

Westdale Infant School

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Happy Friday everybody! We have had another busy and fun-filled week in school. It was also our first School Parliament meeting where our representatives met with Mrs Lewis to talk about play charter. A lot of great ideas were shared and the minutes can be found attached to the round up. Thank you to all members involved!



A big congratulations to this week's House Point Winners, **FIRE!**

Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **97.05%** | 7th – 11th October: **94.41%** | Target: **97%**

Harvest Festival 2024

We will be holding our Harvest Celebrations on Monday 14th October and would love to see you all there! We split the day into two parts so please check below for your class timings:

- **F1 (Little Stars) & F2 (Ladybirds and Butterflies):** School Assembly at **9:15am** (please come to the main office after drop-off if you would like to attend).
- **Y1 & Y2:** St James Church at **1:30pm** (please contact the office if you can volunteer to walk down with the children, leaving just after 1pm).

If you are able, please bring any harvest donations to school on the morning of Monday 14th October and we will take them to the church. These items will be sent to Carlton Food Bank which is connected to Hope Nottingham.

The items that are most needed at the moment are:

- Shampoo and shower gel
- Tinned meat and tinned potatoes
- Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard, sponge)
- Sweet treats such as biscuits.



Upcoming Events

14.10.24

Harvest Celebrations

15.10.24

- Y1 Pedal and Push Day
- Little Stars and F2 (Ladybirds and Butterflies) Parents Evening

17.10.24

Y2 Pirate Day
(sea shanty performance - 2:15pm)

18.10.24

Break Up for Half Term

Important Information

School calendar:

DATES TO REMEMBER



Next week's [School Dinners](#) will be **Week 3**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.

Wraparound Message

Please can we remind all families that use our wraparound provision that children must be picked up on time. This is to ensure we have the right number of staff members available and to keep everyone safe! We would also like to share Jack's fantastic creation that he worked hard on in breakfast club, well done Jack!



POW Halloween

POW's Halloween drawing competition is well underway and we are seeing fantastic creations in the office! This is a fundraiser for the school so please attach **£1** if your child would like to take part (the deadline is Tuesday 15th October).

Christmas Design Orders

Don't put down those pens and pencils yet! It's now time for Christmas creations! Design templates, order forms and product information will be coming home in book bags this week. The order form and [item details](#) have also been added to the [school website](#) in case you need another copy over the holidays. The deadline for drawings and completed order forms is Tuesday 5th November at 4pm (please ignore the date on the order form). The office will send out a reminder on INSET Day but we won't be able to take late submissions this year, the printing company has a tight turnaround schedule.



Staff Shout Out

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Burgin this week, our Wraparound Supervisor and all-round Westdale Superstar! As well as running a tight ship with our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, Mrs Burgin took on the challenge of our storage area. This took a lot time and effort to sort through and we are so grateful to have this space back in working order, thank you!



Home-Start Nottingham

Home-Start Nottingham supports parents with children 0-8yrs in the county and city of Nottingham. Please find attached some information about them and the support they offer, there are also details of their next volunteer training.

Mrs Lewis – 25 Years Celebration!

We had a special visitor in Friday's 'magical moments' assembly and the children were not the only ones to walk the rainbow carpet! John Smith, our Chair of Governors, popped by to congratulate Mrs Lewis on 25 years with Nottinghamshire County Council, and to present a special certificate and gift to say thank you!



School Parking

Please can we ask all families to be considerate of our neighbours when parking for school drop off and pick up times. We know how tricky it can be to find space but we are hearing that driveways are being blocked. Thank you for your support.



World Mental Health Day 2024

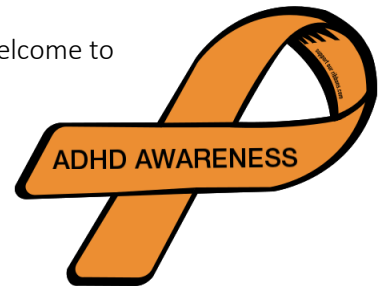
This World Mental Health Day, Thursday 10th October, a brand-new website has launched to help support residents of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire with their mental health. The aptly named 'NottAlone' aims to connect local people with free mental health support services, as well as offering [resources](#), advice and guidance on a range of mental health topics for adults and young people. For more information, please see their website: <https://nottalone.org.uk/>



Please also find a poster attached to the round up for Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing parent webinars run by CAMHS. The webinars will focus on giving some information on the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), understanding what mental health is and the different types of mental health difficulties. The webinars are run once a term and will be held online via Teams. The webinars can be accessed by parents by following the instructions on the posters.

ADHD Coffee Afternoon

October is ADHD awareness month and there is a local coffee afternoon you are welcome to attend for advice and support. Please see the attached poster for further details:



- Date: Tuesday 15th October from 12pm to 2pm
- Location: May Sum Buffet Restaurant, NG1 6LF
- Speaker: Kimberly Grant from Nottingham ADHD Parent Group

To further support ADHD awareness, May Sum has also exclusively offered the private function room for Autism/ADHD-friendly dining on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm to 5pm.

Wraparound Survey

The government is aiming to ensure that all school communities have sufficient wraparound childcare options for families who need it. Nottinghamshire County Council wants to gather the views of families to see how they currently use wraparound childcare, and how they may use wraparound childcare in the future.

The survey can be found here: [Wraparound and holiday childcare places for primary school aged children - Nottinghamshire County Council - Citizen Space](#). The closing date is Sunday 3rd November 2024.

Nottingham Fire Service

As valued members of the community, Nottingham Fire Service are asking our families to complete a survey to provide your views on their new proposed plan. You can view the draft CRMP document via their website www.notts-fire.gov.uk or by clicking this link [CRMP](#). The Service will be consulting with members of our community until 30th November 2024 and anyone who completes the consultation survey will be entered into a draw to win a £100 Amazon Voucher.



Have a lovely weekend everybody!