

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 1 Federation Value - Aspiration

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Parents Evening for Both Schools

Parents Evening will be held on the following dates:

WL

Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 9th November
3.30pm – 6.30pm

BJS

Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 8th November
4.00pm – 7.00pm

All dates will hold “in person” meetings with the teacher however please contact either school office nearer the time if you need to hold a virtual meeting. Booking appointments will take place through our online booking system through School Cloud and will open for bookings at 9.30am on Monday 30th October. The link for each school is below:

<https://westleighinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

<https://backwelljuniors.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To book an appointment click on the above link and enter your details and your child's details and you will be able to login and choose an appointment once the system is live on Monday 30th October. If you encounter any issues please contact either school office.



Important Dates - Term 2

- Thursday 19 October—Last day of term 1 for both schools
- Friday 20 October — INSET DAY for both schools (schools closed to pupils)
- Monday 30 October – Start of Term 2
- Tuesday 31 October – Nasal Flu Immunisations at both schools
- Wednesday 1st November – Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme visit
- Thursday 2nd November – 6pm Year 6 Information Meeting SATS and Morfa Bay
- Friday 10th November – Year 6 Trip to Tynesfield
- Friday 10th November – 4W Cake Sale
- Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 17 November – INSET DAY for both schools (school closed to pupils)
- Friday 24th November – Friday 1st December – BJS Book Fair
- Saturday 25 November – WL PTA Christmas Fair 1pm – 4pm
- Tuesday 28th November – Year 2 trip to Aerospace
- Friday 8th December – Year 5 Trip to Bristol Museum
- Friday 8th December – 6M cake sale & Fox cake sale
- Wednesday 13th December – BJS Carol Service 2.00pm and 6.00pm at St Andrews
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term



We have been very busy in Fox Class this week as we have been doing an art project inspired by Bristol artist Jane Ormes. Her artwork is nature themed and she specialises in print-making. We have been sketching natural objects and creating printing blocks of leaves using a range of different materials. Look at how fantastic our artwork is!



WL Harvest



A huge thank you to everyone for joining us at our Harvest celebration last Thursday. The children really enjoyed sharing harvest songs with you all. I'm sure you will agree their confidence and performing skills were fantastic. We are very proud of them all and how well they have settled into their new classes. Your kind donations have been collected by the food bank who were very grateful for your offerings.

THANK YOU!



West Leigh Polling Day took place on Tuesday 17th October and it was as if they had been voting for years because they all knew exactly what to do! They took their polling papers from Miss Hiscocks, voted in the polling booths and posted their ballot papers in the ballot box. The whole polling day was completed very quickly and Miss Hiscocks was very impressed with everyone! Congratulations to all of our School Councillor candidates. You were all fantastic but sadly, we could only have two councillors in each class. However, we have two hung parliaments! We have three school councillors in Fox Class and four school councillors in Squirrel Class as they all had exactly the same number of votes. Our school councillors for this year are:

- **Badgers** = Mollie and Oliver
- **Squirrels** = Mia, Brody, Erika and Ada
- **Rabbits** = Evangeline and Alexa
- **Owls** = India and Maxi
- **Foxes** = Seb, Raffie and Claudia
- **Hedgehogs** = Rosa and Hallie

Our first school council meeting will be on Monday 6th November when we will be discussing ideas on making the school environment even better.



WL School and British Value Champions

Each term, we have a focus school value to learn about and this term we have been learning about aspiration. Once we have learnt what this value means, we try our best to demonstrate this value whenever we can in school. For example, we have demonstrated aspiration by wanting to make our work better or by taking on an extra challenge. At the end of the term, Miss Hiscocks asked our teachers who has been a champion in demonstrating this value and we were rewarded with a special certificate and our photo has been displayed on the School Value Champions board in school. Congratulations to Cleo, Roman, Hugo, Ben, Harriet and Raffie who are our Aspiration champions of the term.



Polite Notices



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for the new term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Booking for the new term is live from today 19th October with the slightly amended menu. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence.

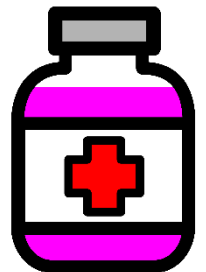


Norovirus – 48hr rule

As we head into the Autumn/Winter season we would like to remind parents that if your child is unfortunate to catch this bug, regulations state that they are not able to return to school for a least 48 hours from the last episode. Please also remember to contact the school to record your child's absence each day.

Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication by a doctor, this can be dispensed in school as long as the correct forms have been completed by a parent/carer. The medication must be delivered to school by an adult and when collected this also must be by an adult. We will not be able to give prescribed medications to children to take home.



Collection Arrangements

Does your child know what to do if a parent/carer is not where they had arranged at the end of the school day?

We would expect any children who are worried that their travel arrangements are not as expected or previously planned to return to school where they can be assisted. Please speak to your child and ensure they know what to do in this situation.

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Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

Celebration Assembly - 6th October 2023

Year 3 - Ezra & Eddie

Year 4 - Harvey and Nefe

Year 5 - Indi & Bianca

Year 6 - Arthur and Ariadne

Celebration Assembly - 13th October 2023

Year 3 - Theo and Barnaby

Year 4 - Cassia and Noah C

Year 5 - Summer and Seb H

Year 6 - Toby and Zoe

CONGRATULATIONS!



Feel Fab Autumn

We are pleased to be able to share the first 'Feel Fab' challenge for the 2023-24 academic year - Feel Fab Autumn.

These challenges are aimed at encouraging children and families to keep active and boost their wider well-being over the half-term break, whilst championing the sixty active minute agenda with parents and guardians.

HAPPY ACTIVE AUTUMN

FIND YOUR 'HALF TERM BEANS'



NAME _____

HOW MANY LEAVES

DID YOU COLLECT?



MAKE SURE YOU ASK PERMISSION AND MAYBE ASK FOR SOME HELP FIRST FROM AN ADULT & STAY SAFE WHEN TRYING ANYTHING NEW. Activities can be completed in any order. Certificates are available from your school. Can you achieve Autumn GOLD by completing at least 6 from the list? Try and include at least 3 active challenges.

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #HappyActiveAutumn and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

Carve a Pumpkin and display it somewhere for all to see.	Make a cake using Autumn fruits e.g. apples, pears, blackberries etc.	Enjoy a family Autumn Walk; put on your wellies and wrap up to go for an Autumn walk. Come home to enjoy a warm drink.	Can you help nature this Autumn by feeding the birds, encouraging hedgehogs, or creating a bug hotel?
How many skips can you do in 60 seconds? Can you improve your personal best?	Get moving with a celebration dance. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters/family-moodboosters-carnival-connect-evie-pickerrill/znp4wsq	How many Star Jumps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.	How many catch and claps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.
How many step-ups can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.	Can you go for a walk, scooter or run every day in the holiday?	Organise a board games night with your family.	Every day try a 10-minute shake-up game https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/10-minute-shake-up/
Get creative with Autumn finds and make some natural and wild art. Take a photo of your creations and show your teacher.	Have a fun day out in the local park or woodland. https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/w-hats-on/october-half-term-events-and-activities	Perform a random act of kindness for a friend or one of your family.	Enjoy a family reading day and / or write your own poem to share with family and friends.

We look forward to hearing about your Fab Active Autumn Activities

