

Westgate Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



Our Westgate Stars

Boudicca	Freddy & Alise	Tempest	Danyal & Kuwaha
Hadrian	Elli & Harry	Othello	Eva & Phoebe
Claudius	Arlo & Harry	Macbeth	Charlotte & Thea
Caesar	Robyn & Morgan	Hamlet	Jayden & Mia

Attendance

This week's best attenders are Hadrian with 99.31% with Darwin on 97.99% followed closely by Seacole with 97.59%

Spelling Shed Winners

Congratulations to Dakota for topping the league this week 😊

Speller of the Week - Isla C in Spitfire

Super Speller 1 - Macey-Leigh in Dakota

Super Speller 2 - Roja in Lancaster

Flu Vaccination Update

Once registered, if you wish your child to have an alternative to the nasal vaccine, please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 01522 572950

Arbor App



Thank you so much to all of you who have already registered on the app, up to 73% of parents and carers have already activated their accounts. We have had a flurry of updated contact information submitted via the App which is extremely helpful. Several of you have also really engaged with your child's attendance statistics. It is especially helpful if your children make their own way to school as you can see that they have arrived and been marked as present, giving you peace of mind.

As with any system change, there have been teething problems, but we are working through those, please bear with us.

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We will, at present, continue to email as well as send messages through the App, until the technical issues have been resolved. Our intention is then to send information through the App only. Please ensure you register as soon as possible to avoid missing important updates.

As a reference for those yet to activate their accounts, the details are below:

Each primary parent or carer will have received an email, inviting you to register an account with Arbor, follow the instructions in the email to register your account and download the free Arbor App from your chosen App store. Please check your junk folder carefully.

Please allow notifications when asked to do so, this will then inform you when there are new messages that need your attention.

Once registered, you will be able to see your child's attendance dashboard and have access to allow you to change your contact information, email address, telephone number than having to come to the office or send us an email.

Keeping Children Safe

Purchasing A Smart phone for a child?

Is it the right time to get my child a Smart phone? This is something we are asked a lot especially by Primary School Parents. A new film by the charity Nip in the Bud discusses the hidden dangers of social media and smartphone use among children. If you are considering getting your child a phone we would urge you to watch the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zhfd0jW7iY&t=605s> the film provides insights from children, headteachers and doctors, shedding light on the everyday harm caused by digital platforms.

Key facts:

- 90% of 11-year-olds own a smartphone, and most under 13 have a social media profile.
- 90% of girls and 50% of boys have received explicit pictures or videos they didn't want to see.
- 80% of teenage girls are pressured to provide sexual images of themselves.
- 1 in 5 children have been bullied online. Among them, 24% self-harm and 22% change their appearance due to bullying. Only 13% delete the app where they are bullied.
- Boys as young as 13 have been targeted for sextortion scams.
- MRI scans show screen time reduces brain areas responsible for visual processing, empathy, attention, memory and early reading skills.
- Psychologists, headteachers and GPs are advocating for stricter guidelines: no smartphones until age 14, no social media until age 16

You can read more information here which provides more options to consider around technology prior to purchasing smartphones for children. [Smartphones and social media fact sheet | Nip in the Bud | Free Downloadable Fact Sheet](#)



Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

- ARE YOU LOOKING AFTER A CHILD UNDER A SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER?
- HAVE YOU ADOPTED A CHILD WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY IN CARE?

If any of the above apply to you and your family - please ensure school knows by Tuesday 1st October as this may mean we can apply for extra funding and support.



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OCTOBER 2024

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LEARN THEIR STORIES. TAKE PART IN SPY CRAFT
ACTIVITIES AND FOLLOW A TERRIFIC TRAIL!

Admission Prices:

ADULTS: £3.00

CHILD: £1.50

CONCESSIONS: £2.00

FAMILY TICKET: £6.50

(TWO ADULTS AND UP TO 3 CHILDREN)

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