

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## Year 5 – Spring Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all from Team Boyce! We hope you've had a wonderful festive break and are ready for the adventures of 2024. We would also like to thank you for all your Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts.

Looking ahead, Team Boyce will be focusing on 'Forces' and then 'Space' in Science; learning about an 'Ancient Chinese Dynasty' in history and making drawstring bags in DT. In English we will focus on discussion, poetry and continuously expanding our vocabulary. Mathematics takes us into the world of fractions, decimals and percentages and problem solving using the four operations. Ukulele lessons will continue with Mrs Osmond each Friday afternoon.

For the Spring term, Year 5 will have P.E. on Monday (outside) and Wednesday (Basketball). On these days, please ensure your child is wearing the following:

- Blue t-shirt (with the Westfield logo)
- Black or navy shorts / joggers
- Blue jumper (Westfield hoodie, Westfield school jumper or cardigan)
- Trainers – suitable for outdoor PE and to run the Daily Mile

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.

As before, home learning takes the format of an optional half termly suggested activities sheet. New spellings will be introduced every **Friday**. Please support your child to practise these using Spelling Frame or any other method that works for your child. Writing them out is also a great chance to focus on improving cursive handwriting. The spelling test will then be the following Friday. Please encourage your child to read every evening. Please monitor your child's reading frequency and the quality of texts they are choosing.

As more children are beginning to bring phones into school, please allow us to reiterate the following: Year 5 pupils are permitted to have a mobile phone in school, if you wish, for safety reasons on their journeys to and from school. These should be clearly named and handed in to the class teacher each morning to be sent to the office, where they will be kept during the school day. At the end of the day they will be returned to the pupils. Please note- ***The school takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to pupil mobile phones.*** If your child is walking to and from school independently, please enforce road safety rules including not looking at phones whilst walking and ensure that they cross with the lollypop lady or using the lights.



In addition to this, internet safety continues to be an international cause for concern; therefore, we ask that you ensure your children understand appropriate online behaviours and are aware of what to do or who to talk to should they feel concerned or uncomfortable. Please ensure that you closely monitor their safety online.

Thank you for all your support,  
The Boyce Team:

Miss Dorrian, Miss Lane and Miss Hodiashcheva

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Spring Term Parent Update Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm**  
**Open Learning Morning (Parents Welcome) – 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**  
**Class Assembly – Friday 16<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**  
**RockSteady Concert – Friday 15<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**