



Dear Parents

Sports Report from Mrs Anderson

This week saw the first cross-country event take place, after recent heavy rainfall and with one event being cancelled. It was lucky that on Wednesday afternoon the sun shone on Witham Hall's immaculate sports field; there were puddles, but they were crystal clear.

We took 23 runners from across KS2, to participate in this event, competing against seven private schools in what is always a tough field.

This year we had 3 individual medals to celebrate with Alfie Fleming coming 1st in the U11 boys' race, Sofia Hadzaj coming 5th in the U9 girls' race and Jack Harrison coming 6th in the U9 boys' race. I am still awaiting the results to look at all our placings; however, all the pupils ran superbly in quite tough conditions underfoot and against very strong competitors across the board. Our U9 boys team came 2nd out of 7 teams overall, which just shows what a strong race they all had. Some of our pupils were taking part in their first cross-country event; well done to them for taking it all in their stride. They all supported each other, and I was very proud of both their running and their behaviour during the event. I must also say a huge thank you to the large group of parents who helped transport us to this event and then supported and cheered on the runners. Also, to Mrs Comben for her support and assistance with first aid. I hope to hear shortly about the new date for the Spalding cross-country.

Please remember cross-country club is on Monday mornings at 8.15am **as long as it isn't raining!**

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	George	Jenson	Savannah	
Year 1	Isabelle	Eden	Hugo	
Year 2	Isabella	Olivia	Harper	
Year 3	Rosie	Matthew	Reuben	
Year 4	Esme	Ava Rose	Piper	Rosie
Year 5	Elija	Leon	Gracie-May	
Year 6	Mia	Sienna	Charlotte	Joanne

Amazing Achievements

Well done to the following:

Charlotte and Jack who have received certificates and medals for their excellent reading as part of the Deepings Library 'Marvellous Makers' challenge

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 23rd September.

Gold Trophy	Miss Sawyer's Class and Mrs Cameron's Class (98.67%)
Silver Trophy	Miss Tropeano's Class (98.33%)
Attendance Ted	Miss Binder's Class (99.67%) Mrs Chatham's Class (98.67%)

Opal News - We are Platinum!

After starting our Opal journey 2 years ago, yesterday, we had our final Opal Assessment and are very proud to have been awarded Platinum, the highest possible and most prestigious award. Our Opal mentor was blown away by our children and the impact Opal is having on them.

All staff have been amazing in embracing different ways to plan our play at lunchtime. There have been lots of changes along the way which have impacted the whole school, but we have all kept pushing forwards together. The lunchtime staff, our 'play team' have seen some changes to the structure of playtimes and have encountered lots of challenges but keep coming back for more! Parents - you have been fantastic, whether it be donating loose parts to the cause or putting up with muddy uniforms - we appreciate the continued support.

Our Friends of Westfield team have played a massive role in supplying funds for projects that could not have been achieved without their help. A big thank you to them and everyone who supports their events. And finally, who can forget the children? The children now have a great play offer and so many opportunities to extend their skills and take ownership of their play. We are seeing lots of different types of play on our playground, field, forest, sand, water, small world, stage, mud kitchen, quiet areas and they are showing signs of being more: resilient, independent, creative, active, thoughtful... the list could go on and on. They never cease to amaze us with their ingenuity and originality - our future is in their hands!

Well done, everyone, thank you for your continued support. We will continue to grow and develop each year. Look out for the next project...coming soon.

Opal Stay & Play

It was wonderful to see so many Reception parents taking part in our first Opal 'Stay & Play' session last Friday. It was a resounding success with children and parents all getting stuck into some amazing play. We will be scheduling more sessions for other year groups soon! Be prepared!

Please remember to make sure your child brings a pair of **named wellies into school** to ensure they can access the whole school site throughout the year. They do not need to be fancy or expensive - they will be outside on the racks remember! Sending in spare socks or tights is essential so please pop some in bookbags, we soon run out when we use our school supplies. Waterproofs are also a must; we do try and get outside in most weather- some children like to be out in the rain! Thank you for your support with this.

Open Events for Parents of Children Starting School in September 2025

On 15th November 2024 the window opens for parents to make school applications for children who will start school in September 2025. We have **Open Mornings on Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 6th November from 9:15-10:30am** and an **Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November at 6:00pm**. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, please remember to make your application on the Lincolnshire County Council website between 15th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

We will be thinking about mental health next week and would like the children to wear a yellow accessory on Thursday 10th October for World Mental Health Day.

Hot Lunches

All of the weekly menus for next term are now available on the meal's website. A copy of the menu and upcoming 'Theme Days' for next term has been sent out by Parentmail and added to the school website. Baguettes will be available to order in advance - the children will be able to choose from a cheese, ham or tuna baguette served with a mixed fresh salad (please note that the filling must be chosen at the point of order). **Tuesday 15th October is the deadline for ordering meals for the first week back.**

Our first theme day lunch next term, a 'Guy Fawkes' lunch, will be on Tuesday 5th November. The children will be able to have beef burger in a bun & chips with baked beans/sweetcorn, followed by iced firework sponge cake for dessert. Veggie burger in a bun & chips with baked beans/sweetcorn 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 29th October.

Art Competition

We are running an art competition this term around the subject of one of our core values, 'Opportunity'. We would love the children to think about what this means to them and show it in a piece of artwork. They could think about what they love to take part in while at school, how they make the school a better place by volunteering and being responsible or their hopes and dreams for the future. They can express it however they would like in any medium. We will be choosing 3 winners - EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and giving them a fabulous, art themed prize - we'll also display their winning pieces in school. Please have your child hand their completed artwork (please make sure their name is on it) to their class teacher by 1st November.

Harvest Festival Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Harvest Festival - we are delighted to report that over 323kg of food was safely delivered to Bourne Foodbank who have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks.

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

Angela Pinchin and Jacqueline Clark are planning another course entitled '*Understanding Your Child*'. 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 7 weeks, commencing 17th October 2024. The cost is £21 (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, Pupil Wellbeing Lead, by telephone (to the school office), or email angela.pinchin@bw.keystonemat.org. Parents attending past courses have said 'a lovely welcoming group, food for thought and time to reflect'.

Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>

If you haven't already, please don't forget to book your child(ren)'s ticket for next Friday's Halloween School Disco. There are two discos - Years 1, 2 & 3 is from 4.30pm-5.30pm, Years 4, 5 & 6 is from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Entry is £3 per child which includes a drink and a bag of crisps. Glowsticks will be available for 20p each plus some Halloween themed goodies for 50p / £1. Extra drinks/crisps are 50p. Tickets are available to order on Parentmail to reduce cash handling and queues at the event. We do also accept cash on the door if you can't pre-book. Costumes are very welcome but dress as you please in whatever party clothes your child prefers.

A few more helpers are still needed for these events; we are pretty well covered for the early disco but still need a few more for the older disco please. We'd be very grateful for anyone who can assist with refreshments, manning exits, selling glowsticks/goodies etc. If you can spare us some time please get in

touch by email - friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com letting us know which disco you can help with & any children who will be arriving with you. Please note - all children must be collected by an adult at the end of the event and no mobile phones are allowed. Thank you in advance for your support, these events can't go ahead without enough volunteers.

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to Ms Barrett 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.



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

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

Place2be <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

MIND <https://www.mind.org.uk/> 0300 123 3393

Providing support for people living with a mental health problem or supporting someone with a mental health problem.

Family lives <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> 0808 800 2222

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.