

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## Reception Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back for the start of a new term. We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and are well rested for the term ahead. A big **thank you** to the parents and children for your kind Christmas cards and gifts. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Just a few reminders as we start the new term...

### Reading books

Please ensure reading books and reading record books are in book bags every day as we hear children read throughout the week. Books are changed weekly so that come Friday every child should have a new book in their bag.

Children should be reading for 5-10 minutes **every day** at home. We cannot stress how important this is, and experience has shown us that children who do not have this daily practice take much longer to become fluent with their reading. Please sign their reading record each time you hear them read. Also, please **DO NOT** put water bottles in book bags! Thank you.

### Clothing

Please can you ensure that all your child's clothes are labelled and that your child is made aware that they are responsible for their own belongings. We always do our best to track down missing items and help the children to organise themselves, but inevitably things will go missing from time to time. As you will know the children have free-flow to the outside classroom and therefore are able to explore in all kinds of weather. Given this, we ask that all children have a spare set of clothes which can be kept on their school peg,

### PE lessons

We will be doing **Forest School** on Wednesday mornings and adult led PE on Thursday afternoons. For our PE session children should arrive to school wearing their school PE kit.

- Blue t-shirt (with a Westfield logo)
- Black or navy shorts / joggers or leggings
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers

There should not be any other coloured items being worn. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing any branded items with large logo's on them. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



### Forest session

Regular Forest Sessions for all Reception children will continue this term. Please continue to dress children in appropriate outdoor clothing every **Wednesday**. Wellies should remain at school throughout the school term. Can we please remind parents to make sure that the clothing is suitable for outdoors as opposed to dressing in nice clothing that may get muddy.

### Voluntary contributions

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per term, which helps us to cover the cost of providing food for special occasions such as parties and cooking ingredients. Contributions can be made online via your Arbor Parent Portal. Thank you very much for your support.

### End of the school day

At the end of the school day (and when waiting for clubs to finish) please ensure children do not play on/with the resources in our outdoor area. We spend a long time tidying up with the children at the end of the day, and as you can imagine, it is frustrating to find it untidy or items damaged the next morning.

Finally, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We are available at the end of the school day for a quick word. If you need more time than this, please telephone or e-mail the office to make an appointment.

Kind Regards

Mrs Nichols, Mrs Su, Mrs Bray and Mrs Jones (Wednesdays)

### **Key Dates for your diary:**

**Spring Term Parent Update Meeting – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm**  
**Open Learning Morning – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Feel Good Week – 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Parents Evening – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Health Screening – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Home Learning Celebration in class – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Half Term – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Home Learning Celebration in class – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**End of Term – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm**