

# Westfield Primary Community School



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## Year 5, Autumn 2019 Newsletter - 5LI and 5BG

Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to welcome your child into Year 5 at Westfield.

We have two Year 5 classes this year. This term, 5LI will be taught by Miss Illingworth (Monday to Wednesday and Friday) and Mrs Thomas (Thursday). We are thrilled to welcome Miss Brownsword to the Westfield teaching team; she will be teaching Year 5 until Mrs Gudgeon returns from maternity leave during the spring term.

We have got lots of exciting and varied activities planned throughout the year and cannot wait to get started! We will start the year with a topic about 'survival'. As part of this, we will be learning about Ernest Shackleton's journey to Antarctica and exploring how to survive in different environments. The children will practise their singing skills in weekly Wednesday music lessons this term. This will be particularly useful because, in the spring term, we will be joining a choral project with York Minster School and performing in York Minster; you are all invited to the concert and we will let you know the date when it is available.

### Forest School

We are very excited to have a Forest School specialist working with Year 5 every **Friday** this term. We are so lucky to have such a large and diverse outside space at Westfield which we can use to enhance our learning in lots of different ways. The Forest School lessons will take place outside in all weathers so appropriate clothing is essential. This includes:

- Wellies or walking shoes
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Extra warm layer e.g. jumper or fleece

Your child may not be taking part in Forest School every Friday, but we ask that they have the appropriate clothing available on a Friday in case it is needed. Your child should come to school in their normal school uniform every Friday.

### Physical Education (PE)

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term, but please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Children should wear:

- Short sleeved plain white PE t-shirt (unbranded)
- Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Warm long sleeved black or navy sweatshirt or zipped hoodie for outdoor sessions

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- A change of white socks
- Different trainers or plimsolls that are to be used for PE only (can be branded)

## Autumn term, extra clothing summary:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	PE kit	PE kit		Outdoor clothing for Forest School

## Uniform

Our uniform policy has been updated. Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day.

Pupils are required to wear:

- Royal blue school jumper or cardigan – preferably with the school logo
- White or royal blue polo shirt with a collar (logo optional)
- Plain black or grey trousers, a plain black or grey knee-length skirt, or a plain black or grey knee-length pinafore dress (no leggings, jeggings, jeans or denim).
- Low heeled, plain black shoes or all black trainers (Canvas shoes, plimsolls, Ugg style boots and wellies must not be worn as part of school uniform). Please see examples over the page for further clarification.

Our school jumpers and cardigans can be purchased locally from [Get Branded](#) at Clifton Moor, York. Alternatively, we can order these for delivery into school. Please speak to the office for further information.

If you have any difficulties getting the uniform (for school, PE or Forest School), please let the Children's Champions or us know so that we can help.

## Attendance

Attendance is extremely important throughout the year. Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives at school on time (by 8.50am).

## Other information

Your child should take home a reading book every day. We are grateful for any support with reading at home. They should also get online access to BugClub (a selection of online books) and Times Tables Rockstars (to practise times tables).

We look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks. Do let us know if you have any questions or concerns by speaking to us on the playground, writing a note in the reading record or contacting the office.

*Miss Illingworth, Miss Brownsword and Mrs Thomas*

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