



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:

<b>Reception</b>	Amelia	Elliott	Hugo
<b>Year 1</b>	Dougie	Rafferty	Hattie
<b>Year 2</b>	Phoebe	Forest	Dylan
<b>Year 3</b>	Colby	Tarquin	Jasper
<b>Year 4</b>	Sofie	Craig	Pavel
<b>Year 5</b>	Hannah	Daisy	Brooklyn-Grace
<b>Year 6</b>	Thomas	Rowan	Lois

### Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Gold Trophy	Miss Murray's Class (100%)
Silver Trophy	Mr Clark's Class (99.46%)
Attendance Ted	All of our Reception and Year 1 classes (100%) Miss Roberts' Class (98.92%)

### SciFest Week Shows - Booking Information

If you are wanting to book any of the following events which will take place in Bourne Corn Exchange, please follow this link: [www.ticketsource/bournescifest.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource/bournescifest.co.uk)

Tickets cost £2.50 plus a 21p booking fee.

25 September at 7:00pm - The Royal Institute presenting: 'Explosive Food!'

7 October at 7:00pm - Dr Ken Farquhar- 'The world juggling champion, soap bubble chemist and onetime TV presenter'.

### Year 6 Residential Visit Meeting - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Further to the Parentmail sent yesterday, there will be a meeting regarding the Year 6 residential trip on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00pm in the school hall - parents and children welcome via the school office entrance.

### Year 6 - Christmas Assembly

Since the calendar dates were shared last Friday, we have been advised of an additional date. The Year 6 Christmas Assembly will take place at Bourne Baptist Church on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend. Children will walk down to the church on the afternoon of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for a rehearsal.

## Harvest Festival - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival assemblies on the morning of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We would be extremely grateful if each family could provide a non-perishable item to lay at our 'Harvest Table'. These items can be brought into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

This year we are once again donating to a very worthy local charity - Bourne Foodbank. At the moment, they would be particularly grateful for donations of UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned or carton custard, tinned tomatoes, snacks, items for children's lunch boxes, shaving gel, deodorant, soap. Please don't send in any fresh produce. This is an organisation, which supports people who are struggling to put food on the table and provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We are grateful to Marcelle Cowley who will be attending our assemblies on behalf of the Foodbank. **Please send any donations to your child's classroom.**

## Terms 1 & 2 After School Clubs (school led only)

Clubs for the autumn term will be shared with all parents **this evening at 8:00pm**. You can apply for a club for your child by clicking the link within the Parentmail and making your selection. School led clubs will start week commencing **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** and slips will be sent via Parentmail next week, informing parents of which club children have been allocated. If you have not received a Parentmail, your child has not been allocated a club for the Autumn term. **ALL SCHOOL LED** clubs finish at 4:00pm prompt - the slip will confirm the collection location. The final week of clubs is week commencing **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - **please make a note of this on your calendar.**

**PERMISSION TO WALK HOME AFTER CLUBS** - Year 5 and Year 6 children **must have permission** via the club selection form to walk home from clubs up to October half term - no children will be allowed to walk home without this permission ticked. **ALL** children must be collected from after school clubs from Term 2 due to the darker evenings.

## Year 3-6 Cross Country

If your child (**Years 3-6**) would like to join before school cross-country on a Monday, they should meet Mrs Anderson on the field at 8:15am via the Kingsley Avenue gate - this will begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Children should come in their running kit and bring school uniform to change in to. **Please do not drop children at school for morning cross-country when it is raining heavily as the gates will remain locked.**

## Stay Safe Partnership - Age Restrictions on Games PEGI Ratings - Information for Parents

As we start the new academic year we wanted to remind parents around age ratings on games. This particular issue was something the Stay Safe Partnership received requests from parents about in the last academic year. Please follow the link to see the parent factsheet - within the document is a link to a fabulous video created by Billingham Primary school last year - [Age Ratings on Games Information](#)

## OPAL News - wet weather plans!

As we recognise the value of play and being in the outdoors, we would remind you that our OPAL vision is for there to be fewer than 5 'wet play' days in the school year. This means **it is important that your child brings in a coat every day as we do play outside in all weathers.**

OPAL playtimes mean that every child can access the whole site, and the many varied activities this includes, all year round. To enable them to do this they all need to keep a pair of named wellies at school. **Please do ensure they are named** as we could potentially have over 600 pairs on site! We have lots of welly storage for all year groups:

**Reception** - benches and welly stand outside the classroom on the KS1 playground

**KS1** - benches and welly stands outside the Nursery/Slippers on the KS1 playground

**KS2** - Welly racks on the Year 5 Block wall.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support with our OPAL project - we couldn't do it without you. Please keep your donations coming, we do need a continuous supply of loose parts. We will send out the full Opal loose parts ideas list via Parentmail to remind you of the type of things we are always needing! This month we are looking for donations of wallpaper or lining paper, old paintbrushes, and rollers etc. Your support so far has been amazing, thank you!

Thank you to everyone across our community who has donated toys and resources for OPAL play; it has been lovely to see the variety of items that children have access to during their lunchtime play and is greatly appreciated.

**Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>**  
Our AGM and 2024/25 planning meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at school from 6pm. The meeting is open to any parents/carers who'd like to come along to find out more about Friends of Westfield and get involved in supporting our fundraising work. Think about any skills you can offer to our small but eager team of FOW volunteers - we need lots of different skills including organising, sourcing prizes, shopping for supplies/gifts, publicity, making things - games/crafts etc. We'd love to see lots of new faces there - Jo has promised to bring biscuits too!

**Swap Shack** - It is lovely to see the continued activity in the Swap Shack. A surge of bags arriving and a steady stream of goodies being taken to new homes. We have masses of uniform at the moment so please do come to take a look at pick up time if you need anything. We are seeing stocks of wellies, coats and football boots/trainers drop a little so if you have any that are outgrown, please drop them off to us. The Swap Shack is opposite the music room near the KS2 playground. Swap - don't shop!

A few parents have asked if they could make a small donation to our fundraising kitty in return for uniform and other swap shack items, this is entirely optional but if you would like to our Paypal details are [paypal.me/FriendsWestfield](https://www.paypal.me/FriendsWestfield) or search by email [friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com) our short name is @FriendsWestfield - do check for our logo showing and the full name description including Bourne as there is another similar named account.

### **Bourne Westfield School Lottery**

Congratulations to **Ms Bowles** 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk), search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.

### **Atkinson's Announcements**

I have been so proud of how all the children have come back to school with a positive attitude to learning. They are all embodying our CORE values of community, opportunity, respect and excellence. I have been particularly proud of our Reception children for completing their first full week of school!



Miss K Atkinson  
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