



# Westfield School

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### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 1st September—**  
INSET DAY

**Friday 2nd September—**  
First day of Term

**Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th**  
**September—**Y5 & Y6 residential trip

**Monday 19th September—**New  
Reception class starts full time

**Friday 23rd September—**INSET DAY



### School Dinner price increase

East Sussex County Council have been negotiating with Chartwells to ensure that they can deliver high quality meals to children throughout East Sussex. Due to the current economic climate, rising costs and food inflation Chartwells will be increasing the price of a school meal to **£2.42** from September.

Please note that children in Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) receive universal free school meals so this price will only be applicable to KS2 children who are not entitled to free school meals.

Please book and pay for your meals in advance via your ParentPay account.

### PTA column

A huge thank you from the PTA for everyone's support for the events we have held throughout the school year.

All the parents, Westfield teachers, TAs and office staff who have helped us out, it has been greatly appreciated.

We look forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the next school year.

**THANK YOU!**  
*thank you!*

### Westfield Headline

We have arrived at the end of the school year already. And it has been a very good year here at Westfield School. Perhaps underlined by the great SATs results of our lovely Year 6 children who achieved 66% combined Reading, Writing and Maths, 7% above national average. Well done for all your hard work Year 6!

Since the last Newsletter in June, Year 5 and 6 have also completed their end of year play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was a great performance and children should be very proud of their efforts. Well done too to Mrs Adams and Miss Mitchell for their hard work on the show.

It is traditionally a time to say a few goodbyes to members of staff who are moving onto new opportunities. As I am sure you know, Miss Bourne, Mrs Papuha, Mrs Jones and Miss Rhoades will be leaving us on the 21st. I want to thank you all for your hard work and I wish you luck with your new adventures.

Looking forward to September, we will be continuing our school improvement focus for attendance. Pre Covid, whole school attendance for the 2018-19 academic year was 96.4%. I know there has been a lot of illness following coming back to school and I also know we are all more cautious about spreading viruses, but attendance for this academic year has fallen to 94%. This represents a significant reduction in teaching time for a large number of pupils.

Next year I would like to work with you to get this back up to 96% or more. If we can do this, it will make children progress more!

That just about brings this school year to a close. I am very sad to be saying goodbye to Year 6. I wish them all luck with the transition to secondary school. Westfield will miss you. Everyone else, have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd September.

### Staff updates

#### So long, farewell!

We are sadly saying goodbye to a few members of staff this year.

Miss Bourne in Y5 Maple will be heading off to begin training to become a secondary school Geography teacher

Mrs Papuha in the school office will be moving on from being our school business manager to become a train conductor

Mrs Jones in Reception Acorns is emigrating to Australia with her family

Miss Rhoades will be lollipoping no more and is moving into the care sector

#### Staff updates

Congratulations to Miss Thomson and Miss Adams who have both got married during this past school year! From September, Miss Adams will be known as Mrs Adams. Miss Thomson will be known as Mrs Elks and will be an additional teaching assistant in Y1 Willow. Another congratulations is due for Mrs Elks as she is expecting a baby in November!

Miss Potter, our Receptionist will be taking over from Mrs Papuha as our new school business manager.

#### Welcome!

With some staff leaving, we will therefore be welcoming some new members to our team for the new school year.

You may have already seen Ms Fairman who has joined our school office as our new Receptionist.

Miss Fletcher will be joining Y5 Maple as their teaching assistant and Mrs Goddard will be joining Reception Acorns as an additional teaching assistant.

A warm Westfield welcome to all!

**A reminder that we will be  
returning to school on  
FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

## Class reflections from the past school year

### Reception Acorns

What a year! It has been my very first teaching year as a newly qualified teacher and I could not have asked for a better team and cohort...we have had ups and downs, highs and lows and everything in between but can honestly say that we have enjoyed every minute of it! The children have taught us as much, if not more than I hope we've taught them. After living through the strange covid years, they've been absolute superstars, every single one of them! I am so proud of my very first class and couldn't have asked for a better bunch of children to share my first year with. I will miss them all so very much, but I look forward to seeing every one of them grow as they move into year one!

An extra thank you to all the parents and guardians too...you have all been so supportive of my first year as a teacher and for that I will be forever grateful.

All the best,  
Mrs. Bland

### Year 3 Juniper

What a fantastic year we have had!

Welcoming back school trips, assemblies together in the hall and sports day with an audience! I'm so glad we were able to experience so many lovely memories together (Paradise Park, Roman workshop, Easter concert and so much more!)

It has been a pleasure working with the year threes. Their inquisitive nature, enthusiasm to impress and genuine excitement for day-to-day school life has made for a special year of teaching. I know they will all continue to flourish in Year 4.

Keep being amazing!  
Have a lovely Summer,  
Miss McNeilly

### Year 1 Willow

We have had a fantastic year in Year 1. The children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed learning about lots of fun topics.

We have enjoyed school trips to the Science Centre and The Bright Foundation. We have also enjoyed several visitors including Mrs Kenna's hedgehog Smudge and a variety of different animals from Jaws n Claws. The children have continued to develop their inquisitive minds and have made great progress in all subjects.

They have worked together as a team and have built lots of lovely friendships. I have really enjoyed teaching all the children this year and I hope they all have lovely, well deserved summer holidays.

Thank you. Miss Hamilton :)

### Year 4 Sycamore

What a year it's been this year! Covid free (by and large) – thank goodness. And judging by the sheer number of books going home, I think the children have worked super hard.

We are so proud of their supreme effort in all areas. Maths and English aside, the class have been lucky to have had Mrs Whiffin, who has helped them also produce some outstanding artwork. In addition, they have been brilliant scientists, computer programmers and world explorers using an atlas. Not to mention some lovely class trips.

Onward and upward now into Year 5 and upper Key Stage 2.

Mr. Whincop

### Year 2 Beech

It has been a very busy year in Year 2. Lots of growing up, growing friendships and growing in our learning.

We have enjoyed our topics – Blue Planet, Storytellers and Green Planet.

Thank you so much to Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Halfa-Cree and Mrs Simpkinson. The children have worked incredibly hard and always do their best. Thank you for a wonderful year and good luck in Year 3.

Ms. Haynes

### Year 5 Maple

What a busy Year 5 have had. It has been a pleasure to be part of their learning journey that the school. From our residential trip to the Isle of Wight in Term 1 to our play 'Midsummer Night's Dream' in term 6; they have always strived to do their very best. I will always remember how excited they were for singing practice and how determined they were to succeed in their maths lessons. We have enjoyed laughing and learning together throughout.

Thank you Year 5 for your creativity and kindness this year. Have a lovely summer.

From Miss Mitchell and Miss Bourne

### Year 6 Oak & Birch

Where did this year whizz to??

We've worked so hard this year, our first 'normal' year since the start of the pandemic and we've achieved so much!

Year 6 are ready for the next stage in their learning journey- moving to secondary school.

Under their belt, they have SATs results to be incredibly proud of- as a class we've achieved above the national average in maths and writing, which in a normal year is an ENORMOUS achievement, let alone the first testing year post-pandemic. To add to their achievements, a memorable week of performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream- who knew we had so many budding stage stars and singers in year 6! You've certainly left your mark on Westfield year 6, we wish you all the best in your new schools.

Well done!

Mrs. Adams x