

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 an exciting 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	Jacob Wilmot	Rowan Edwards	Henry Hooper	
Year 1	Leonie O'Connor	Alfie Smith	Mia Freemantle	
Year 2	Freddie Turner	Olivia Baker	Jack Fort	
Year 3	Ronnie Sanders	Darcie Mason	Lottie Copestake	
Year 4	Sophia Thompson	Brooke Tuck-Brown	Thea Cochran	
Year 5	Harriet Kirk	Zara Fincham	Grace Cooper	George Barney
Year 6	Charlie Jackman	Ethan Woanya	Noah Bullen	Finn Timmins
	Scarlett Gabbutt			

### **Amazing Achievements**

Well done to the following:

Áine McDonagh has passed Grade 1 Tap with Distinction

#### Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Gold Trophy	Mrs Knight's Class (100%)
Silver Trophy	Mrs Johnson's Class, Miss Tropeano's Class & Miss Murray's Class (98.89%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Bull's Class (99.44%) Mrs Pardoe's Class (98.89%)

#### School Lunches

A reminder that our next theme day lunch will be a 'Winter Warmer' lunch on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be able to have a pork hot dog, skin on baked wedges & baked beans/sweetcorn followed by jam biscuits for dessert. The vegetarian option will be a Quorn hot dog. All of the other regular options will be available on the day. The deadline for ordering this lunch is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

# Year 1 – Phonics Check Meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

A reminder, as per the calendar dates shared in December, that there is a meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January for parents of Year 1 children. This will be in the school hall at 2:45pm. The middle gate will be opened at 2:40pm to admit parents.

# Year 4 - Swimming

A courtesy reminder that swimming for all year 4 children will commence again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to send children to school with their swimming kit. <mark>If you haven't already provided</mark> payment and permission via Parentmail, please do so as soon as possible.

# 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.

# **IMPORTANT - Reception Places - September 2024**

The application process to apply for Reception places for 2024-25 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November. This applies to all children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Please use the following link to make your application - <u>Apply for a School Place</u>. The deadline for making your application is 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Places will be offered to parents on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### 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 Monday morning from 9.15 – 11.15am for 8 weeks, commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. The cost is £24 (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 <u>angela.pinchin@bw.keystonemat.org.</u>Parents attending past courses thoroughly recommend it!

#### Oracy Challenge

Happy 2024! Another new year has arrived. Have you made any new year's resolutions? Have you thought about the exciting things that are planned for the year ahead? Talk about these with your friends and family. Maybe you could write them down and then look back at your list this time next year.

# Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne</u> Happy New Year from the Friends of Westfield team!

We will soon have our next committee meeting where we'll be agreeing plans for this term's events so more news to follow in coming weeks. We'll also be discussing exciting ways to spend some of the great funds raised last term. All funds we raise are used to buy resources and fund projects to enrich the lives of our children during their time here at Westfield. A large outdoor project is currently being costed up & planned - we'll share details when available. If anyone has any suggestions for things they'd like to see us fund or requests for funding we are always happy to receive them for consideration - friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com. Next event - Valentine's Disco Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

# Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to **Mr Short and Ms Simm** who were the winners of the school lottery in the last two 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 <u>www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</u>, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.

Miss K Atkinson Headteacher

EDAN Lincs Domestic Abuse Service 01522 510041 https://edanlincs.org.uk/

Providing support and assistance to men, women and children suffering, or fleeing from domestic abuse in Lincolnshire

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire <u>https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-</u> more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire#

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

**Place2be** <u>https://www.place2be.org.uk/</u> Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

MIND <u>https://www.mind.org.uk/</u> 0300 123 3393 Providing support for people living with a mental health problem or supporting someone with a mental health problem.

**Family lives** <u>https://www.familylives.org.uk/</u> 0808 800 2222 Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.