



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPORTS WEEK – MONDAY 10TH – FRIDAY 14TH JULY

Monday 10th July

- Last swimming lesson for Year 3 this term
- Bags 2 School Collection – 9am

Tuesday 11th July

- Wimbledon Theme Lunch

Friday 14th July

- No Celebration Assembly
- Sports Day – please refer to full details below.

Advance Notice

Tuesday 18th July

- Year 5 Trip to World Para Athletics Championships

Wednesday 19th July

- Class Swap Morning
- Year 6 Leaver's BBQ – 6.30pm

Thursday 20th July

- Awards Assembly – 9.15am

Friday 21st July

- Year 6 Graduation Leavers' Assembly – 9.15am
- School closes at 1.30pm

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Parking Complaints

The school has received a number of complaints recently about unsafe parking at dropping off and picking up times outside of the school. This has been highlighted in our last few newsletters and I have the need to mention it once again.

I appreciate that parking can be difficult around the school but I urge anyone who has the need to drive to school in order to drop off and pick up children that due care and consideration is taken. Please consider the needs of the local residents and ensure that you do not park anywhere that may restrict access for emergency vehicles, or on the yellow zigzag lines/pavement outside the school. Please consider parking a short distance from school and walking with your child.

It has also been brought to my attention, the levels of verbal abuse that neighbours sometimes receive when trying to address the parking situation. Could I please remind parents' that it does not send a good message to our children and the local community, if parents are shouting and being rude outside the school gates. Please remember young children hear these conversations and do not need to be subjected to bad language and shouting as it upsets them and teaches them the wrong messages. Thank you.

For those of you who do park with due care, and there are many of you, I would like to express my thanks.

ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Year 2 for achieving 100% attendance for the 2nd time

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 26th June 2017

Year 6	96.33%	Year 3	99.67%
Year 5 Lowry	98.57%	Year 2	100%
Year 5 Picasso	96.21%	Year 1	98.67%
Year 4	95.52%	Reception	97.59%

During the week of 26th June – 2 hours and 6 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.

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

Sports Week (Mon 10th – Fri 14th July)

Sports Day – Friday 14th July (Reserve day: Monday 17th July)

Next week is Sports Week and the children have a range of exciting sporting events and activities to look forward to. The children will get to experience activities such as Basketball coaching with Storm Basketball, Cricket, Wheelchair basketball and BMX to name but a few. We hope it will be an active and inspirational week for the children and fingers crossed the weather is good!

Please can you ensure your children come to school in their Westfield PE kit and suitable running trainers every day as they will be taking part in some form of sports activity each day. Please also ensure that suncream is applied before school and your child brings a water bottle and sunhat with them each day.

Sports Day is taking place on Friday 14th July and the timetable for the day is as follows:

- **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**

The reserve Sports Day is Monday 17th July if the weather is bad on Friday.

Parents are welcome to come and support their child/children at any of these events.

School Meal Pattern

If your child wishes to change their meal pattern next 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.**

Administrative Vacancies at Ashlyns School

Ashlyns School currently have vacancies for a full time Office Administrator and part time Receptionist role. If you are interested in applying, full details can be found at www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/news/vacancies/ or please speak to Jane Gaherty, PA to the Headteacher, for further details (01442 863605).

Lost Property

The lost property box is full to over-flowing again! Please take a look, before the end of term, if your child has items missing. Any items left unclaimed by the end of term will unfortunately have to be disposed of or recycled.

Request please for turf!

A request from Mr Bray please – we have some bare grass patches around school in need of repair! If anyone is having a new lawn laid over the summer and has any spare turf they would be happy to donate to school please let the office know. Many thanks.

W1SPA News

Summer Fair News and Thank You!

The sun shone, it didn't rain! Hooray!! Thanks to our fabulous school community, we've all managed to raise more money at a fair than ever before – over £5,000 (we can announce the final total once all the money from auction parties is collected). We're so grateful to everyone who came, and all those great donations, and all those parents, carers, grandmas and staff who volunteered on stalls. Special thanks to Mr Bray and Mr Jones for getting splatted, and the Governors who gave up their Saturday to help.



A very **BIG** thank you on behalf of us all to Bex and Allan Plenderleith who work tirelessly year after year in organising our fairs and for all their dedication, devotion and incredible hard work in making our fairs the fantastic events that they are – thank you so much.

Auction parties - if you have still to pay for a VIP movie night, water fight (this Friday!), Ice Cream Party or Westie Tea Party, please pay to your group organiser as soon as possible as we're very keen to announce our final high total! Thank you.

W1SPA News – many of the current committee have served our school wonderfully for several years and they're retiring at the end of this academic year. Please look out for an important newsletter in book bags next week detailing exciting changes, and how you could help – in easy ways – support our great fund-raising work, and community building events.

Bags 2 School – Our next Bag2School collection will be on Monday 10th July. Collection bags were sent home yesterday via book bags. All donations must be in school by 9am on the 10th. We receive money in exchange for bags of men's, ladies and children's clothing, shoes, handbags, soft toys, household linen and lots more, (unfortunately they will not accept duvets, blankets or school uniform.) For information on how this fundraising initiative works and a full list of what can be donated, please look at their website: www.bag2school.com.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Autumn 2017*

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)