won't fit next Christmas, can we please have them? The FOW collection box is back outside the main school office doors for any donations.

Valentine's Disco - Please make sure you have Friday 3rd February noted in your diary, more details to follow closer to the time and will run to same times etc as the October event did.

FOW Committee meeting Monday 9th January - if you have anything you'd like to put forward as a suggested event, feedback etc please drop us an email friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com or get in touch via our Facebook page. We'll be sharing soon after the meeting some details on total funds raised from recent events and items purchased / planned for purchase.

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Ulyatt, Ms Cox and Mr Moore who were the winners of the school lottery in the last few weeks. 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.



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