



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Edition 3

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

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

## Advance Notice ....

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

- Parent Homework Workshop – 7pm
- Year 6 Visit to Hemel Hempstead Fire Station

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 5 Class Assembly
- W1SPA Quiz Night

## **Governing Body**

As detailed in last week's Newsletter, the Governing Body of Westfield have a vacancy for a parent governor and we are inviting parents to put themselves forward for the position. If you would like to stand for election please refer to the attached letter for further information and complete and return the nomination form to the school office by 3.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

## **Theme Day Lunch**

There will be a special Street Food Festival lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Lunch choices for that day will be:

- Red Choice: Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap
- Green Choice: Jerk Quorn with Rice & Peas
- Yellow Choice: Cheese Baguette

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 **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** if your child wishes to take part in our Street Food Festival.

## **Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

As in previous years we will be fundraising for the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and we are calling on all you fabulous bakers to please bake, or buy, some cakes for us to sell. It will help us to raise lots of money for this wonderful charity, and be a good opportunity for you to have a relaxing start to your day with coffee and cake. What could be better? Please come along from 8.50am and join us for a chat, a coffee and a delicious slice of cake!

## **DSPL Dacorum Facebook Page**

There is a new DSPL Dacorum Facebook page which will keep you up to date with courses/workshops, events and support for professionals and parent/carers. The link to their facebook page is:

[www.facebook.com/dspldacorum](http://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum)

## **Request**

If you have any unwanted children's underwear (socks, knickers or underpants) please could you bring them into school as our Reception and Year 1 classes are running low on spares. Thank you.

## STORM Basketball

Storm has won their first two games this season and look to continue this on Saturday.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Hemel Storm vs London Greenhouse Pioneers Challenge Match  
7pm tip off  
Hemel Sportspace

Go along and enjoy a fun family night out. Simply mention our School name on the door to get discounted entrance (£6.50 per adult, £2 per u18).

## eSafety Newsletter

The Autumn Term e-Safety Newsletter from Herts for Learning is attached and provides lots of helpful information and useful tips on how to ensure your children are safe online. Paper copies are also available from the letter rack outside the office.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	95.17%	Year 3	96.33%
Year 6 Riley	93.10%	Year 2	94.67%
Year 5 Picasso	97%	Year 1	93.79%
Year 4	96%	Reception	91%

During the week of 11<sup>th</sup> September – 61 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Since the beginning of term, we have already had several requests for children to take holiday in term time. Please may I remind you that holidays in term time do have a negative impact on your child's progress and we would ask that you do not take your child/ren out during the school term. Absences in order to take family holidays and outings will not be authorised except in very exceptional circumstances. Wherever possible medical appointments should also be made to take place outside of school hours.

I would also like to remind you that the school operates the Penalty Notice system for unauthorised absence of 15 or more sessions across the current and previous term. Please be aware there are 2 sessions in every day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Before any fine is given, a parent will receive a letter from the school warning them that they are at risk of being in breach of the regulations. Full details can be found in our Attendance Policy which is available on our website.

## Reporting Absences

Can we also please remind parents to telephone the School's absence line and leave a message, **clearly stating the reason for absence e.g. temperature, cold etc and not just 'ill' or 'unwell'**, before 9am, if children are ill and unable to attend school. **Please telephone every day** unless you have notified the School that your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea and the 48 hour rule applies. Please note that the 48 hours starts from the time the child has finished vomiting or has diarrhoea.

A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required and we will endeavour to contact you if your child is absent and we have not heard from you.

**PLEASE NOTE: If the absence is for more than 1 day you must send a letter into school, on your child's return, to confirm their absence. You must do this even if you have already telephoned us. Without this letter, the absence cannot be authorised. We will contact you and request completion of an absence letter if we do not hear from you.**

**For recurring and frequent absences due to illness, you may be asked to provide a medical note from your doctor.**

Thank you for your continued support.

## W1SPA News

### **Quiz Night, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, from 7pm (quiz begins at 7:45pm)**

It's our first event of the year, come! It's very entertaining, and tickets are £5. Booking form is attached to newsletter, and copies are available in the letter rack by the office. Please return forms and money ASAP, so we don't have to chase you! *Meal deal offer: The Fat Buddha are providing a delicious £11 buffet meal deal – poppadoms and chutney, choice of main, 2 sides, plus rice and naan. All for £11!!! Veggie option available. Meal booking order form available shortly – but we need your booking forms back!*

**Second hand uniform collection** – quality second-hand uniform sale coming soon! Please donate your washed and ironed items by 29<sup>th</sup> September to Brooke Donabie (Y1 mum) or hand into the office. Sale will take place Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We'll also accept clean trainers and shoes, thanks.

**Supermarket vouchers** – this scheme donates free money to school, so please give it a go. You can start from £10 a month, and last year we raised £2,200 from just 38 families out of 190 families in school. Please keep an eye out for the W1SPA table next week, when it's dry, and come and find out more, or contact Jo Harding on [jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk)

**Giving Machine** – again, another scheme that donates free money to school. With 190 families in school, we only have around 30 regular users. We could raise thousands if more families used this site when they shop on the internet. So please visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and register. It takes a minute! Thanks.

First W1SPA meeting with Mrs Stace is next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at school. Wine (and soft drinks) and salty snacks aplenty – all welcome.

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

- *Year 4 Residential to Hudnall Park*
- *Year 6 Hemel Fire Station Visit*
- *Year 6 Residential Trip / Taster Day*
- *Home Learning Parent Workshop*
- *E-Safety Newsletter*
- *E-Safety Letter*
- *Dacorum Music School fliers*
- *Ashlyns School Open Evening (Years 5 & 6)*

*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**