



# WESTFIELD NEWS

## WATOTO CHOIR BACK IN TOWN



The Watoto Choir are back in England in March and are visiting us on **Wednesday 15th March** to join our Morning Assembly. Then our children will be going to Hope Corner to watch their performance on **Thursday 23rd March**.

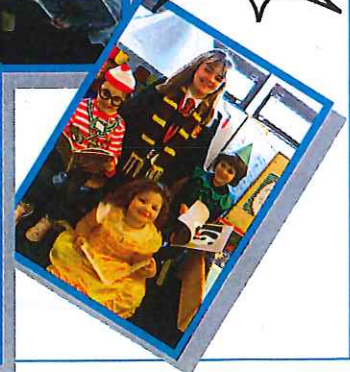
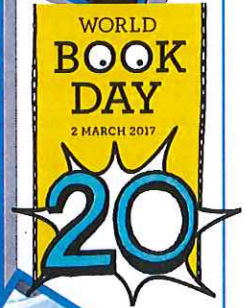
Each child in the Watoto Children's Choir has suffered the loss of one or both parents and now lives in a Watoto village. Accompanied by a team of adults, the choir presents Watoto's vision and mission by sharing personal stories, music and dance. Watoto Children's Choirs have travelled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of



hope for Africa's orphans and widows. To date, the choir has toured six continents and performed to enthralled audiences in schools, retirement homes, churches, parliaments, state houses and royal palaces. If you would like more information about Watoto Villages or the Choir, you can visit their website at [www.watoto.com](http://www.watoto.com).

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

This year's World Book Day was on Thursday 2nd March and Westfield celebrated in style. Here is the photo evidence! World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child received a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of ten special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Your child's token can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop (if you need help finding one, visit [booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch](http://booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch)). You can find out more about the books at [worldbookday.com/books](http://worldbookday.com/books).



# OTHER EVENTS & INFORMATION

## e a s t e r      B I N G O

Yes it's that time of year again! Mr Parker is warming up his calling voice and learning new calling rhymes ready for our Easter Bingo!!!

The doors will be opening at 5.30pm ready for eyes down at 6.00pm on **Wednesday 29th March**. The Entrance Price is 50p per adult and children are free. Bingo tickets are £1 each, and Quickies are 50p. There will be a Raffle at £1 per ticket as well as a Tombola which is £1.00 for 5 tickets. There will also be Refreshments available to buy on the night.

If anyone has anything that could be given as prizes or knows of any companies that would be willing to donate a prize we would greatly appreciate it. We will also be having a non-uniform day in exchange for children bringing in bingo prizes on **Friday 24th March**.

## BOOK SWAP

On Thursday 9th March we will be having another Book Swap in the Dining Hall between 3.15pm and 4pm. So all children that have any used books that are in good condition, you can bring them in and swap them for another.



## EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes on Friday 31st March and re-opens on Tuesday 18th March 2017.

## RED NOSES

We will be selling Red Noses at Reception for £1 each from Monday 13th March ready for Red Nose Day. All proceeds will be sent to Comic Relief. For more information on Comic Relief or Red Nose Day you can go to [www.rednoseday.com](http://www.rednoseday.com).



## JOIN THE PTA

Our Parents' group (Friends of Westfield) are going to be setting up an official PTA. This is for many reasons but mainly to try and get other parents more involved in the school and to have their valuable input. One of the benefits of setting up a formal PTA is that they will be able to apply for more funding that will benefit the children that attend Westfield. If you would like to become more involved and are able to attend the occasional meeting then please contact Mrs Shepherd in the Office or email [sec.westfield@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.westfield@halton.gov.uk).



## DISCO SUCCESS



We would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who helped at our school discos last week. We managed to raise **£303!** The funds will be paying towards the cost of travelling for our children when they go to see the Watoto Choir perform.

## NCT - PARENTS IN MIND



New mums in Widnes & Runcorn are being given the opportunity to help other women that are either expecting a baby or are new mums. The scheme is run by NCT and is in collaboration with the Institute of Health Visitors as well as other organisations and has received funding from the Department of Health. The aim is to provide trained, local volunteers to deliver 1-2-1 sessions and group support within community settings. They are looking to recruit a team of volunteers who can be offered accredited training and a chance to make a difference to families in the borough. So if you can volunteers for a minimum of two hours a week for at least six months, and have experienced mental health difficulties in pregnancy or early parenthood and would like to support other women living similar experiences then get in touch with them. You can email [parentsinmind.widnes@nct.org.uk](mailto:parentsinmind.widnes@nct.org.uk) or telephone Catherine on 0770 290 0894, or have a look at the website at [www.nct.org.uk/professional/parents in mind](http://www.nct.org.uk/professional/parents%20in%20mind).

## SPEAK UP NOT DOWN



We will be having an assembly on **Monday 20th March** about young people with learning or physical needs.

## REMINDER

School is closed on Thursday 4th May as it is a Polling Station.