



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

17th November 2017

Edition 10

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th November

Ashlyns Craft Fair – 11am to 4pm

Tuesday 21st November

- Nasal Flu Vaccinations for YR - Y4

Wednesday 22nd November

- Year 5/6 Boys Football Match vs The Reddings, Hemel Hempstead (Away)

Friday 24th November

- Year 3 Class Assembly – 9am
- Non Uniform Day for donation to W1SPA Christmas Fair Adult Tombola

Advance Notice

Monday 27th November

- Year 5/6 Girls Football Match vs The Reddings (Home)

Tuesday 28th November

- Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum
- Year 5 Trip to Lincolnsfields Centre

Wednesday 29th November

- Year 5/6 Boys Football Match vs Greenway (Home)

Parking Outside School

Please may I remind you that when dropping off or picking up your child/ren from school that you park with consideration for the local residents and the safety of our children. The yellow zigzag lines outside school mean that you cannot park there, even if it is to drop your child off, and it is illegal to do so. Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 6th November 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	97.67%	Year 3	94.67%
Year 6 Riley	95.86%	Year 2	98.67%
Year 5 Picasso	93.33%	Year 1	95.17%
Year 4	98.67%	Reception	96.53%

During the week of 6th November – 98 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Primary School Applications

For children born between 1st September 2013 – 31st August 2014, you can now apply for a Primary school place to start in September 2018. Parents/carers can apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline date for applications is 15th January 2018.

Ashlyns Craft Fair

The Ashlyns Craft Fair takes place on Sunday 19th November from 11am to 4pm. There will be a wide variety of handmade gifts, local crafts and a café selling hot food, drinks and homemade cakes!



Road Safety Week 20th – 26th November

Road crashes remain one of the biggest causes of death and serious injury among children and young people, and dangerous roads also have a major impact on their ability to walk, cycle and live healthy active lifestyles. This makes it so important to develop everyone's awareness of the risks and also how the situation can be improved by individuals and communities now and in the future. This year the main theme is 'Speed Down, Save Lives'.

Speed has been identified as a key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of a road crash as well as the severity of the injuries that result from crashes. An increase in the average speed of 1m/h typically results in a 3% higher risk of a crash involving injury, with a 4–5% increase for crashes that result in fatalities (World Health Organisation)

Find out more about the week at Road Safety Week 2017 <http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/> and take the pledge <http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/pledge> Follow us @roadsafetyherts #roadsafetyweek And keep safe!

On Monday, two local police officers will be coming in to talk to the children in assembly to raise awareness of these important messages. Please can we ask that you reinforce this at home. Thank you.

Bird Feeders

As you will be aware we are busy creating a new wildlife area at school and we would like to attract wild birds and are in need of bird feeders. If you have anything suitable at home, which is no longer required, please could you send it into school. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a poppy for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. This year we managed to raise a fantastic £292.41.

W1SPA News

Help our pupils win £25k for an amazing music and arts classroom. For three weeks, we've all worked our little cotton socks off rallying voters to vote for our school in The Aviva Community Fund competition. We're in the last few days of voting - the competition closes **TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT MIDDAY**. So, please vote if you haven't, and crucially, make as many of your friends and family vote - every vote is worth 10 votes and our goal is 18,000. We're a few hundred people short of our goal. If you're going to clubs or social engagements this week, please ask people. It's for £25k!! If you already won over lots of voters, keep going!

Are you free to help for half an hour on our market stall? The more, the merrier! It's just to hand out leaflets, and charm our community into extra votes (kids are also welcome to hold placards). We just need half an hour of your time. Thank you (contact Bex on bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk).

Facebook Music for Berko's Kids - please like our page! In the final, we'll get marks for use of social media and effort. We want top marks.

Santa Sleigh - more helpers needed. We need more adult volunteers to help raise money with the Santa Sleigh - last year it raised £780 for us, and it's great festive fun. The dates are Saturday 9th December, 3.45-8pm, and Thursday 14th December, 5.30-8pm (but likely to finish early). If you can't help for the duration, you can still volunteer what time you can. Please Contact Clare Fennessy through the office, thanks.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS, SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 12-3pm

Grotto timetable up - it's on the reverse of the Aviva board. Just sign your family's name up in one of the slots.

Child helper rota - the children chose their games to run at the fair today, and their timetable will be emailed home to you. Thank you to those children who volunteered, the games make the fair fun for everyone.

Adult helper rota - the adult helper rotas will go up Monday, on the reverse of the Aviva board. Please sign up for half an hour (or more) - and please don't delay. It really reduces stress not having to chase people to volunteer.

You can still donate... party bag bits, balloons, and if you happen to have new, unwanted beauty products and gifts, please donate those too (boxes by the office). Thank you!

Raffle - our raffles are BIG and raise lots of money! The Summer Fair Raffle made £1,400! Early next week every family will receive £10 of tickets, £1 each. Please buy and sell on as many as you can. The family who sell the most will win a great prize - more tickets are available from the office. Good luck!

Pre-fair jobs - this is a great way to help in the run up to the fair, as there are lots of little jobs that can be done at home. They'll be posted on Facebook, so please join our closed group, if you haven't already (on Facebook, search for W1SPA with a number 1, not an 'i')

THE GIVING MACHINE - there are only 37 days to Christmas!!! If you're buying presents over the internet, please use [Www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). It's free to use, takes a minute to set up and could raise our pupils £££ over the next few weeks. All the toy shop, Amazon, EBay, all the department stores, theatre and panto ticket providers, numerous gift experience services - they're ALL ON TGM! Thank you - lots raise free and easy money!!

Christmas Party and Disco, Friday 8th December, 8-11.30pm

Let's celebrate what a great community we are. After our Aviva efforts we deserve to let our hair down! For those who like a boogie, there's a disco, and for those who like a drink and a laugh, there's the Chillax lounge. Plus, there'll be a great bar and gourmet burger bar. What more could you ask for, for £5 a ticket. Please come, it'll be a hoot! Spare booking forms by the office, and also attached to this week's newsletter.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Choir Letter – Christmas Fair*
- *Code Club Scratch Project*

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 Courage