



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

30th June 2017

Edition 36

SATURDAY 1ST JULY - SUMMER FAIR 12 – 3PM

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th July

- Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
- American Independence Day Theme Lunch
- Year 6 Production – 7pm

Thursday 6th July

- Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day – **Any Year 6 children transferring to schools other than Ashlyns should attend Westfield as normal.**
- Open Evening – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Friday 7th July

- No Celebration Assembly
- Last RockSteady lessons for this term
- W1SPA Water Fight

Saturday 8th July

- Northchurch Fun Day 12pm to 2pm – Choir performing at 12.30pm

Advance Notice

SPORTS WEEK – MONDAY 10TH – FRIDAY 14TH JULY

Monday 10th July

- Last swimming lesson for Year 3 this term

Tuesday 11th July

- Wimbledon Theme Lunch

Friday 14th July

- No Celebration Assembly
- Sports Day – timetable as below:
 - **Early Years Sports Day (Nursery and Reception) – 9.00am to 10.00am**
 - **Year 1 – 6 Multi-skills carousel – 10.30am to 12.00pm**
 - **Year 3 – 6 Competitive sports – 1.15pm to 3.15pm**

In the event of bad weather, our Reserve Sports day will take place on Monday 17th July – timetable as above. Parents are welcome to come and support their child/ren at any of these events.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Child Protection and Safeguarding – Visitor Procedures

At Westfield School we take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. We now ask that all visitors to the school commit to the following procedures to ensure the safety of our children at all times:

Visitor Procedures

- All visitors **must** sign in at Reception
- All visitors will be issued with an appropriate colour coded visitor's badge which must be displayed at all times whilst at school
- **Visitors without DBS clearance will be escorted around the school and will not be able to move around school unaccompanied**
- Visitors must sign out at Reception and return their visitor pass before leaving the site

Morning Drop Off Arrangements

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.

School Car Park

Please may I remind you that cars **should not enter the school grounds from 8.30am to 3.30pm** unless authorised by a member of staff. If you are dropping off or picking up your child by car outside of these times, please may I ask you to kindly use the top car park only and during these busy times, to please exercise patience and courtesy with each other. Thank you for your understanding.

Scooters

Unfortunately, we have been informed that yesterday one of our children was knocked into by another child riding their scooter on the path down to the meeting place and other parents and children having to move out of the way of children on scooters. **Please may I remind parents that children should dismount from bikes and scooters as they enter the school grounds and they should then be 'parked' in the bike/scooter storage racks.** It is great to see children riding to school but please, once through the gate, **children must not ride scooters around the meeting place in the mornings** for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

Child Car Seat Rules

It has been brought to our attention that some parents may not be aware of the new car seat law which came into effect in March 2017.

Current UK law states that all children must use the correct child restraint when travelling in a car until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall - whichever comes sooner. In summary, the new regulations mean that the backless booster cushion will only be approved for older children weighing more than 22kg and of more than 125cm in height (typically 7 years old). Previously, these backless booster cushions were approved for children as young as 3, or 15kg.

However, the new rules will only apply to new products and are not retrospective. Manufacturers are no longer making backless booster seats for younger children. This means that when purchasing a new booster cushion, the consumer will now notice that they're only approved for children over 125cm or 22kg. If you use an existing booster seat you will be able to use it without breaking any rules, but with the only caveat that the purchase of a high-backed booster seat which offers greater protection is recommended. For more information please visit- <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-booster-seat>

Universal Infant Free School Meal Registration

If you have a child starting in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 from September 2017 (irrespective of income status), please register your entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. If all families register, the school will not miss out on any additional funding entitlement. Thank you.

Applying for Free School Meals For Year 3 Onwards

If you have a child moving from Year 2 to Year 3 and think you are entitled to free school meals, **you will need to apply**. Once an application has been made there will be no need to reapply as this will be done automatically each year as part of the renewals process (if they are still showing as eligible). Please log on to: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals I to apply and if you have any questions please contact the school office.

FINAL PAYMENT / DEADLINE DATES

Tuesday 11th July

- Last day to place uniform orders for this term – 9.00am

Friday 14th July

- Deadline to pay for Music Tuition (Guitar/Piano/Recorder)
- Deadline to pay for Swimming Lessons (Year 4 in September) if paying by cash or cheque
- Deadline to pay for Milk Orders – Year R to Year 2

Open Evening

We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and pupils as possible at our Open Evening next Thursday. Please come at any time between 5.30pm and 7.30pm and look around your child's classroom where you will find displays of some of the work completed during the year. This is also an opportunity for you to look around the whole school and visit next year's class and teachers and find out about all the exciting things they will be learning in the future.

School Meal Pattern

If your child wishes to change their meal pattern in the Autumn term please complete the form at the end of this letter and **return it to school by Friday 14th July**. **Please note that there is no need to return the form if your child is not changing from their current requirements.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 19th June 2017.

Year 6	94.00%	Year 3	98.33%
Year 5 Lowry	97.50%	Year 2	97.33%
Year 5 Picasso	94.14%	Year 1	97.67%
Year 4	97.24%	Reception	97.93%

During the week of 19th June – 1 hour and 3 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.

Kidzone

Kidzone are again running a Schools Summer promotion, offering a two4one entry to all visitors who present a copy of their promotional voucher (attached). Additional vouchers are available from the office or photocopies of the attached voucher are acceptable.

W1SPA News

Thanks to everyone who supported our wine tasting event on Friday, hosted by our YN wine expert Paul Banham. Despite the very generous wine portions and fabulous prizes, we still managed to raise around £200!

If you really enjoyed the evening, or want to know what all the fuss is about, you can take part in our silent auction to win a wine tasting party, very kindly donated by Paul. It's for 8-10 people, in the comfort of your own home. To place a bid, contact Holly or Bex. We will also have a bidding sheet at the Summer Fair on Saturday. The winner will be announced after the raffle.

Summer Fair News – Saturday 1st July, 12-3pm

It's nearly here and currently it's forecast dry!

Thank you to everyone who's helped in the run up to the fair, people managing stalls, donating stuff for stalls, helping on the day, Y4/5/6 for those running games for everyone to enjoy, and Ecoteam for helping on Teddy Tombola. We couldn't do this without you! Also, huge thanks to Mrs Stace, Mr Bray, staff and the Governors who donate their Saturdays to help.

Raffle – with over £2,400 of prizes, over 50 to be won, with many worth £50+, it's worth buying as many tickets as you can! Tickets £1. If you want to try and win the prize for family who sell the most tickets, please return to our post box by 3.30pm this Friday! Good luck in the draw.

Party Auctions – thank you so much to all those in bidding parties – we're all going to raise a lot of money by having fun. Bidding closes at the fair, and we'll let winning teams know asap, so arrangements for the parties can be made.

Bolinger Magnum – if you can't make the fair, why not buy some tickets for this £100 prize! Contact Holly on holsgreen@hotmail.com

Johnnie Walker – or if whisky is your thing, place a bid on this rare, 15 year old pure malt. Again, contact Holly if you're unable to attend the fair and she'll bid on your behalf. Winners for both bottles announced at the raffle draw at 2.45pm.

Thank you again, W1SPA

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- Letter to Year 2 Parents re Free School Meals in Year 3
- Music Tuition Booking Forms

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

School Dinners – Change to Meal Pattern – Autumn Term – First Half

Please complete and return this form **by Friday 14th July**

Child's Name Class

My child would like the following: *(please tick as appropriate)*

- School provided meal Monday to Friday
- Home provided meal Monday to Friday
- School provided meal Friday only (home meal provided Monday to Thursday)
- School provided meal Wednesday and Friday (home meal provided Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)