



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

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## ATTENDANCE NEWS

Our main focus this summer term is to reduce the number of late arrivals and improve attendance. We place great importance on good attendance and punctuality as we know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Did You Know? 90% attendance is equivalent to missing half a day of school each week!

Thank you so much to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. Here is a reminder about our attendance and absence procedures:

- If your child is unwell please inform the office by 8.30am on the days that they are absent.
- On your child's return to school please bring a note to the office explaining why your child was absent.
- Please avoid making dental/medical appointments for your child during the school day
- Holidays during term time will not be authorised.
- If your child's attendance falls below 90%, the school will contact you to discuss this.
- Children should arrive at the meeting place by 8.40am. Please make sure that your child arrives on time every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons start – meet at Berkhamsted Sports Centre at 8.45am
- Choir Club starts
- Challenge Tennis Club starts – YR 2 & 3
- Habibi Yoga starts
- Sport Explorers (Dodgeball) starts
- Year 5/6 Girls Football Final – Hemel Hempstead

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

- Touch Typing Club starts
- Guitar lessons re-start

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

- Storm Basketball Club starts

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

- Netball Club starts
- Code Club starts

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

- W1SPA Year 1 Cake Sale
- Challenge Tennis Club starts – YR 4 to 6

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

- Bridgewater Cross Country Event

## Advance Notice ....

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

- Daily Mile for All Ages Event – 9am and 3pm
- Year 1 Class Assembly – Please note assembly will start at 9.15am due to the Daily Mile event

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Year 6 Nevelson	94.58%	Year 3	89.17%
Year 6 Riley	88.33%	Year 2	88.75%
Year 5 Picasso	96.25%	Year 1	96.15%
Year 4	98.33%	Reception	96.22%

- During the week of 26<sup>th</sup> March – 13 children were late arriving for school. **WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS FIGURE FALL TO ZERO. IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE ARRANGE TO LEAVE 5 MINUTES EARLIER IF YOU FIND YOU ARE GETTING TO SCHOOL LATE. IT IS EXTREMELY UNSETTLING FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AND IMPACTS ON THEIR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND LEARNING.**

### **Thank You**

The school would like to thank parents and carers for their generous donations following the Early Years Easter production. £96.23 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital and The Hospice.

### **Congratulations**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Baxter in the school office is expecting her first baby in October. Many congratulations to both Mrs Baxter and her husband.

### **Sunny Weather**

The weather is finally starting to warm up so please can I remind you to send your child in with a named sunhat and continue to send in a named water bottle for the classroom. The children are encouraged to drink plenty throughout the day. Please also put sun cream on your child prior to coming to school. Children should not need to bring suncream into school. Thank you for your support.

### **Reminder: Scooters**

We've had a couple of occasions recently whereby the wrong scooter has been taken home by mistake as several children have similar scooters. Please can I remind you that **all items brought into school should be clearly named** to ensure that missing or lost items can be returned to the rightful owner. Thank you for your support.

### **Music Concert**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual music recital again this year on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June for those children who learn an instrument at or outside school. Further information will follow shortly.

Please note, our Year 5 and 6 children who are learning the Ukulele will not be performing at the Music Concert but will perform a separate concert to parents on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm.

### **eSafety Newsletter**

Please find attached the Summer Term e-Safety Newsletter from Herts for Learning. We would strongly urge all parents and carers to read this newsletter as it provides useful and important information to help you talk with your child/ren about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. As parents and carers, it is essential that you have an awareness of the apps your child/ren are using, the potential risks and be able to have regular conversations with your child/ren to help them make positive choices online. Paper copies are also available from the letter rack outside the office.

### **Class Newsletters**

The Summer Term Class Newsletters have been sent out today.

### **The Jayne Marie Dancing School**

The Jayne Marie Dancing School is offering two free trial classes in ballet, modern, tap (from age 2) drama (from age 7) or musical theatre (from age 9) to all Westfield children. Please go to [jmdancingschool.com/offer](http://jmdancingschool.com/offer) to find out more and book!

### **All Stars Cricket**

We were lucky enough to have a visitor from All Stars Cricket this week come and run cricket sessions for our Year 1 to Year 4 children. All Stars Cricket will be running further sessions from Northchurch Cricket Club next month. Please refer to the flyer that came home in book bags this week providing further information and booking details.

### **Dacorun Family Services**

Dacorun Family Services offer free and confidential support for local families. Their next 'Drop in Surgery' with Lisa MacGovern is being held at Ashlyns School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 9am – 3pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## DSPL Workshops for Parents/Carers

The DSPL are running the following workshops for parents and carers in the Summer term:

- **Understanding Autism & Managing Anger & Anxiety - 24.04.2018** - Jupiter Community Free School - *A few spaces still available*
- **ADD-vance Mini Drop in Consultations.** The next drop-in session is on: 02.05.2018 at Greenway Primary School, Berkhamsted (**No booking required**)
- **Sleep workshop - 11.05.2018** - New Mill Baptist Church, Tring
- **Autism & Girls - 16.05.2018** - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- **Moving onto Secondary School - 06.06.2018 or 21.06.2018** - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

Please see individual flyers attached for further details and how to book for the above workshops.

In addition, please see details for a course from Supporting Links:

**Supporting Links are currently taking bookings for the free, 6 week Time out for Dads course in Watford.** These popular courses are for all Dads, Step-Dads and male carers who would like to find out a bit more about what children actually want from their dads and how to stop conflict from escalating plus many more useful tips and strategies for making the most of your time with you children from little ones to teenagers. They provide tea, coffee and a friendly atmosphere. Booking is essential. Please see the flyer for details.

## W1SPA News

**Easter Sponsored Disco Bunny Hop** - this isn't the final total as we have yet to receive all payments (please leave sponsorship money/small donation in our post box ASAP), but we have currently raised £709, and gift aid will add on more. We're chuffed so thank you for taking part, and once we can confirm the final amount, we'll let you know.

**Drum Meditation Workshop, 19th May, 3-4pm, 4.15-5.15pm.** Thank you Angie Litvinoff for donating her professional services - places are limited so book up now, the sheets are by the office, or email [bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk) if you're not at school much. Tickets are by donation, a don capped at £10. Please leave payments in our postbox, in named sealed envelope (cheques made payable to Westfield School Association).

**Spare Change Challenge** - get digging! Check drawers, sofas, coats, bottoms of bags, trousers! And ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours, and if you're bold, take a pot to work for your child to raise money! It's exciting because the children will be able to choose how this money is spent - so put their nominations in the box by the office, or on Facebook (if you're not on Facebook, it's a closed group, just search for W1SPA - it's a great way to also find out news). We'll start collecting the money at school towards the end of the term so keep hunting, thanks!

**Second Hand Uniform Sale** - it raised £39 so thank you. We're going to put an inventory of what's still available on Facebook - there are dozens of pristine items available, at great prices.

**Keech Hospice Fund-raising** - save the date! To support parents Sam and Danny Charles-Kerr with their fund-raising for Keech Hospice who supported them and their baby girl, Lexi who died age 19 days, we're taking part in their Lexi's Day at Ashlyns School on Sunday 22nd July. We'll be running a stall, tbc, and donating the proceeds to Keech Hospice. We'll need volunteers to help run the stall - so please note the date in your diary. Details to follow, thank you.

**Westival, 17th Saturday and 18th Sunday June.** It's a fantastic family event -there'll be kids activities, bbq and beer and wine tent, story-telling, and camping overnight if that's tickles your fancy. Booking forms will be coming home soon!

**Please keep an eye on Facebook for news of a potential World Cup Fund-raiser too.**

## Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Summer Term Class Newsletters*
- *Year 6 SATS Breakfast*
- *Bridgewater Cross Country*
- *Daily Mile for All Ages*

*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 ..... Thoughtfulness**