

Dear All,

What an amazing start to the academic year. We have such a great bunch of children who have all settled so well, so thank you very much for helping them feel so confident through their transition!

We have had a short week and the time has flown by. We have talked about making friends, learnt new routines and got to know our new groups together - we know we are going to have a good year!

Thank you to those of you who have donated snacks and sent in photos of our phonic sound - we really appreciate both. Please do all make sure you log on to our Tapestry app as you will see lots of observations about what your child is doing at Westborough during the week. We would really appreciate it if you could leave a comment or at least 'like' the observations so that we can see that you have seen them.

Next week we will be continuing our All About Me theme but our focus will be on 'Our Families'. If you would like to send in a photo of your family we will print them out for a big display at school - the children love finding themselves on our display boards! Some of our books for next week will include:-

All About Families by R.Owen

The Family Book by T.Parr

Who is in my Family by R.Harris

All Our Welcome Here by A.Penfold

In the Rain with Baby Duck by A.Hest

It's OK to be Different by T.Parr

Owl Babies by M.Waddell

Our new vocabulary for the older children will include the words neighbour, twins, match, proud and swoop. Our new phonic sound will be 'a' so any photos of your child with anything beginning with 'a' would be brilliant! Our new sign language signs will be milk, water and sorry.

We have noticed that some of the items coming into school with your children are not named. Please could we ask that everything is named from water bottles to toys from home.

Please could you also make sure that your child's book bag comes to school every day. Any pictures that your child does are put into the book bags along with their phonics and their key group activities. These are very special treasures and deserve to be looked after!! We also would like to remind people that all the children have a reading book. When you have finished with the book please do put it in the yellow tray in the morning along with your reading record and we will change

it. If the tray is not there just ask us. For those of you with picture books it is important for the children to chat about the pictures and try and tell the story. Obviously you will need to use the books a few times in order for the children to sequence and chat about what is happening in the book.

On Wednesday the 16th September we will be holding a fund raising day for 'Jeans for Genes'. It would be great if your child could wear jeans on that day and bring a donation to put in our collection box. We will be decorating biscuits with 'blue' and making paper jeans. We will also be talking to the children about why we are collecting money and who that money will help. This extract is taken from the Jean for Genes website which is worth a visit -

“Some genetic conditions are apparent at birth whilst others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, adolescence and sometimes into adulthood, having a profound and lasting impact on individuals and their families.

Our ambition is that every individual, and their families, can access the right support at times when it's needed most. By taking part in Jeans for Genes week, we can all work together to make this ambition a reality.”

Finally we wanted to let you know that Sophie , our beloved musician , has left our team in order to pursue her musical career and focus on her own music business. It was a hard decision for her but music is where her heart is and the call was just too strong! She will be sorely missed but we have other up and coming guitarists apprenticed under Sophie so we will still have our musical input! Our team is still 8 strong which is brilliant and no one else is going anywhere else in the known future!!

If you ever have any queries or questions you need answering do always drop us an email or a phone message and we will answer. The email is manned over the weekend as well so weekend queries can also be answered.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week and hope you all have a good weekend.

With love from the Westborough Team