



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY NEWS

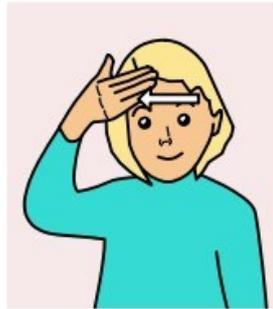
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## Signs of the week



spring



summer



autumn



winter

## **Proposed industrial action by teaching staff**

One of the teaching unions has instructed members to take industrial action in the form of a strike on the following dates this term:

**1st February, 1st, 15th, 16th March.**

Headteachers and governors are expected to keep schools open for as many pupils as possible. We shall do everything in our power to keep the school open for as many pupils as we can; hopefully all of them.

As you know, we have many staff others than teachers, who will not be striking, some of whom are likely to be affected by whether their children's' schools are closed, as a result of this, requiring them to remain home for childcare. They will not yet be aware of whether this is the case.

We fully understand how difficult it is for our pupils to manage change, so as soon as we are clear on whether we will need to implement any type of closure, we shall let parents and carers know.

Thank you for understanding.



**Spring Term 2023**

Our termly focus value is **Hardworking:**  
specifically

**Determination & Perseverance**



## Attendance

The past two weeks have been significantly affected by a very nasty tummy bug, which is far more extreme than previously seen. We have had many younger pupils, and team members requiring longer than usual periods away from school.

Whilst we are keen to encourage good attendance, we also would like to emphasise the importance of keeping your child home if they appear unwell, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone.

Thank you.

## Our topic this term is "What's the weather all about?"

In Woodpecker Class, we began the term by brainstorming ideas of weather-related things the students would like to investigate. They came up with some fabulous ideas including learning about clouds and presenting the weather forecast! Our learning the following week was then focussed on "rain". The students had great fun completing science experiments to investigate the water cycle, testing materials to use for an umbrella, making rain gauges in DT and creating some wonderful art work with paint. This week we will continue with rain by measuring how much rainfall there is, reading scales on the weather station and making rainmakers for music. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about the wind, which will involve experimenting with kites and parachutes.

Woodpecker Class had their assembly this week and we talked about Chinese New Year which takes place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. We were very lucky to have Glenn Parry visit to show all of the students two traditional Lion dance costumes. Many of the students loved trying out the costumes.



## PTFA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th January 2023, 4.30pm at Westfield School

Please come and join us, all welcome!

If you would prefer to join remotely, please contact the school for the link.

## Diary Dates: Spring Term

**Tuesday 24th January 2023 - Height & Measure Programme for Reception & year 6**

**Wednesday 25th January 2023- PTFA AGM 4.30pm at Westfield School or Teams**  
**7th February- Internet safety day**



**Half Term: Monday 20th—Friday 24th February 2023**

**Thursday 2nd March- World Book day**

**Monday 6th March—Year 9 DTP Vaccinations**

**Monday 20th March 2023 —School Photographs**

**Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd Friday 14th April 2023**