Westleigh Methodist Primary School





Weekly Newsletter: WC 11th September

The children have had another productive week in school with lots of amazing work going on across the classes. I have been incredibly proud of our new year 5 play leaders who are working hard at lunchtimes running lots of activities and games for the other children in school. They are doing a fabulous job!

As we continue to move ahead into the new school year I would like to share the following information with you.

<u>Uniform</u>

Please ensure that all children are kitted out with the correct uniform. We have many preloved and brand new items available in school in our uniform bank. We also have lots of winter coats which are like new awaiting new homes. We will have this available on Wednesday after school in the hall if anybody would like to come and have a browse. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with this if anybody is interested.

Punctuality

Please try to ensure children arrive at school on time every day. Each class has set early work that they do from the moment the doors open in school allowing the children to revisit key skills in writing and maths. Our doors are open from 8:50 with the work ready for every child. Every minute lost is learning time lost.

Reading Books

Your child should be bringing home two reading books each week. One book is a book set to match their reading ability for them to rehearse and practice reading with at home. Please try to do this every day with them to help build their fluency and confidence as this will help them greatly with their progress. They will also bring home a 'book for pleasure' which is a book of their choice. This book may be above their reading ability and is for an adult at home to read to them to develop their love of reading and to help with their language development.

Communications and School Meals

Communications - we are working towards all communications becoming electronic, to save paper. We are using the Arbor Parent Portal and thank you to the 84% of parents who have already signed up. Along with being able to check your child's details and attendance, all communications will now be sent through the app and email. It is also where you will be able to sign your child up for after school clubs and trips. We will no longer be using Parentmail, if you have received this newsletter only though Parentmail, please follow the instructions below, as this is the last newsletter we will be sending by Parentmail.

If you have not logged in yet, please can you check your emails, including your junk/spam to see if you have received an email asking you to log into Arbor Parent Portal. If you have not received an email, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

School Meals – We are asking that all parents order their children's meals on School Hub before they come to school. Ordering of meals in class is taking up valuable learning time. You can order meals up to 2 weeks in advance. If you do not have a log in to School Hub, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Moragrega

Dates for your diary

- Friday 15th September to Sunday 17th September Judaism Rosh Hashanah (New Year)
- Friday 6th October school closed for INSET day
- Tuesday 10th October World Mental Health Day and Hello Yellow Day
- Friday 13th October Harvest Festival Worship
- Wednesday 18th October school closes for half term
- Monday 30th October school opens for Autumn 2 half term
- Friday 10th November school closed for INSET day
- Friday 22nd December school closes for Christmas

Attendance

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Year Group	Attendance This Week
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Reception	92.7%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	93.4%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	87.6%
Whole school from 4 th September	94.3%

Classes over 96% get to take a spin of the wheel and have the chance to earn money for their end of term treat.

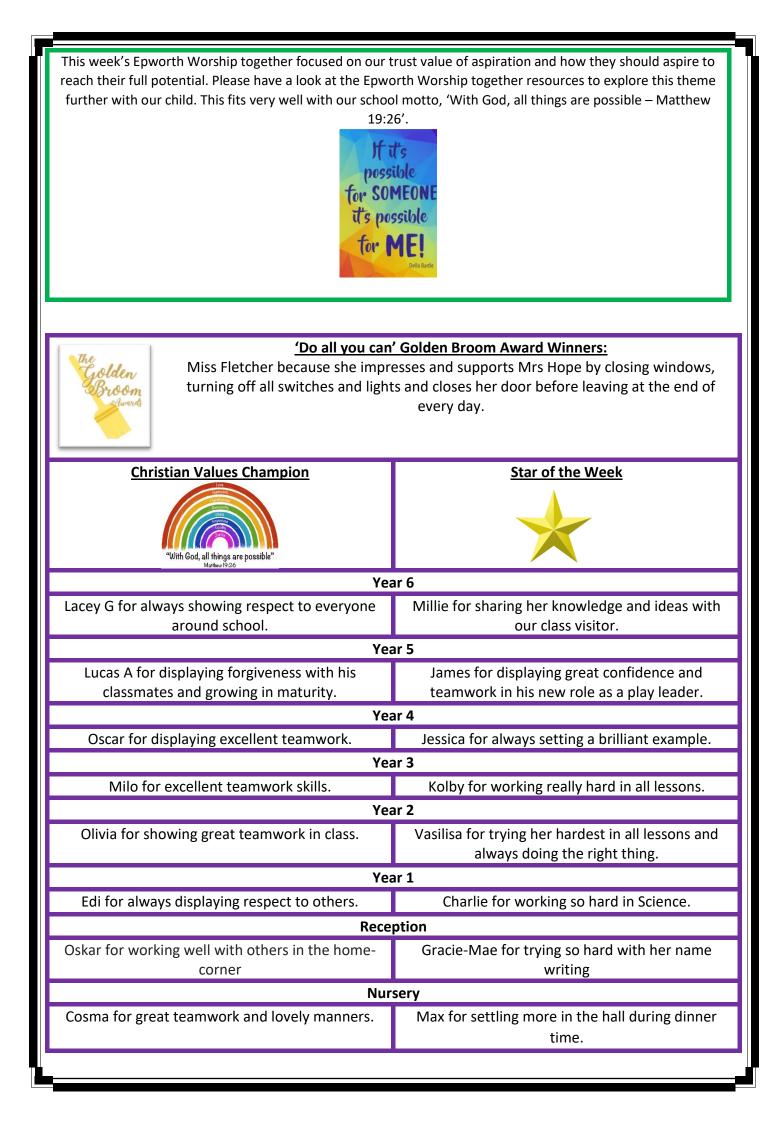
Well done Years, 1,2,3 & 5 who all got a spin of the wheel.

Excellent attendance at school is vital to securing the greatest possible personal development and academic progress for each child. As we begin the new school year, we expect all families to be committed to excellent attendance.

<u>Worship</u>

This week the children learned about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. We reflected on how we celebrate new years and any similarities and differences we could think of. During Jewish New Year, it is a time to consider all things we have done well over the last year and reflect on what we haven't and how that can be put right.





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