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Sign of the Week

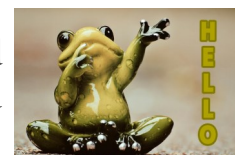
Our theme for this term is SPACE so our signs will be all space themed—starting again next week.

Please practice signing with your child at home in the meantime.

A big Westfield welcome back to everyone.



At the end of last term we said goodbye to Pam from Hedgehogs, Holly P from Otters and Jen from 6th Form—they will be very much missed (especially Jen who has worked at Westfield for many years) and welcome new TAs Nikki who will be working in Hedgehogs and Kate who will be working in Otters.



How do you find the information you need about support and services in Herefordshire ?

The Council would like your support to better develop the ways in which Carers can access support and services within Herefordshire using the 'Local Offer'.

One of the ways they propose to do this is by allocating 'Link Workers' to families who are eligible for the service. (Young people aged 0 to 25 with an ongoing disability or life limiting / threatening condition who receives support from more than one specialist service).

A link worker can:

- Co-ordinate all services involved and support the development of an integrated plan
- Improve communication and reduce the number of times families have to repeat the same information
- Keep your family and your priorities at the heart of planning
- Support and empower parents to put forward their views
- Provide information and suggest further sources of reliable information
- Be a single point of contact between your family and services

They would also like to compile a list of Children with disabilities in Herefordshire, to register please use the link below: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-offer/children-with-disabilities-register/children-with-disabilities-registration-form>

There will be a meeting on Friday 20th January from 9.30-11.30am at the Herefordshire Council offices, Plough Lane, Hereford HR4 OLE.

Please attend if you are able and let Elspeth Dixon know on 01432 260642 or email elspeth.dixon1@herefordshire.gov.uk

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THIS TERM IS**

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Donations needed

Woodpecker and Otter Classes would like donations of containers/ boxes etc. for spaceship junk modelling and also any Lego.



It's Winter...



The wind is blowy and freezy, the chill making children all wheezy
So wrap them up warm, out of cold Winter's harm
To prevent them from becoming quite sneezy.



Attendance news

In line with Government guidelines, our school attendance target is **95%**

Top attendance recognition will also start again next week.



Dates for your diary

Return Wednesday 4th January 2017

Tuesday 17th January—SPACE Explorer Dome visiting school (shows for all lower/middle school classes)

Half term 13th-17th February inclusive

Easter holidays 10th-21st April

