

William Westley Newsletter

28th September 2018



Reminders for next week:

Mon 1st Oct — Flu immunisations YR-Y5, Y1 to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Tues 2nd Oct — Y6 to Ely Cathedral, Y6 English Challenge 4:30pm

Thurs 4th Oct — SVC Open Evening

Events of this week

At the end of an eventful week at William Westley, I would like to thank our children, parents, staff and governors for the calm and positive way they dealt with the evacuation and school closure on Wednesday and for all the support we received in getting the school up and running again. We are very grateful to the emergency services and also our contractors, who worked tirelessly to reinstate the electricity in order for us to continue to be open.

Although the cause of the fire has yet to be officially explained, we are able to confirm that there was a small fire in an existing electrical power cable, where the mains power enters the Boiler Room. The fire was contained within the Boiler Room and the main school building was untouched. The fire itself was controlled quickly and did not do significant damage, but due to the resulting smoke, and water used to extinguish the fire, the entire contents of the Boiler Room will now be replaced. In the meantime, the school will be powered by a temporary boiler room, delivered today.

We greatly appreciate all the positive feedback we have received from parents with regard to the handling of the incident on Wednesday, and we smiled at the anecdotal comments from the children about their 'best day at school', when they were allowed to 'play on the lawn ALL morning' and 'even had biscuits and a visit from a fire engine!'



The new Year 4 classroom is progressing well. It is now water-tight and a team of plasterers will start work on the interior on Monday.

Flu Vaccinations

The NHS will be administering flu vaccinations at William Westley School, for children in Years R-5 inclusive, on Monday. If you have not completed the online consent form we have some hard copies available in the School Office.

Waitrose Green Token Scheme

We are pleased to let you know that William Westley has been selected to be part of Waitrose Green Token Scheme in the Waitrose Trumpington branch for the month of October 2018. Over the course of the month, William Westley will be displayed along with two other good causes in the "Community Matters" boxes. At the end of October, Waitrose will then donate a proportion of £1,000 to William Westley, based on the proportion of votes customers have casted for us and the two other good causes. If you, your family, or friends shop in Waitrose we would be very grateful for your green tokens.

Harvest Festival

This year our **Harvest celebration** will take place on **Monday 8th October at 9:30am in the Parish Church**. The children have already started practising singing a number of songs and hymns, which we will use at our Harvest. Parents are warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Celebration.

As in past years, we ask that children bring items of Harvest produce to school on the morning of Monday 8th October and these are then taken to the Church. Children often bring these items in a decorated box or basket.

This year we would again like all items brought to be "Home Made or Home Grown" as this is our theme. will be rescheduled to take place asap.

As many of you will know, the school has very close links with the SOS Children's Village in Tlokweng in Botswana. SOS children's Villages is the world's largest charity working with orphaned and abandoned children. Over 60,000 children are living in family homes in SOS Children's Villages. A further half million children are supported with medical care, schools AIDS outreach support and emergency aid.

As in previous years, we are going to ask a group of parents to collect the children's Harvest produce from the Church and, with our oldest children, hold a Home Made Home Grown Sale from 3pm in the School Hall/front playground. ALL money raised will then be sent direct to Tlokweng. If you are able to help organise our Home Made Home Grown Sale please could you let me know. Thank you for supporting this event.

Individual Photographs

Individual children and school sibling photographs

School Lunches

If you have not already done so, please can you pay for your child's school meals. If you are having problems logging into SIMS Agora and require a new registration code, please contact the school office. Many thanks.

Clubs

There are still a few places available on Forest School and Drama Clubs. A full list of school clubs for this term can be found on our website at <https://william-westley.eschools.co.uk> by selecting 'Activities and Clubs' under the 'Parents' menu.

With every best wish and much gratitude for all your help and support .

Paul Bryant.

Autumn Term Events

Monday 1st October	Flu Immunisations YR-Y5 Y1 to Shepreth Wildlife Park
Tuesday 2nd October	Y6 to Ely Cathedral Y6 English Challenge 4:30pm
Thursday 4th October	SVC Open Evening 6-8pm
Saturday 6th October	Play Area Opening (The Lawn) 2pm
Monday 8th October	Harvest Festival Church Service 9:30am Harvest Sale 3:30pm Y1-Y6 Parent Appointments 6-9pm
Tuesday 9th October	Y1-Y6 Parent Appointments 3:30-6pm
Wednesday 10th October	WOSC AGM 7:30pm
Tuesday 16th October	Y3 Viking Day Y1-Y6 Parent Appointments 6-9pm
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October	HALF TERM
Monday 29th October	YR Parent Appointments 4-6:30pm
Tuesday 30th October	YR Parent Appointments 4-6:30pm
Tuesday 6th November	YR Parent Appointments 6-9pm

New events are added weekly and an up-to-date calendar can be found on our website at

<https://william-westley.eschools.co.uk/website>

Term Dates:

2018 Term Dates:

Autumn Term 2018

6th September – 19th December 2018

Half term 22nd – 26th October

Spring Term 2019

4th January – 5th April 2019

Staff Training Day - 3rd January

Half term 18th – 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

24th April – 24th July 2019

Staff Training Day - 23rd April

May Day 6th May 2019

Half term 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training Day - 3rd June

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