

## Westleigh Start Well Family Centre

This term, Westleigh Start Well Family Centre would like to inform all our members, partners and the Acorn Trust schools - What's New in our communities of Leigh, Lowton and Golborne. Don't forget to get in touch on 01942 777705 if you would like any further information or an activity timetable.

**Pregnancy Yoga** helps mums to stay active, relax & focus on their breathing in preparation for labour.



**Tea and Toast** Weekly drop in for all our community, come along to have a brew and a chat, meet other parents and find out more of what we do within the Start Well Family Centre.

**Refresh Your Life** this course will help parents gain understanding of themselves and what motivates them. You will be introduced to skills and techniques for increased confidence to make changes and move forward with your life.

**Ready Steady Play** a 4 week programme aimed to increase the uptake of 2yr old funding across the borough. The sessions are an hour long each week with fun and engaging activities for both you and your child, held by fully-trained play coaches.



**Child Parent Connections** The project aims to support parents who struggle with their child's behaviours, covering coping strategies and tools to help support children with anxiety, anger, hyperactivity, sensitivity and children with a medical diagnosis.

**RLSS Save a Babies Life** aims to provide lifesaving awareness and skills to parents, grandparents, and carers of young babies to help increase confidence and reassurance during the early years.

**Baby Gym** is a unique postnatal exercise program which is aimed at helping mum to recover from the demands of pregnancy and giving birth, getting mum fit and helping to cement the important bond between mum and baby.

**Mommies Mean Fitness** 45-minute fitness sessions for mums with their children. The class is for anybody who wants to start getting back into shape and socialise with other mums.

Don't forget to access our Westleigh Start Well Family Centre Facebook page for more information and upcoming events. Please respond to any questions we might post as we really value your feedback and you can help to influence the services we provide or you can even get involved yourselves!

Contact us on 01942 777705 or call in to collect on of our timeables.

Westleigh Start Well Family Centre, Westleigh Lane, Leigh WN7 5NJ

## ACORN TRUST NEWSLETTER

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A Huge welcome to all the parents that are new to the Trust, we feel privileged to be undertaking this educational journey with you and your child and look forward to a great experience for you all.

### Standards

Once again we can celebrate the great achievements of all the schools within our Trust at the end of the key stage statutory assessments where both schools are above the national average at Key Stage Two. Not only this, but children are immersed in a wide and rich curriculum that widens their experiences and leads to an enjoyment of learning.

We hope that as you read about the individual achievements of each school and the Startwell centre you will gather a wider understanding of all that takes place within the Acorn Trust.

	BHM	WLM	Trust	National
Reading, Writing & Maths Expected Standard	76%	62%	69%	61%
Reading Progress Measure	0.4	-0.9	-0.25	0
Writing Progress Measure	3.7	1.8	2.75	0
Maths Progress Measure	1	-0.7	0.15	0
Reading Expected Standard	76%	76%	76%	71%
Writing Expected Standard	90%	86%	88%	76%
Maths Expected Standard	86%	81%	84%	75%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Expected Standard	79%	81%	80%	77%

### Term Dates

Once again this year we have amended the term dates to support parents in having a wider access to more reasonably priced holidays. We recognise that spending time as a family is very important. We also recognise the importance of attending school every day and the detrimental impact taking holidays in term time can have. Hopefully the amended holidays will support both of the above as we try and work with parents in the best interests of our children. Term dates are available on the website and the school office.

### Mighty Oaks Before and After School Club

It has been a very positive start to the launch of Mighty Oaks Before and After School Club at Bedford. Children and staff are enjoying working and playing within a safe and exciting environment.. To date, parents have been very complimentary of the service and the future of Mighty Oaks seems sure to continue to flourish and grow. For further information please contact the school directly.



Everyone at the Acorn Trust would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year

## Bedford Hall Methodist Primary School

Around school there is always a 'Buzz' of learning. We pride ourselves on our creative and bespoke curriculum providing rich learning experiences for all. Children have already enjoyed a range of activities including; A Roman Day (Year 4), Mobile Planetarium (Year 5), Birds of Prey (Year 3) and a 'staying safe' talk from the Fire Brigade (Year 6).



### 2 Year Old Provision



Now open a year, our 2 year old provision is well established. This term children have loved being outdoors especially, riding the bikes and scooters, practising their climbing skills on the larger equipment and exploring all sorts of exciting (and often messy!) activities in the builder's tray including pumpkins.

### 3 Year Old Provision



Nursery has had a busy fun filled half term welcoming new children and their families to our school. We have been exploring our new surroundings together; sharing and turn taking, making new friends and getting use to new faces and daily routines.

### We still have funded and non-funded places available in both Nursey provisions

#### Reflection Areas and Class Christian Values

Reflection areas are a quiet accessible place in all classrooms containing a reading area, a prayer space and Christian value activities. These are spaces where children can develop socially, morally, spiritually and culturally. Each class studies a Christian Value across the year and partake in a range of activities around this value.

**2 Year Old Nursery LOVE**- the children have been talking about people who they love. Families photos were shared with the class at carpet time.



**3 Year Old Nursery LOVE** - the children have each decorated a stone to hold as part of a welcome activity linking to the story 'A kissing hand'

**Reception TEAM WORK** - the children wrote class rules for inside and outside for which they are awarded dojos. The children realise that team work allows us to be excellent learners.



**Year 1 THANKFULNESS** - the class have read 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' and thought about the things in life that we are truly thankful for including food, water and shelter.

**Year 2 GENEROSITY** - the class have read Mr Stink by David Walliams and then discussed their thoughts about homelessness and considered how they could help those less fortunate than themselves.

**Year 3 PEACE** - The children have written prayers of peace, have discussed how we promote peace in our school and have written about creating peace in the world.

**Year 4 FORGIVENESS** - Year 4 wrote recipes for forgiveness and made forgiveness bridges within design technology.

**Year 5 EQUALITY** - Year 5 discussed what equality means and created word art based around their values. They have also been value detectives, thinking about how we might see equality around school.

**Year 6 JUSTICE** - The children discussed what justice means to them and they wrote their ideas on leaves for a Justice tree. Justice will be a focal point next half term for the topic, 'A Child's War.'

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## Westleigh Methodist Primary School

### Outstanding It Is!

Westleigh Methodist started the new academic year celebrating an 'outstanding' judgement as a result of our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. As headteacher I feel very privileged to work in a supportive community with strong relationships between home and school.

### Putting Others Before Ourselves...

Part of our Methodist mission is about supporting others less fortunate than ourselves. As always, our community pulls together and never ceases to amaze me with their generosity! Parents organised the Macmillan Coffee morning fundraising event and raised over £100. Support for our local foodbank was also quite overwhelming for this year's Harvest appeal. To fill 11 crates with 150 kilograms of food is pretty impressive! Other fundraising events will be taking place, such as, Stand up to Cancer and Children in Need.

### How We Make Learning Stick!

We see memorable experiences as an essential part of the learning journey. If learning is fun and exciting, children are more likely to remember it and it will stick with them for life! There is an endless list of opportunities we provide to make learning engaging and exciting. Already this term we have had World and European medallist, Jenny Meadows, working with the children on their fitness. Her comments about the children's mindsets and attitudes was extremely positive and we are incredibly proud. Y6 visited the Veda Mandir Hindu Temple as part of their RE learning and took part in a Diwali workshop with Reception class. The whole school has been involved in a fun and engaging PE workshop, the list could go on... I'm sure you get the picture!

### Impact On The Community

One of our big success stories this term is a new initiative, Parent Child Connect, where parents have worked with Linsay and Angela to support families to develop deeper relationships with their children. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive and has already transformed the lives of some of our families. I know it sounds dramatic, but it's true! There is already a wave of calmness and spirituality starting to ripple through the school - watch this space...



If you would like to find out more about the school,  
we are now live on Facebook.  
Come and give us a like!

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