



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

7th September 2018

Edition 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Clubs and Music Lessons start next week (except Beany Yoga and Tennis Club)

Monday 10th September

- Swimming Lessons start for Year 4
- Parent Volunteer Meetings – 8.45am and 2.45pm

Tuesday 11th September

- Mindfulness Workshops with Mr Bethune – 9am and 7pm
- Year 3 Meet the Teacher – 2.45pm

Advance Notice

Wednesday 19th September

- Tempest Photography – Individual Photographs

Thursday 20th September

- Early Years Coffee Morning (Nursery and Reception) – 9am

Friday 21st September

- Jeans for Genes Day

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely to have the children back at school and to hear about all the exciting things they have done in the holidays. We would like to extend a huge welcome to all our new children and families. We hope you enjoy being part of the Westfield family! We are looking forward to the year ahead and to working with you to make sure the children have a very happy year and make good progress in all aspects of their learning.

Early Years Coffee Morning – Thursday 20th September at 9am

This is an informal event for parents of Nursery and Reception children to join Mrs Evans (EYFS Lead) for a coffee and have the opportunity to meet other parents for a chat! We hope you can join us.

Parent Volunteer Meetings – Monday 10th September 8.45am and 2.45pm

We look forward to seeing parents at the Volunteer Meetings next Monday. If you are not able to attend but would still like to support the school please speak to a member of staff in the office. We really value the assistance of our volunteers and particularly need parents to listen to children reading. We are aware that some parents prefer to use their administrative/creative skills and we are very happy to hear from these parents too! Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

For children in Year 6, you can now apply for a Secondary school place to start in September 2019.

Parents/carers can apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline date for applications is 31st October 2018.

Healthy School – Birthday Sweets

In the past it has been traditional for children to bring sweets into school to share with their class on their birthday. In line with our 'Healthy School' status, we have decided that from now, we would ask that your child no longer brings in sweets. We shall, of course, celebrate your child's day with them.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 21st September

On Friday 21st September, we will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. Children may come to school wearing denim trousers/shorts/skirt with their usual school polo shirt and sweatshirt. If your child wishes to take part please send in a minimum donation of £1 which will be sent on to the charity. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders. Thank you.

Diary dates / Class Newsletters

A list of key dates for the academic year is being sent home today, together with Newsletters from the class teachers. The Nursery Newsletter will be sent out next week.

Reminders!

This is a good time of year for some reminders!

- Children should arrive at school **on time every day**, by 8.40am at the meeting place. Mr Bray, our Site Manager, will then ring the school bell for the children to be in school for 8.45am.
- Please ensure that all personal items are named, including uniform, coats, shoes, plimsolls, PE kits, bags, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- Please check your child's hair on a regular basis for headlice, treat as required and inform the office staff.
- Please send money into the office in marked, sealed envelopes. **The office does not hold petty cash so please send in the correct amount.**
- Our Westfield uniform is Royal Blue. Children should wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan with either a royal blue polo shirt, or a plain white polo shirt, underneath. Trousers or skirts need to be grey and socks/tights should be plain grey, black or navy. Girls may wear plain white socks in the summer. Children should have a pair of plimsolls for indoor use and a pair of black outdoor shoes which are suitable for outside play. Your support in following these uniform guidelines would be much appreciated.
- No jewellery is permitted in school except for small stud earrings provided they are removed or covered with surgical tape/plasters for PE lessons. Make-up, nail varnish, tattoos and dyed or braided hair are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back with a suitable band.
- Uniform is available to order from the school office and orders are processed on Tuesday mornings, ready for collection the next morning (Wednesday). Please either have the correct change or pay by cheque (uniform price list available from the letter rack outside the office). Orders may also be placed online via Wisepay.
- When parking on the roads near school please show consideration to local residents and do not obstruct driveways.
- If your child is ill with sickness or diarrhoea, he/she should **remain absent from school for 48 hours** after the last bout of illness.
- It is essential that the school knows if there is any change in collection arrangements for your child. **Please ring the office before 3pm if someone other than the person known to staff** is to collect your child at the end of the day. Only adults (age 18+) will be permitted to collect your child.
- Please remember to tell us as soon as possible if you change any of your details, e.g. home address, telephone number, email address. There are occasions when we need to contact parents, such as if a child is feeling unwell.
- For health and safety reasons please remind children they are not allowed to play on the playground equipment or run around the scooter park area before and after school. Please ensure you supervise your children at all times when they are in your care.

Thank you! If you have any queries about any of the above, please call at the office for further information.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, we can claim extra money to support your child's education? Registering for Free School Meals could mean an extra £1,300 to enhance your child's education. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal but unless you register with us, the school will not receive the funding.

We ask **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's quick and easy and only has to be done once and if all families register, the school will not miss out on additional funding entitlement. To register, please visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Thank you.

Hemel Storm Basketball

Hemel Storm Basketball Team start their season this Saturday (8th September). You can go along and meet the team at the **Rainbow Stage** in the Hemel Hempstead Marlowes Centre from **2pm**. **At 7pm Hemel Storm will take on a travelling USA Select team which is always a great way to start the campaign.** The game action takes place at Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. Simply mention our school name on the door to receive discounted prices or vouchers are available from the school office.

DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

Please find listed below details of workshops being provided by DSPL this term:

Dyslexia Support Group - next session on 11.09.2018, 1:15-2:45pm - Link Family Services, Hobletts Manor school - **no booking required**

ADD-vance Mini Drop-in Consultation for Parent/Carers of children with Autism/ADHD - next session on 12.09.2018, 9:30-11:30am - Greenway Primary School, Berkhamsted - **no booking required**

Speech, Language & Communication Needs: -

Parents/Carers workshop - 13.09.2018, 9:30-11am - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School - **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Dyslexia Workshop - 25.09.2018, 10am-1pm - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School - **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Helping your child through anxious times, 5 week course - 10.10.2018 to 14.11.2018, 7-9pm - Gade Community Room, Chaulden Junior School (**Please note** - This course is not appropriate for parents of children either on the autistic spectrum or those displaying autistic tendencies as the strategies are different).- **ONLY A FEW SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Violent & Challenging Behaviour in children with Additional Needs workshop - 16.10.2018, 6:30pm-9:30pm - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School - **ONLY A FEW SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

For further information about any of the above workshops/groups, please speak to the school office.

W1SPA News

Our AGM is next Thursday 13th. It's straight after drop off, and will only take 15 minutes so please come and find out our plans for 2018/2019 and vote in committee members. If you'd like to help in any way, we have many small roles available, please see the bookbag flier for info, and speak to Bex or email on bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you!

Raising free money for school - please join the supermarket voucher scheme and use the www.thegivingmachine.co.uk for all your internet shopping. Both initiatives donate free money and it can raise thousands for our pupils.

Spare Change Challenge - we raised a lot of money from the children just collecting loose Change so please carry on collecting. We'll shortly update you on how the last collection will be spent.

Christmas news! Only 107 days to go! Please save the date for the Christmas Fair - it's Sunday 2nd December, 12-3pm. W1SPA are proud to be taking over the Elves Posting House at the Festival of Lights on 25th November. We need helpers, so please email Bex if you can spare an hour. Also, Christmas cards, for children to draw at home, will also be coming home shortly, so they'll be delivered back to school well in time for December.

Two Oaks Pony Sanctuary - we're holding a cake sale next Friday 14th to raise funds for our local Pony and animal sanctuary. If you can bake or help sell please let Bex know, and thank you to Mrs Stace for supporting this non-school fund-raiser.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Autumn Term Class Newsletters*
- *Diary Dates*
- *Welcome to Reception Information Guide*
- *Welcome to Nursery Information Guide*
- *Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme/Online Assessment*
- *Year 6 Ashlyns Open Day*
- *Club letters*

Copies of all letters sent home can be found in the letter rack outside the office and can also be accessed from our website within the ['Letters Home'](#) page

Our School Value next week is Responsibility