

# Westdale Infant School

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Well done everybody, first full week completed! We are all settling into our new routines and having lots of fun at the same time.

Clubs have started, ambassadors are being selected, and we can wait to see what the rest of the term brings.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!



## Weekly Attendance Update

Year so far: **97.93%** | 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September: **98.04%** | Target: **97%**



## Behaviour and Culture Presentation

We look forward to welcoming you to our presentation about the culture at Westdale Infant School on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at **2pm**. This will include information about our restorative approach to behaviour, the introduction of Zones of Regulation and ways you can support at home. We will consider what it means to be part of our inclusive school community and how we can work together to ensure everyone feels valued and supported. We hope this presentation will leave you with a deeper understanding of our school values and how this looks in school on a day to day basis.

You should have received an invite to this event via ParentMail. Please complete the form to confirm attendance or contact the office if you did not receive this communication.



## Reading Army

We are looking for volunteers to join our **Reading Army** for this year. If you are free and would be willing to listen to children read during the school day, we would very much appreciate your support. You would need to be able to commit to at least one hour each week. As you may be outside the classroom reading 1:1 with the children, it is necessary to have a DBS check before beginning any voluntary work. If you have not previously volunteered for reading in school before, training will be available. **Please can you let the office know** before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September if this is something you are interested in. Many thanks for your continued support.

## Upcoming Events

**16.09.24**

- Flu Immunisations (pm) – main school children, not nursery
- Y2 Meet the Teacher and Phonics Workshop (5pm)

**17.09.24**

- Behaviour and Culture Presentation for Main School (2pm – 3pm)
- Y1 Meet the Teacher (5pm)

**18.09.24**

- Little Stars Meet the Teacher (4pm)

**19.09.24**

- F2 (Ladybirds and Butterflies) Meet the Teacher (5pm)

## Important Information

Next week's School Dinners will be **Week 2**. Please note that dinner orders are taken a week in advance.



## Staff Shout Out

This week we would like to say well done and thank you to Miss Asher, our new Comets Class Teacher! You are a very welcome addition to the Westdale team and fit in perfectly with our vision and values. Miss Asher has had a fantastic start to the new term and we are very happy to have her here!



## Local Family Hub Information

Please find attached to the round up the 2nd Family Hub Newsletter for Nottinghamshire. This newsletter is for local parents, carers and those who work with families in Nottinghamshire and aims to keep people updated with plans and developments. This newsletter also provides us an opportunity to get your views and ideas for how you think Family Hub Networks can delivered with lots of local organisations working together to identify and meet the needs of families.

- For more information please go to [Discover your local family hub | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- Facebook - [Nottinghamshire Families Information Service](#) or search 'Nottinghamshire Families Information Service'.
- Instagram - [Nottinghamshire Families Information Service \(@nottsfig\)](#)

## St James Church Events

- Mapperley Christmas Festival, which includes the Christmas Lights Switch-on. The event has grown over the past couple of years, and now is a longer event from **12pm till 6pm** with more stalls, attractions, and entertainment. The focus remains on community, and to that end we welcome any local community groups, schools, organisations to have a stall to raise awareness of the group or raise funds. Also if any group would like to display on the stage, we are investing in our stage, lighting and sound this year to improve the experience for performers. Previously performances have included, choirs, dance groups, music groups, a magician, puppet show... there certainly is scope for more local talent. The date is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 12pm till 6pm at the Mapperley Top Precinct on Woodborough Road.
- Throughout the term St James Church hosts two weekly events for children and families. The first is Tuesday CONNECT, a pop-up cafe and afterschool drop in on a Tuesday 3pm - 4.30pm. No need to book, simply come along for drinks and snacks, games, crafts and other activities. The second is Toast, Tea, and Tots, a group for parents/carers and children from birth till they start school. There's lots of toys and different crafts each week. After snack time there is more play till finishing with stories and songs. This group meets each Wednesday 9am till 11am.
- Lastly, "The Voice" children's choir is returning to Mapperley. Following the launch last term, this choir will now be meeting monthly, alternating between St James Church and St Marks. Led by Beth Bevan a local choirs and musical director, the group is a lot of fun for children each session involves, singing, games, crafts, bible stories, and more singing. Please contact [beth@voicemusic.org.uk](mailto:beth@voicemusic.org.uk) for more information and to register.



### MacMillan Bake Sale

Mrs Chamberlain and our fantastic POW Team are holding a MacMillan Cake Sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm. We are inviting any budding bakers to bring in a cake on the Friday morning that we can sell in the afternoon. Please join us for a drink and a chat as this is a wonderful time to bring everyone together and raise some funds for a very important charity! We will send out another reminder invite next week.



### Family Fun Day – Westdale Lane Baptist Church

Westdale Lane Baptist Church is having a Free Family Fun Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please find an invitation attached to the round up.

### Star Strike Football

Star Strike Football Coaching has been running for 8 years, providing inclusive, fun football sessions for children aged 4-12. They have sessions in our local area which are detailed in the flyer attached to the round up. All coaches have DBS checks and are fully trained.



Have a lovely weekend everybody!