



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Edition 14

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Awards Assembly – 9am – All Welcome
- Christmas Lunch
- Last Choir Club

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Carol Service for Years 1-6 at St Mary's Church, Northchurch – 9.30am
- School Closes 1.30pm

### Advance Notice ....

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

- School re-opens for all children

### Save the Dates .... Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

We will be running Parent Math Workshops in the Spring Term and have arranged for these to take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
KS1 Workshop – 9am to 10am  
KS2 Workshop – 7pm to 8pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**  
KS2 Workshop – 9am to 10am  
KS1 Workshop – 7pm to 8pm

We would really like to see all parents attending to support their child with their maths home learning. Further information will be sent to you in due course.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES / REMINDERS

### End of Term

We finish for the Christmas break on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**. Nursery finishes at 11.45am. There will be no Little Westies on Tuesday.

### Berkhamsted Education Trust

The application for five schools in Berkhamsted to become part of a multi-academy trust, the Berkhamsted Education Trust, is continuing to work its way through the Department for Education. We are told to expect a decision soon, with conversion (if the proposal is approved) sometime in the Spring. We will, of course, keep parents informed when we have any firm news to share.

### Health & Safety Reminder – Packed Lunches

As part of our health and safety requirements, we would like to remind parents that if your child has grapes or cherry tomatoes in their lunchbox that they should be cut in half to minimise the risk of choking. Thank you.

### Applying for a Primary School (Reception) Place

The application process for a Reception school place for September 2018 opened on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 please go online for full information and apply for a place at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you have any questions about this process please speak to Mrs Arnold in the school office.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	97.00%	Year 3	97.00%
Year 6 Riley	92.67%	Year 2	92.67%
Year 5 Picasso	95.33%	Year 1	95.52%
Year 4	96.00%	Reception	94.67%

During the week of 4<sup>th</sup> December – 19 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. We are very concerned that the number of children arriving late to school is increasing. This is extremely disruptive to both the child and their class' learning. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME EACH DAY FROM JANUARY. Thank you.**

### **Carol Assembly**

On the last day of term, we will be celebrating Christmas with a special Carol Service at St Mary's Church (Years 1 to 6). As in previous years, we will need parents to walk with us to and from the Church. If you are able to help us, please let a member of staff or the office know. Thank you.

### **Theme Day Lunch – Fun Day!**

There will be a special Theme Day lunch when we return after Christmas. The lunch choices on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January will be:

Red Choice: Kentucky Baked Chicken Burger  
Green Choice: Spicy Bean Burger  
Yellow Choice: Cheese Roll

All children who usually have a school meal on the above day will be able to choose their lunch from the special theme day menu, which replaces the regular menu on that day. Those children who do not normally have a school meal on a Thursday will have received an invitation to take part in this special theme day lunch. Please return completed slips by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** if your child wishes to take part in our Fun Day theme lunch. Thank you.

### **Final Home Game of 2017 for Hemel Storm**

Hemel Storm vs Leicester Warriors  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
7pm tip off  
Hemel Sportspace

Simply mention our School name on the door to get discounted entrance (£6.50 per adult, £2 per u18).

### **Hemel Storm National Cup Semi Final Re-Arranged**

Due to the extreme weather conditions last weekend, Hemel Storm Cup Semi Final game was cancelled. This has now been re-arranged for:

Saturday 6th January 2018  
Hemel Storm vs Loughborough Riders  
7pm tip off  
Hemel Sportspace

### **Junior Christmas Basketball Camps**

Need some extra Christmas shopping time, or children need to run off steam? Check out our Junior Christmas Basketball Camps:

22nd December for Primary School Children  
2nd January for Secondary School Children

Both £30 for the day, 9am til 3pm at JFK School, Hemel. Booking now: [www.stormbasketball.net/junior-camps](http://www.stormbasketball.net/junior-camps)

## **W1SPA News**

**9 shopping days to Christmas** - so please remember to use [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) every time you shop online. They give us free money and it'll soon add up if everyone uses it.

**Ice-cream parties after school today.** Please collect your child from the foyer and if you have yet to pay, please pay by dropping your £5 per child in our letter box, in a sealed named envelope. Thank you.

**Woods** - if you buy anything from our high street garden centre, please leave us your receipt in our letter box. They give us free money from a loyalty scheme. Thanks 😊

### ***Letters/Flyers sent home this week:***

- *Year 4 Placement*
- *Spring Term School Clubs*

*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 ..... Appreciation**