



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

15th September 2017

Edition 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 20th September

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

Friday 22nd September

- Jeans for Genes Day
- W1SPA Cake Sale – Year 6 Nevelson

Advance Notice

Tuesday 26th September

- Reading and Phonics Meeting for EYFS and KS1 – 9am
- Day of Languages

Friday 29th September

- No Celebration Assembly
- Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Change of Date for Year 6 Transition Day and Open Evening

Please note the dates for **Secondary School Transition Day and our Open Evening have changed to Thursday 5th July**. Apologies for any inconvenience. A revised copy of our 'Diary Dates' is attached and paper copies are available from the rack outside the office. Updated dates are also available on our website.

Early Years Coffee Morning

All parents of our current Nursery and Reception children are welcome to join us for a coffee morning with Mrs Evans on Wednesday 20th September at 9am. Please come and join us and get to know some new faces!

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday, 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.

Governing Body

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on the governing body and we are inviting parents to put themselves forward for the position. The governing body is a group of volunteers who work closely with the Headteacher and the school to ensure the best for all the children at Westfield. Please take a look at the attached link for more information on the role of a school governor: <http://youtu.be/Hnm6BV5ft-8> A recruitment letter will be sent out to all parents next week but if you are interested in applying please speak to the office and they can put you in touch with the Chair of Governors, Andrew Doran, or Vice Chair of Governors, Emma James who will be able to explain the role more fully.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee and cake morning on Friday 29th September from 8.45am in the dining hall. Please get your baking hats on for this worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you all there.

School Photographs

These will be taken on Wednesday 20th September. All children will be photographed individually and in family groups.

ATTENDANCE

****CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6 RILEY FOR ACHIEVING**

100% ATTENDANCE IN OUR FIRST WEEK**

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 5th September 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	99.66%	Year 3	99.33%
Year 6 Riley	100%	Year 2	97.00%
Year 5 Picasso	99.67%	Year 1	98.62%
Year 4	100%	Reception	96.67%

During the week of 5th September – 32 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have registered their child/ren for Free School Meals. 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. A letter has been sent out today to all our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families with full information.

We ask **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's now even easier to register and only has to be done once and if all families register, the school will not miss out on additional funding entitlement. You can now apply in any one of the following ways:

- online at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
- smartphone: Using the LookingLocal app available from app stores.
- Digital TV: The Community Channel – Press the red button
- Wii/Xbox/PS3: www.lookinglocal.gov.uk/hertsdirect
- phone: 0300 123 4084 between 8:00am and 8:00pm Monday to Friday, or between 9:00am and 4:00pm Saturday

If you have any questions about registering for Free School Meals, please contact the school office.

Requests!

As we approach 'runny nose' season, we are very short of tissues! In order to save our budget for other areas, if you are able to buy and donate a box of tissues we would be very grateful! If every child brought in a box we would have enough to last us through the winter. Please hand any donations to the office. Thank you.

We would also be grateful for any donations of working ipads for our Nursery class. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Thank you for your support.

Meeting Place

We are aware that it can be very congested at the meeting place when children line up in the morning and it is sometimes difficult for the children to get through the parents who are waiting. To ensure a safe and efficient handover of children, I would like to remind parents and carers to **please wait and stand back from the yellow line on the playground**. Thank you for your co-operation.

e-Safety Parent Workshop

Following the success of previous e-Safety workshops, a further information session for parents has been organised for **Monday 2nd October at 7pm at The Thomas Coram Church of England School**. The internet is constantly changing and being able to keep up with our children's use of technology can sometimes be challenging. However children do need support and guidance in using the internet safely and we hope you can attend this important talk, which is open to all parents and carers. Please refer to the attached flyer for further information and if you would like to book a place, please call Thomas Coram direct on 01442 866757 or email: admin@thomascoram.herts.sch.uk Thank you.

Parent Support Group

Please find attached details of the next Parent Support Group being held at Ashlyns School on Tuesday 26th September with our School Family Worker, Lisa MacGovern. If you are interested in attending please contact Lisa on 07780 114079 to book an appointment.

Rethink Sugary drinks!!!

This week in assembly we have been focusing on raising children's awareness about healthy choices of drinks and discussed with them the sugar content in popular soft drinks. Did you know that a regular 600ml bottle of soft drink contains 16 teaspoons of sugar?!!! Please support us in rethinking the drinks that we give to our children and encourage them to swap to healthier options. Encouraging them to choose the cheaper healthy option of water! For more information go to: www.rethinksugarydrink.org.au

W1SPA News

AGM update: endless thanks to our outgoing chair Holly Green, and treasurer, Sharon Mattingly. They've been amazing. Our new Chair is now Bex Plenderleith, Treasurer is Lisa Engel, Vice Chair is Paul Banham and Secretary is Ali Cronin. Thanks also to these parents: Clair Horsfield on Disco, Nell Sparks on Film Nights, Jo Harding on Supermarket Vouchers, Sarah Bracken on The Giving Machine, Beth Kidd on Facebook and Christmas, Karen Fatcher on Cake Sales and Allan Plenderleith for Publicity.

Quiz Night – Friday 6th October, from 7pm – booking forms should be in book bags this week, or spares by the office. It's a great night out, very funny and tickets are £5 each. Meal deal info to follow. The deadline to book is Tuesday 3rd October.

Two Oaks Pony Sanctuary Cake Sale today! – Many thanks to school for supporting this emergency cake sale and thanks to everyone who made cakes and ate them!

Supermarket Vouchers – If you shop at Tesco, Sainsbury's or Waitrose (inc. John Lewis) please join this scheme. **THEY GIVE OUR SCHOOL FREE MONEY!** Everyone shops at supermarkets so it's the easiest way to raise money – please read the letter in book bags today, and visit our W1SPA table this coming Monday (rain permitting!)

The Giving Machine – *every time* you shop online you could raise **FREE MONEY** for Westfield children. Please read today's letter – last year we made less than £300. A massive drop from the year before. It takes a minute to read the letter and a minute to join. Again, come see us on Monday at drop off!

Facebook – It's an easy way to get the latest news and reminders from W1SPA, please join (search for W1SPA – it's a No.1 not an i).

Deadlines – last year, most deadlines weren't stuck to and we spent too much time worrying events wouldn't be well attended and chasing bookings. Missed deadlines create extra admin. Pleeeeease try to stick to booking deadlines – it really helps.

First Official W1SPA meeting with Mrs Stace on Wednesday 27th September, 7:30pm at school. All welcome – especially newer to school parents/carers.

(Informal meeting for newer parents to find out about W1SPA, how you can help, and pick your brains, is on Weds 20th September, 8pm at Bex's house. If you're interested in coming please email Bex on bexplenderleith@hotmail.co.uk Cheap wine and salty snacks to tempt you!)

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Forest School Clothing Letter*
- *eSafety Information Session for parents*
- *Nursery Autumn Term Newsletter*
- *Free School Meals Registration – Reception to Year 2*
- *Flu Vaccination – Reception to Year 4*
- *W1SPA Quiz Night*

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 Friendship