



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- Year 6 First Aid Training

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 5 Visit to Pizza Express
- Year 6 First Aid Training

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

- Clean Air Day
- Music Recital – 7pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

- Dress Down Day (for donation to Summer Fair Bottle Tombola)

## Advance Notice ....

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 4 Sports Festival at Ashlyns
- Year 6 Production – 6.15pm

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 5 Music Workshop at Berkhamsted School
- Year R Sports Festival at Berkhamsted Everyone Active

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Year 6 Nevelson	98%	Year 3	99%
Year 6 Riley	98.67%	Year 2	98%
Year 5 Picasso	98.33%	Year 1	95.56%
Year 4	98.33%	Reception	96.67%

During the week of 4<sup>th</sup> June – 7 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

## e-Safety Notice – Online Game ‘Fortnite’

It has been brought to our attention that some of our pupils in Key Stage 2 are talking about and playing the game Fortnite, as mentioned in a previous newsletter. As with many online games, Fortnite: Battle Royale comes with risks to children and young people. The game is PEGI rated at 12+ however, there is no proof of age required, which can expose younger children to inappropriate content and comments from older users. The National Online Safety Service has put together a guide for parents with more information about the game to help keep your children safe. The guide can be accessed via: [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

### National Clean Air Day – Turn Your Key, Be idle Free

The Clean Air Day campaign is about reminding drivers to switch off their engines when outside schools to reduce CO2 emissions and improve air quality. Studies show that air pollution can slow the development of children's lungs leading to lifelong consequences. It has been estimated that air pollution causes the equivalent of 40,000 premature deaths each year in the UK especially for our young people.

We are supporting National Clean Air Day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June by urging drivers not to leave their cars idling or 'ticking over', especially near schools. We are also asking children to wear something green on their walk to school. Normal school uniform applies please at school. Thank you.

Please find attached a leaflet with more information and an activity sheet for your child.

### Finance Challenge

As in previous years, our Year 5 children are taking part in 'The Finance Challenge', where they are given £5 and have to make it "grow". This is a great opportunity for the children to begin to develop their business acumen and financial awareness. Much of their trading will happen outside of school however, like last year, we will be giving the children the opportunity to sell in school at the Finance Challenge Market. This year's Finance Challenge Market will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June between 12pm to 12.30pm - children will be selling a range of items. If you would like your child to support Year 5, we recommend a £1 limit, but this is at the parent's discretion. There is absolutely no obligation for participation. Thank you.

### St Thomas More Footballathon

Calling all footballers!

St Thomas More School Association would like to invite you to take part in our annual Footballathon on Saturday 7th July.

It is a five-a-side football tournament for children in years one to six starting at 11.30am followed by an adults' competition starting at 1.30pm. There will also be a fayre with bouncy castle, face painting, Irish dancing, fire engine, ice cream and lots more for supporters and participants to enjoy, as well as a licensed bar and BBQ! Children and adults can enter as a team with a maximum of 7 players per team (5-a-side plus 2 subs). Entry is £3 per child and £5 per adult. You can enter online at [www.stmsa.org.uk](http://www.stmsa.org.uk), or by using the attached form, before 3rd July. It promises to be a fun day for everyone, and we look forward to welcoming you to our school.

### W1SPA News

**Westival** - it's going to be fab and sunny so don't forget the sun cream! If you're camping, gates open at 12 midday, and you can drive on to the field to unload vehicles until 2pm. Please be careful as there'll be children running around. Strictly no vehicles on field after 2pm. We recommend Day Trippers arrive around 2pm (if it's your first time, bring a picnic blanket). For kids there'll be bouncy castles, crafts (including sssssh, Father's Day Present making), face painting, ice-cream, cake and toys to buy, and more. For adults, there's sitting!

### **SUMMER FAIR NEWS**

Next week's collection is BOTTLE TOMBOLA, next Thursday and Friday - making Friday non-Uniform day! Please donate any bottle - alcohol is fab, this is a very profitable stall due to the booze, but any bottle is appreciated. So, wine, sparkles, cider, lager, soft drinks, toiletries, sauces... so long as it's in date, and unopened! If you can kindly donate one per child, that great. Thank you. If you forget, there'll be a box with Mrs Arnold - but please try to remember!

Raffle - our raffles are MASSIVE! And they raise big funds! This raffle is so stuffed with amazing prizes, we're sending tickets home early so you have more time to buy them, or sell them to family, friends, colleagues... Every family receives 10 tickets, and they're £1 each. And you can get more from the office. But if you don't want them, PLEASE JUST GIVE THEM BACK VIA THE OFFICE OR OUR POST BOX so we can re-use them - they cost money to print.

Volunteer Rotas - we're putting them up earlier than usual, so please help us getting them filled by signing up early. That half an hour of your time makes the biggest difference! Your children can even help you too (not on adult Tombola - it's boozy!).

Fair Parties - booking forms for the VIP Film Night Wed 11 July, Westie Tea Party Fri 13 July, Ice-Cream Party Weds 18 July, and Mega Water Fight 20 July should have made it home in book bags. If not, spares are in the letter rack. It's first come, first booked, so hurry.

Next Bags2School collection is Tuesday 17th July. Please only bring on the day, there's no storage space!

Lexi's Day - after the fair, we'll be asking if you can kindly make a sweets donation, and for volunteers to help W1SPA run a stall at parents Sam and Danny Charles-Kerr's fund-raising day at Ashlyns on Sunday 22nd July. We'll be donating our profits to Keech Hospice, so if you'd like to join us for an hour, please email Bex on [bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk)

Ashlyns Summer Festival, Saturday 14th July, from midday to 11pm. For under 12s, who are free to enter, this is going to be amazing! There'll be free workshops in street dance, yoga, ballet, free art competition, storytelling Ashlyns Rocks, and low cost activities like inflatables, crafts, glitter lips, glitter tattoos, glitter braids, glitter festival make up... too much to list! Go!! Book tickets (adults £10, 13-18 £7.50, under 12 free) online at [www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk)

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

- *Year 6 First Aid Training*
- *Music Tuition*
- *Sports Week*

*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*

**We are now celebrating all our School Values**