



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 30th September 2022

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:  
to develop communication skills effectively***



Corvus Education Trust would like to hear your views on our proposal for Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School, West Road, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AU and Watton Junior School, Brandon Road, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AL to add a 16 place Social, Emotional and Mental Health Specialist Resource Base (SEMH SRB) from 1 April 2024, based at the Watton Junior School site.

Please see more information on our website and give your views at <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/wattonsrb/> by 10th October 2022.

**Please remember to report all absence directly to the office by telephone (01953 882669—option1) or email (office@westfield.norfolk.sch.uk) by 9.15am any day your child is not in school or nursery.** If leaving a message please say your child's full name, class and what symptoms they have (sore throat, temperature, earache etc). If they have vomiting or diarrhoea please tell us the last time they had it as that will affect when they can return to school. **Please update us each day if your child is not better after 24hours.** It costs the school £3500 per year in time spent chasing parents who have not made or kept in contact when their child is absent.

Please do not use class dojo for absence messaging as these must come straight to the office rather than the class teacher.

If you are unsure if your child is fit for school, please phone for advice or send them in to try as they often improve greatly as the day goes on. If they cannot manage the school day we will contact you to come and collect them. Thank you.



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019?

If so, they will be due to start their Reception school year in September 2023 and you need to apply for their place with Norfolk County Council by January 2023.

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 11th October 2022 for prospective parents to come and have a tour of the Reception classrooms and ask any questions you may have.

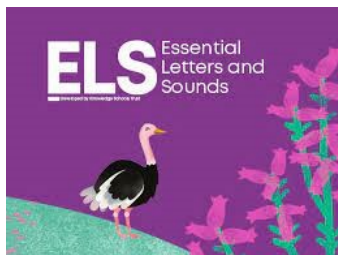
BOOKING IS REQUIRED. Please call the school office on 01953 882669 to book your space.

Thank you.

**SMILE:** We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil by Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment in a safe environment

## Phonics and Reading Scheme

We are now using the Essential Letters and Sounds scheme to teach Phonics and Reading, supported by books from Oxford Owl ([www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)) and the Boom Reader online reading record app. Thank you to those Reception parents who came along to our recent meeting about how to help your child at home with phonics and reading. There is another session for Key Stage 1 parents on Monday 3rd October at 2.45pm in the hall.



## Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic September learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

### **Early Years**

In Hedgehog Nursery the children have been settling into the new routines of the class. We have been talking "all about me" and the children have enjoyed making faces out of playdough, sticking shapes to make people and talking about pictures of their family.

In Monkey Nursery this month the children have done a fantastic job settling into their new class and learning the new routines. We have started our core story 'The Three Little Pigs', practicing retelling the story and joining in with the repeated refrains. In maths we have been matching and sorting different objects, looking at size, colour and shape.

In Reception this month we have been exploring the human body by reading Funny Bones, making pictures of bones and thinking about how we move our bodies during PE. We have also started reading our school reading books putting our new phonics skills into good practise. In maths we have been exploring numbers to 5.

### **Key Stage 1**

This month all of our leaving has been around our core story 'Wild'.

In English we have been learning to think of sentences, then writing them down, adding adjectives for description and remembering to use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. In maths we have been looking at place value, thinking about what makes a number and what that number looks like as an amount. We have also been ordering numbers in a range of different ways and finding out, greater than, less than and equal numbers and amounts. In Art we have created trees using mixed media, using our school woods as inspiration. In Science we have been looking at plants, trees and flowers. We have identified their features and discussed what they would be used for. We have also been classifying animals, learning the terms carnivore, omnivore and herbivore. In Paths, RSHE and RE, we have been talking about feelings and why we might feel a certain way, why we would say thank you to others and talking about people who are special to us and why.

## **Diary Dates:**

*Wednesday 5th October—Bag2School Textile Recycling Collection 7.30am to 9am*

*Friday 7th October—Bug Busters*

*Tuesday 11th October—Open Afternoon for children starting Reception in 2023 1.30pm to 2.30pm*

*Friday 14th October—Harvest Festival (children only, sorry no parents)*

*Week beginning 17th October—Parent Interviews & Stay Safe Week*

*Friday 21st October—Forces Day— Dress as a Super Hero or Real Life Hero / **School closes for half term break***

*Monday 31st October—**School reopens for Autumn term 2***

*Tuesday 1st November—Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)*

*Friday 4th November—Deadline for Rudolph Cards orders*

*Monday 14th November—Tempest School Photography Individual Portraits*

*Friday 18th November—BBC Children in Need Day*

*Wednesday 30th November— Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray) / KS1 watch Pantomime at Watton Junior School*

*Week beginning 5th December— Christmas Performances—parents invited*

*Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day*

*Thursday 15th December—Class Christmas Parties & Special Visitor*

*Friday 16th December—Last day of term before break for Christmas Holiday*



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<http://watton.corvuseducation.com>

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## Packed Lunches

If you choose to send your child with a packed lunch from home please can we remind you we are a nut free school. This is to keep children and staff with allergies safe. Please do not send in any nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella. Thank you.



## Autumn / Winter School Dinner Menu

After the half term break we will be moving to the autumn/winter school lunch menu. Please see <https://corvuseducation.com/wattonwestfield/school-meals/> for full details.

## Free School Meals, Pupil Premium & Cost of Living Food Vouchers

Don't forget that if you are in receipt of Universal Credit or other means tested benefits your child may also qualify for Free School Meals, Pupil Premium and Cost of Living Food Vouchers. To find out if you are eligible and to apply, visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

## Stay Safe Week

During the week beginning Monday 17th October, we will be having a Stay Safe Week where we will be focussing on different ways we can prevent or respond to a range of dangers such as fire and fireworks, roads, strangers, and online content etc. We will have visits from the emergency services and look at the NSPCC Pants resources.



## Friday 21st October—Forces Day—Dress as a Superhero or Real Life Hero

On Friday 21st October we will be celebrating Forces Day across the whole school. We will be thinking about 'heroes' and what they do to help us. We will learn that heroes can be fictional characters or real life people, and will be sharing our own ideas about who inspires us and how that makes us feel.

**All children are invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform as either a superhero or real-life hero on Friday 21st October. This might be a nurse, a soldier, a police officer etc, depending on who inspires them. We are asking for a £1 per donation per child which will go towards buying a 'Tommy' statue. The Unknown Tommy or Silent Soldier silhouette was created as a reminder of the Fallen and those who continue to serve in our Armed Forces.**



## House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 631

Delta (red) = 737

Gamma (green) = 798

Epsilon (yellow) = 696



Well done to Cheetah Class who have been above our attendance target for the whole of September!



Don't forget our next Bag2School textile recycling collection is on **Wednesday 5th October between 7.30am and 9am only**. Bags should be left in the marked area under the bike shelter. We regret we do not have storage for bags at any other time. Thank you.



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