



# Westleigh Methodist Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: WC 30<sup>th</sup> October



What a lovely week back in school. We have been busy already starting new topics of work and the children have loved finding out their new 'Book as a Hook' which their writing curriculum is focused on. Please do ask the children what their book is and what they think will happen next in their book.

Year 5 did the most wonderful, insightful and informative worship on Wednesday for the whole school and their families. They shared with us their class Christian Value- Equality and what this means. They linked this to the parable of the Good Samaritan and how the bible teaches us to treat everyone fairly and how we would want to be treated. Well done Y5, Miss Hunt and Mrs Malley-Smtih!

Parent's evening appointments can be booked via Arbor and are entitled 'Guardian Consultation'. Parents evening in Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Poppies are on sale in school next week – please see parent message sent home for more information. Children can kindly bring in their donations each day and Y6 Prefects will be selling these items.

We are doing a remembrance service at 10.50am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November on our school playground. Parents/carers are welcome to join us for our 15 minute service, where Y3 and Y6 will be perform a marching drill with Mr Pilkington, our chair of governors and all classes will lay wreathes and partake in a 2 minute silence at 11am. We would love if you could join us – weather permitting!

### **Dates for your diary**

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in school – more information to follow from Mrs Rigby
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – school closed for INSET day
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parent's Evening
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week – more information to follow from Mrs Coleman
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – World Nursery Rhyme Week in nursery and Reception
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – more information to follow from Mrs Law
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – wear a Christmas jumper and pay £1 donation charity
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Reverse Advent for Brick – more information to follow from Mrs Rigby
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Songs Concert – morning and afternoon
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity – morning and afternoon
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – morning and afternoon
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

### **Attendance**

Year Group	Attendance This Week
Nursery	100%

Reception	92.41%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	86.1%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole school from 4 <sup>th</sup> September	93.4%

The top three classes each week get to take a spin of the wheel and have the chance to earn money for their end of year treat. Some of the treats chosen by classes are very exciting. Ask your child what they are working towards.

Well done Nursery, Year 2 and Year 1 who all got a spin of the wheel this week.

Attendance totals stand at:

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
£0	£6	£8	£17	£6	£0	£1

**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.  
Excellent attendance is 98% or above.**

### Worship

This week in worship we have explored the theme of equality and how everyone is different but we should treat others as we would like to be treated. We learnt more about Sikhism and the story about how the Sikh religion began in the 1500s. Guru Nanak Dev Ji was brought up a Hindu and yet had many friends of different religions and walks of life. He preached about equality and cared about bringing people together. After he had disappeared for three days by the river, he came back saying, 'There is no Hindu or Muslim.' Well, there clearly was. He was not out to abolish these two powerful and popular religions, but create a third way, where everyone was to be treated equally, regardless of their belief system, religious practices and traditions.



This week's worship focused on our Christian Value of Equality. The children thought about what the word equality means. They explored the idea that equality does not always mean everyone getting the same but that it can mean some people need more support to access the same opportunities as others. They listened to the Bible story of 'The Good Samaritan' Luke 10: 25-37 and discussed how we should treat others how we wish to be treated.



**'Do all you can' Golden Broom Award Winners:**  
Nursery for working hard to keep so tidy! Well done!

**Play Leaders' Stars of the Week:**

KS1: Kaleb Sparkes for joining in well and being kind.  
KS2: Stephen Lane for being kind to others and helping to tidy equipment away.



**Christian Values Champion**



**Star of the Week**



**Year 6**

Gabriele for her love and generosity towards others.

Ethan for his hard work and dedication to his Air Raid Precautions poster.

**Year 5**

Lucas J for showing equality at all times by being kind to others.

Honey for having a fantastic attitude to learning at all times.

**Year 4**

Ruby for showing generosity in completing jobs around the classroom.

Summer for her fantastic hard work and dedication in English.

**Year 3**

Lilly-May for spreading peace

Holly for having such a positive attitude

**Year 2**

Jayden for showing respect to his friends.

Rory for trying hard with his reading and writing.

**Year 1**

Mercy for displaying teamwork and respect when looking after our classroom.

Ralph for working so hard on his handwriting.

**Reception**

Jaxson for displaying love towards his teachers and friends

Oskar for amazing writing progress

**Nursery**

Rory for fantastic teamwork making playdough.

Ellie for showing love to her friends who were upset.

### 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