Dear Parents

## Support for Ukraine

We have had enquiries at school regarding support for Ukraine during the current crisis. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- You can donate via The Red Cross <a href="https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal">https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal</a>;
- If you do not want to donate online, we are happy to take monetary donations via the school please send any donations in an envelope to the school office (any donations received will be amalgamated and donated as one amount);
- You can donate items which will be delivered via an approved organisation that is supporting the crisis in Ukraine. The items that are desperately needed are available via the following link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BourneBaptistChurch/">https://www.facebook.com/BourneBaptistChurch/</a>. These can either be sent into school and we will deliver them or they can be dropped off at Bourne Baptist Church at the times specified on the link. If you are bringing donated items to school, please do so by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school via the 'enquiries' address.

#### Sports Report

Yesterday, 22 pupils represented Bourne Westfield at the annual Copthill cross-country event. After a two year break it was great to be back; this course always challenges our runners.

The weather added even more issues, with the conditions being very wet and slippery, but all of our children came out on good form and gave it their all. Some of the pupils were representing the school for the first time, while others were keen to get back to this familiar course. At the time of going to press, we are still awaiting the full team results or the official number competing in each race but it was a packed field with teams from all over the local area and beyond. Alfie Fleming in Year 3 narrowly missed a medal coming a very impressive seventh in his race. The Year 3 and 4 girls team came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams. With the Year 5 and 6 boys also being very competitive and placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their team event.

Well done to all of the pupils and a huge thank you to Mrs Knowles, Mrs Trawford and Mrs Woodcock who helped out on the day and to all of those parents and grandparents who came to cheer us on too - it was greatly appreciated.

Tomorrow, a staggering 60 pupils will go to Stamford Welland Academy to compete at the next cross-country event, good luck to you all!

If your child is interested in coming to cross-country club they are more than welcome to join us on Monday and Friday mornings at 8.15 via the Kingsley Avenue gate. This club runs all year long, alongside the other clubs for each term. It is only cancelled if it is raining heavily or in dangerous weather such as the recent high winds.

# 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	Rebecca Aurikko	Oliver Lambert	George Barke	
Year 1	Christina Jackman	Piper Moult	Pavel Pluhar-Cerkasov	
Year 2	Nelly Deaton	Jessie Hammond	Taylor Chamberlain	
Year 3	Charlie Meadwell	Emily Payton	Sophia Tyrs	Lucy McLaren
Year 4	Isla Staite	Logan Smith	Grace Hatton	
Year 5	Roisin Baker	Adrian Balaban	Lennon Smith	Alex Klatka
Year 6	Luke McKenna	Darcie Trawford	Rafaels Placis-Vitols	Sam Bishop

We are delighted to present Music Star Awards to Teddy Irving, Joshua Barker-Magowan and Pippa Longland.

# Amazing Achievements

Well done to the following:

Ethan Rippin has achieved his Green Belt in Kick Boxing

#### Attendance

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

Gold Trophy Mrs Dharamraj' Class (99.67%)
Silver Trophy Mr Mulhern's Class (98.93%)

Attendance Ted Mrs Scotney & Mrs Woodcock's (98.67%)

Mrs Chatham's Class (98.66%)

## Year 5 - Cultural Ambassadors Report by Max and Matilda (Y5M): Paradigm Arts

Bourne Westfield's choir are busy rehearsing for the Young Voices concert which will take place on Wednesday  $27^{th}$  April 2022. The pupils will be performing their routine, which involves both singing and dancing, at the Sheffield Arena with other choirs around the country - there will be around 8,500 performers singing together. Mrs Brooke, who will be attending the concert, is excited to attend and says, "I look forward to it every year!"

Pupils will use their Westy skills, especially teamwork, to perform a variety of the songs they have been rehearsing on Tuesdays during lunchtime and after school. There are between 30 and 40 Westfield pupils attending the choir from Years 4, 5 and 6. Hollie Glover, an enthusiastic choir member, is most looking forward to singing 'Count on Me' because the music is happy and uplifting. The school is wishing the Westfield choir lots of luck - break a leg!

# March Parents' Evening - Please note the arrangements for separated families

As previously advertised in our calendar dates, parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments will again be made via the Parentmail online booking system. The system will go live at 4:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and you will receive notification of this from Parentmail. Once an appointment is made, the system will allow you to change your appointment, <u>subject to the availability of appointments</u>. Please note that all parents' evening appointments must be made via this method, staff are unable to make any appointments on your behalf.

Please book only one appointment per child. We are aware that many of our children have separated families and in the past we have accommodated two appointments for these children. This has meant that the teachers have had to increase the number of appointments which makes it unmanageable over two

nights and they are having to repeat the same information twice. Sharing the information once ensures a clear and consistent message to both parents. Therefore, we would ask that you attend one appointment together or agree to share the information given after the appointment. In some extreme cases (where court orders/proceedings are in place) we understand that this may not be possible and we would ask that you call the school office if this is the case.

Parents will be allocated one 10-minute appointment for each child. If your child is on the SEND register, the system has been set up to allow you to book a 20-minute appointment in line with our school policy. If you would like an appointment to meet with Mrs Humphreys (SENDCo), in addition to your meeting with your child's class teacher, please contact Mrs Warke via the office.

## Year 2 Parent Assemblies - Next Week

A reminder that Year 2 are due to welcome you to their class showcase assemblies next week commencing. We would ask that a maximum of 2 people attend per child. The assemblies will be approximately 20 minutes and are an opportunity for children to share the work they have been doing this year. For all assemblies, we would ask that parents enter the school via the middle infant door only - at the front of the school - the door will be opened at 2:20pm each day. Assemblies will be held as follows:

Y2C will hold their assembly at 2:30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Y2P will hold their assembly at 2:30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Y2H will hold their assembly at 2.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you for these special events.

## Sunflower Project

Sunflowers, which are the national flower of Ukraine, will be grown in school over the next few weeks and then sent home as part of a 'Grow the tallest sunflower!' whole school project. Please can you send in a cardboard egg box to your child's class so that we can get the plants started. Thank you.

#### Eat Them to Defeat Them

Eat them to Defeat Them has been designed to change children's behaviour and attitude to the 'dreaded veg'. The majority of children (and adults) still do not eat enough vegetables. It is hoped the help of Veg Power will help change and improve the diet of hundreds of children. On Monday of this week, all children were given a booklet explaining the details of the campaign.

Children will be encouraged to eat vegetables at school too. Our school kitchen is providing sample 'taster pots' of vegetables for the children to try on a lunchtime; children are then given a sticker of the vegetable they have tried.

For more information on the scheme, please visit <a href="www.EatThemToDefeatThem.com">www.EatThemToDefeatThem.com</a>.

## Friends of Westfield

We are excited to share the new Facebook page for FOW, please do like and follow them so you keep upto-date on our fundraising events - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne">https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne</a> plus you can find out more about our design a logo competition coming very soon...

The group also now have an email address - <u>friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com</u> - should you like to get in touch with them you can use that or Facebook Messenger.

We are ever hopeful 2022 is going to be a much more positive and normal year. We are busy planning some of our usual events and hopefully some new things too, more details to follow on that soon!

The group have a couple of new faces on the committee and we are pleased to welcome Jo Challinor and Amanda Nightingale as joint Chairs for this year. We'd love to hear from any parents keen to get involved with fundraising and events.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair continues and will run after school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:10pm to 3:40pm in the infant hall. All children have been given a £1 World Book Day that can be used as part payment towards any book purchased at the Book Fair but not against the purchase of posters and stationery. Please note that we are only able to take payment by cash.

## Oracy Challenge: World Book Week

This week is World Book Week. Think about your favourite book. Talk to a grown up or friend about the following questions relating to your book and try to encourage them to read it.

- What is your favourite part of the story and why?
- If you could meet a character from your book who would it be?
- Why do you think they would like your book?

# Class Photographs - Monday 14th March

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March to take class photographs. If your child was absent for the individual photographs (**not sibling groups**) in the Autumn term, please let Mrs Clark know at the school office and she will arrange for their individual photograph to be taken while the photographer is here.

## Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs Scotney 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 <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk">www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</a>, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.

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