



Westleigh Methodist Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: WC 24th January



Thank you to all of you for your support in helping to keep our school Covid safe as much as possible. We have had an increase in cases this week and further enhanced measures have been put in place for some classes. If you have received a Warn and Inform letter please can you carry out a lateral flow test on your child daily. I understand this is an inconvenience but these measures are in place to keep school running and to avoid any class closures. If your child displays Covid symptoms they must book a PCR test rather than a LFT. Staff will continue to wear face masks around school until half term and we request that parents also do the same. Our risk assessments will be continually reviewed and adapted.

If your child is off school and well enough, home learning packs are available for collection. Please contact the school office to arrange for one to be left for you.

Mrs Chadwick - Headteacher

Key Notices

Please can we remind you that School Office hours are 8.15am-4pm.

When reporting an absence please ring the School Office on 01942 702967 and select option 1 to leave a voicemail message. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 31st January** – Open the Book Worship assembly with local volunteers, exploring The Secret Baby – Exodus 1-2
- **Tuesday 1st February** – Y5 School Led Tutoring session after school cancelled
- **Friday 4th February** – NSPCC Number Day – dress up linked to a number and £1 donation - please refer to letter sent home Wednesday 26th January from Mrs Coleman.
- **Tuesday 8th February** – Safer Internet Day – more information to follow from Mr Peers - Computing Leader
- **Friday 11th February** - Wear your SCARF to school day for Mental Health Day. Children will be focusing on their wellbeing throughout this day and we would like them to wear a SCARF as this is the PSHE/HRE programme that we follow.
- **Friday 18th February** – last day of Spring 1 half term and school closes for half term
- **Monday 28th February** – first day of Spring 2 half term and school opens
- **WC Monday 28th February** – Spring 2 clubs start – please see slips sent home and website for further information <https://www.westleighmethodist.wigan.sch.uk/clubs>

COVID Updates

- Please refer to any 'Warn and Inform' letters sent home via Parentmail for certain classes.
- To keep our school community as safe as possible could we please ask that you wear a facemask when picking up/dropping off children in the school yard and also if you need to call in to the school office.
- If any children in school display symptoms we will contact parents to come and collect them. PCR tests must be taken if displaying symptoms as you cannot rely on a lateral flow test.
- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7

days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken 24 hours later. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days (24 hours apart) or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Attendance Winners

Whole School: 93.0%

This week's Class Attendance Winners are:

1st: Y4 - 94.8%

2nd: Y2 - 93.0%

3rd: Y3 - 92.9%

Worship

This week in worship we have been exploring the story of Moses and how God had a special plan for him. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush and told him about how he had chosen him for his special plan to help to free the slaves in Egypt. Moses doubted himself and didn't think he could do what God was asking. We discussed how we may feel at times that we can not do things and who we could turn to for help in these situations. We explored how God has a plan for all of us and trusts that we can do the tricky things we may face. God gave Aaron, Moses brother, to Moses to support him in his task. We discussed how we can build positive relationships by asking others for help when we need it.



Chinese Ribbon Dance Workshop

On Monday, the children took part in a colourful, swirling excitement of Chinese Ribbon Dancing to celebrate Chinese New Year. In the Chinese dance workshop, the children were educated on the tradition, history and stories surrounding Chinese New Year. The children learnt about Chinese dance and gestures and how they relate to everyday life and significant cultural events. All the children had a fantastic time performing and participating in the different dance movements with their ribbons.



Star of the Week



Core Values Champion



Year 6

Belle for a great attitude to fractions in maths.

Isabelle for super resilience when solving division calculations in Maths.

Year 5

Ryan for his brilliant efforts in reading and writing this week!

Dylan for his resilience and relationships working in a team.

Year 4

Emmy for always having a positive attitude and demonstrating the 4 R's.

Jacob for showing resilience to write an excellent non-chronological report.

Year 3

Levi- for having a positive attitude towards his learning and improving his presentation

Eden- for having resilience when he finds his learning tricky

Year 2

Max for trying his best in every subject and having a happy, positive attitude.	Lexi for showing resilience in maths when she found it tough.
Year 1	
Jackson for having a positive attitude towards learning.	Milo for talking responsibility for your handwriting.
Reception	
Jacob for always having lovely manners when asking for help.	Samuel for showing determination and resilience when writing a sentence!
Nursery	
Mercy for using her listening ears and following instructions.	Evie for showing resilience coming to school.

Visit our Twitter Pages

Please visit your child's class Twitter page to see all of the amazing work that is happening each week. We are using Twitter to really showcase the incredible curriculum opportunities that our children receive at Westleigh!



Westleigh School: @WLMPrimary

Nursery: @WLMNursery

Reception: @ReceptionWLM

Year 1: @WLMYear1

Year 2: @WLMyear21

Year 3: @WLMYear3

Year 4: @WLMYear4

Year 5: @WLMYear5

Year 6: @WLMYear6