



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Edition 1

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**School Clubs and Music Lessons start next week (except Ukulele, Tennis and Storm Basketball)**

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

- Swimming Lessons start for Year 4

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- Forest School Information Meeting 6.45pm – All welcome

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

- Parent Volunteer Meetings – 8.45am and 2.45pm

## Advance Notice ....

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

- Tempest Photography – Individual Photographs
- Early Years Coffee Morning (Nursery and Reception) – 9am

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 also welcome Mrs Gower, Mrs Moorby and Mrs Williamson to our teaching staff. 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.**

**I would also like to officially welcome Milo to our Westfield family. Milo has been to his first assembly this week and is already a popular member of our community and the children and staff love having him in school.**

### **Reminder: The school has a 'no dogs' policy**

Our school does have a 'no dogs' policy and even though we now have Milo with us, this policy will still apply and no other dogs are allowed on school grounds. As a reminder, Milo will be trained to be a Therapy Dog and will be on a leash at all times when moving around the school and will always be accompanied by an adult. Milo is fully insured to carry out his role thus allowing him to be on the school site. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Early Years Coffee Morning – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 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 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am and 2.45pm**

We look forward to seeing parents at the Volunteer Meetings next Friday. 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.

### **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.

## Secondary School Applications

For children in Year 6, you can now apply for a Secondary school place to start in September 2018.

Parents/carers can apply online at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and the deadline date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

## Reminders!

This is a good time of year for some reminders!

- Children should arrive at school **on time every day**, i.e. by 8.40am at the meeting place, ready to be in school at 8.45am.
- Please ensure that all personal items are named, including uniform, coats, shoes, plimsolls, PE kits, bags, lunch boxes.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) Thank you.

## Music Tuition – Violin

In addition to our current music tuition, we are looking at the possibility of offering violin lessons to our KS2 children. To gauge the level of interest, please can you contact the school office if your child would be interested in violin lessons. Thank you.

## First Aid Course for Parents

Following the success of our First Aid Course for Parents last term, we are considering offering this again so if you think you would be interested in attending a 'Parent First Aid' course, please contact the school office. Thank you.

## Vacancies at Greenway Primary School & Berkhamsted Under Fives Group

Greenway Primary School currently have staff vacancies in their after school club as do Berkhamsted Under Fives Group for a Deputy Family Support Worker. If you are interested in applying, full details can be found on the attached flyers.

## Little Hands & Little Feet Children's Centre – Parenting Courses

Please find attached details of forthcoming Parent courses and workshops being run by the Children's Centre.

## DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

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

### Herts Inclusive Theatre Group

New drama group for children with Autism in Year 6 and above, attending a school in Dacorum. Starting 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### ADD-vance Workshops

Writing Social Stories – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Sensory Needs – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Understanding ADHD for Dads – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Understanding ASD & Managing Anger & Anxiety – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Understanding Autism for Dads – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

### Siblings Group

For children aged 5-11, who have a sibling with special needs. Next session Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### Workshops for Parents of children with additional needs

Free SEN Workshops funded by St Albans District Council

### Parents on the Autistic Spectrum Support Group (PASS Group)

Next session – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

For further information about any of the above workshops/groups, please contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or email: [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)

## CLUBS / EVENTS

### Hemel Storm Basketball Team start their season this Saturday.

Before the game you have a chance of meeting the team, which consists of a few new faces, as well as a few old ones!

### SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

- **From 11am:** come along to the Rainbow Stage outside the Marlowes Centre for competitions, tomBALLa and lots more fun
- **2pm - 4pm:** Storm players will join us at the Rainbow Stage, come along and chat or have photos taken with them
- **7pm tip off:** Hemel Storm vs Team USA Select at Hemel Sportspace

Attached is a discount voucher, bring this along on Saturday evening to gain entrance at the discounted prices of £6.50 per adult and £2 per u18.

### W1SPA

We are hosting our Quiz Night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, information and booking forms will be sent out shortly. Please save the date.

If you haven't already, please join our group Facebook page to keep up to date with all our news. Please search for W1SPA Westfield Primary (note it's a number one in W1SPA, not an 'I'). Thank you.

### Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *School Clubs – Booking Forms*
- *Autumn Term Class Newsletters*
- *Diary Dates*
- *KS2 Dog Walking Club*
- *Forest School Information Meeting*

*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*