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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from the Head Teacher

We have conducted a number of monitoring visits including a joint visit with our School Improvement Partner focussing on high quality adult interactions and a joint monitoring visit with the curriculum governor focussing on Mathematics; There are so many positives and some of these are explained below. We have had a busy term to date supporting transition visits to fourteen schools to support our leavers. We have also had a number of exciting events including our Eco week, Ark Farm visit, our FUDGE stay and play day and our sponsored bounce. Read more about all of this below. Thanks to those parents who encourage their child to say 'Hello,' and 'Goodbye,' on the gate.

Monitoring Feedback

On the visit with the school improvement partner we saw:
-Positive relationships between adults and children and children and children
-Embedded routines and expectations
-Adults modelling and explaining
-Adults using specific praise
-Adults scaffolding learning
We are continuing to work on the consistency of high quality interactions using the ShREC approach- Sharing, responding, expanding and having conversations. Staff have been using a 'My turn, your turn,' appraoch or a 'I say, you say, I do, you do appraoch.' You can do this at home too as part of school readiness.

On the visit with curriculum link governor we saw:
-Adults modelling language of Maths e.g. numbers, colours, capacity (full/ empty), size (taller/ shorter) comparison (more/ less),
-Adults using open questions e.g. 'How much…?' 'How many…?'
-Mathematical concepts being taught and embedded in Maths areas and across other curriculum areas
-A calm and purposeful atmosphere
-High levels of engagement
-Sustained concentration
-Children persevering (with adult support)
-High levels of independence e.g. child fetching a required resource
-Adults appropriately refocussing children
-Adults correcting misconceptions e.g. where a child counted inaccurately
-Coverage of our curriculum
-High expectations
We are continuing to embed work on repeating patterns

Children are flourishing and making progress with the hard work and support of staff. We continue to work on making the most of all learning opportunities.

Our learning

Bumblebees have been learning about animals. The key text was 'Dear Zoo.' The key vocabulary words included dog, cow, bird and shark. The children enjoyed an under the sea tuff spot tray, a sensory farm tuff spot tray and making muddy animal footprints.

Dragonflies learnt about 'Under the Sea.' The key text was 'The Snail and the Trail.' Children learned key words including sea, whale, dolphin, crab, octopus and shark. The children accessed an under the sea sensory tray, used collage materials to creat sea creatures and enjoyed creating narratives using small world pirate ship and figures.

Ladybirds class were laerning about space and numbers. The key text was 'Whatever Next.' Key words were planets, moon, stars, rockets, one, two and three. Children enjoyed making rockets, subitising moonstones and playing in the space station role play.

In Caterpillars children were learning about 'Out of this world.' The key text was 'Whatever Next.' The key words were planets, astronaut, gravity and rocket. Children used their imagination in the space station role play and made rockets and space buggys with recylcled materials thinking about joining techniques.

Children in Butterflies class have been learning about 'Farm animals.' The key text was 'Farmer Duck,' and the key words were farm, chicken, duck, pig, sheep and cow. Children created narratives with the farm tuff spot tray, built farms from Duplo and collaged animals.

Recommended Read

Try reading 'Farmer Duck,' by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury. In this beautifully illustrated work the lazy farmer lets the poor duck do all the work until the other farm animals hatch a plan…See if your child can join in the repeated refrains as well as all the animal sounds.

New Staff Member

We are delighted to welcome Anne Stevenson to Nursery and to introduce her as our new Family Support Worker. Anne has already met some of you either on the gate or at the stay and play day. She is here to support us with attendance, safeguarding, parenting advice and so much more. I can introduce you to her or you can contact her directly using the email familysupportworker@westfieldnurseryschool.org

Thank you

Thank you so much for your kind generosity for donations of plants, compost and socks- You are amazing!

Eco Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Eco Week- (Meat free Monday, Whiteboard Tuesday (no paper), Walk to school Wednesday, Thrive Thursday (planting something) and Fun Night Friday (no screens- games and stories). You all helped make it a success. By taking part in activities and discussions, we have helped raise awareness about caring for our environment and learned how small changes can make a big difference. We hope you enjoyed the activities throughout the week and that the sunflower we started at Nursery is growing tall and strong. Thank you for your continued support in helping children develop a love and respect for the world around them. Mrs Andrews, senior teacher.

Sponsored Bounce

We were finally able to hold our sponsored bounce on Friday 19th June after two cancelled dates because of the rain! It was so much fun- children really enjoyed bouncing and, after they had had their jumps counted they enjoyed bouncing and sliding. Thanks to the staff for their diligent counting. Thank you for all your kind donations to date. If you are still collecting money please send it into Nursery by Friday 3rd July. We will use the money to buy new resources for the outside space to continue our improvements.

Ark Farm

What a wet but wonderful visit we had from Ark farm. Children listened to a short talk about the animals before being able to touch them, notice and ask questions. The children got a lot of learning out of this visit. We hope they have shared what they saw, heard and noticed with you.

FUDGE Stay and Play Day

A huge thank you to those who came to our Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and Everybody else stay and play. It was so lovely to welcome you, and for you to see Nursery learning in action. There were some lovely comments:
-It was a good stay and play day at Westfield. Staff were friendly. We did a lot of activities there. We are happy with all of the teachers but I would especially like to mention Ms Scoggins. She is a wonderful teacher, very friendly and very kind to the children. My daughter always says something positive about her at home. We are truly grateful to be part of such a wonderful institute.Parent June 2026
-Had a great time at the stay and play, everyone was really friendly and it was fun to see my daughter play with her friends and have a great time. Parent June 2026
-Came here with my Grandson. Played the bricks and cars with him. Lots of toys and activities for the children. They all had a good time. Grandparent June 2026
-A nice experience to see where my daughter feels comfortable to play- would highly recommend. Parent June 2026
-Great to see my sons Nursery, how he plays and interacts with friends. Parent June 2026
-Well organised and a real pleasure to see my son happy in his Nursery. Parent June 2026
-Very friendly staff and very good organisation. My son and his friends seem very happy. Thank you. Parent June 2026
-My daughter was very happy to show me how she's playing and share with her friends! Nice experience for us! Parents June 2026
-Fun to be here with the children. I enjoyed it. Parent June 2026
-Well organised and had fun with my daughter. She really enjoyed spending time. Parent June 2026
-Lots of fun and great to see everyone interacting. Parent June 2026
-Great fun. Was nice to see my daughter playing with her friends. Was also nice to spend some time with her at school. Parent June 2026
-Lovely Nursery. The teachers and other staff are so helpful and approachable. The play area is also great for the children. My son especially loves the vegetable/ flower patch and sand pit. An ideal enabling environment for the children. Parent June 2026
-A good day spent with my child. The staff are polite and attentive and will always help if my child asks for it. I am very pleased and grateful for the overall care the Nursery provides for my child. Thank you. Parent June 2026
-We really enjoyed this day together in Nursery. Excellent opportunity, and we would love another one soon. Thank you for allowing my one year old to join this event as well. Parent & sibling June 2026
-She's very happy, showing me the garden. Happy as a parent and thank you to all the staff. Parent June 2026
-The activity was nice. The opportunity involving fathers was the best opportunity to create a good environment between children and parents. Parent June 2026
-It was very nice for the children to have stay and play day with their dads today for them to see all the activities they do at Nursery and to see how lovely and nice the teachers are; and to play in the sand pit. Parent June 2026
-I enjoy stay and play as I wonder how my child is feeling at school. This opportunity gives me an idea; seeing the teachers engaged makes me feel very good that my child is visiting this Nursery. Parent June 2026
-Everyone is very friendly. The garden is very safe and happy. I like gardening. My son is very happy. Parent June 2026
-Very nice initiative. It is nice to see my daughter playing with her friends. Thank you. Parent June 2026
-My daughter has grown in confidence since joining Ladybirds class. Parent June 2026
-My daughter is happy at Nursery and it's lovely to see her growth and confidence. She is aware of her daily routine, bucket time and expecting me to leave. She was surprised when I stayed and I'm very pleased to see how happy she is here. Parent June 2026
-Wonderful experience seeing our daughter in her element. Parents June 2026
-Lovely seeing my Grandson play with all the children. Grandparent June 2026
-My daughter had made lots of friends and has grown in confidence since joining Ladybirds class. Parents June 2026
-It has been an unforgettable experience. I would love the opportunity to take a picture to remember it! Parent June 2026

School Readiness (Taken from the 'Starting School' leaflet on the website.)

There are certain skills which will support your child in being ready for their life at school.
Can your child sit still and listen?
This means, can your child sit and listen, not to the television, but on other occasions which do not involve technology? Can they sit and listen to a story? Can they sit and talk over a family mealtime for a short time? Do they ask questions and listen to the response? Can they respond to simple questions appropriately?

EasyPeasy

EasyPeasy is a free app to get playful activity ideas, parenting tips and inspiration to support your child's development. This is free for all parents and caregivers with children aged from birth to five in Central Bedfordshire
https://join.easypeasyapp.com/signup/cd6f329f97cf639a71f082e0fb75f70d1f7176252e81d256acc714180f89a03f

Home Learning

This term we are doing a Literacy challenge. Please see the homelearning sheet attached. Don't forget to send either the plate or a photograph back to school to be shared. Photographs can be emailed to your child's class.
bumblebees@westfieldnurseryschool.org
dragonflies@westfieldnurseryschool.org
ladybirds@westfieldnurseryschool.org

caterpillars@westfieldnurseryschool.org
butterflies@westfieldnurseryschool.org
We have done an extra home learning for our children transferring into school. Please send this back to class when completed.
We also use 'My home Learning' sheets for parents and carers to share with us any exciting learning which has taken place at home. Your child could use the toilet for the first time, they may have done their own coat up for the first time, they may have completed a level at swimming- these are for any news you would like to share. There is a home learning sheet attached, and you can use as many as you want. More can be collected from the entrance hall.

Class Photos

On Wednesady 24th June we have a photograher in school taking class photos. These will be available for sale for families as a lasting memory of children's time at Westfield.

Teddy Bears Picnic

On Wednesday 8th July we will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic at Nursery for the children only. We will be asking for food donations. Your child can bring their favourite cuddly to school on the day- please ensure they are named! Children will enjoy singing, games and of course a picnic.

Leavers Celebration

Some of our children are graduating from Nursery and moving on to Lower or Primary schools. On Friday 17th July we are holding our Leavers Assembly at 10.45am. (You are very welcome to attend if your child is returning in September too!) Children will be singing you some special songs they have learnt and children leaving for school are awarded with their leavers certificate and medal. If your child leaves Nursery before this date there is a mini- celebration and presentation to them in their class.

R;pple

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R;pple is a system for transforming harmful online searches into a journey of hope by flagging and discreetly intercepting flagged search terms and signposting to free, 24/7 mental health support. This has been added to school systems and is available free for families. Contact https://www.ripplesuicideprevention.com/

Nursery Spaces Reminder

Please note we **do** have Nursery spaces for September 2026. If you know anyone looking for a space in September, please pass on our details.

Drop off and collection times reminder

We continue to have a significant number of children being dropped off late and collected early. We ask that you do your very best to get your children here on time, so they are not missing out on their learning.

	Bumblebees	Dragonflies and Ladybirds	Caterpillars and Butterflies
AM Drop off time	8.45-8.55am	8.45-8.55am	8.45-8.55am
AM Collection time	11.35-11.45am	11.35-11.45am	Lunch in classroom
PM Drop off time	12.30-12.40pm	12.30-12.40pm	Not applicable
PM Collection time	3.20-3.30pm	3.20-3.30pm	3.20-3.30pm

Health and Safety Reminder

Please send children in in suitable footwear- trainers are good. Our children run and climb and crocs are not the safest footwear for doing this. If your child rides a bike or scooter they should be wearing a helmet to keep them safe.

Home Start

Home Start can help:

- Safeguard, protect and preserve children's and parents' mental and physical health.
- Prevent the cruelty or maltreatment of children.
- Relieve sickness, poverty and need among children and parents.
- Promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare.

Homestart are looking for more volunteers contact office@home-startbedfordshire.org.uk

Key Dates this Term

24.06.26 Class photographs- children only (details to follow)
08.07.26 Teddy Bears Picnic- children only (details to follow)
17.07.26 Leavers Reports go out
17.07.26 Leavers Celebration (10.45am)
20.07.26 Last day of summer term
21.07.26 School closed- summer holidays

Faith Celebrations in June (https://equality.leeds.ac.uk/)
16th June: Islam: Muharram
16th June: Sikhism: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
25th – 26th June: Islam: Ashura

Best wishes if you are celebrating a special celebration.