



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

6th October 2017

Edition 5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th October

- Year 6 Nevelson Class Assembly
- W1SPA Disco

Advance Notice

Monday 16th October

- Parents Evening – Late appointments

Wednesday 18th October

- Parents Evening – Early appointments

Friday 20th October

- Harvest Festival - Year 1 to Year 6 – 9.30am at St Mary's Church
- W1SPA Cake Sale – Year 6 Riley

Half-term break – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – School Closed

Parents Evening

Our first Parents' Evening Consultations of the year take place on Monday 16th October (late appointments) and Wednesday 18th October (early appointments). This is an opportunity for all parents to meet with their child's class teacher to find out how they are settling in to their new year group and also have an opportunity to view their English and Maths books.

Please pop in to the main school entrance and sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher. The boards will be outside the school office next week. All appointments last 10 minutes so if you need longer to discuss any particular concerns please arrange a further date with the relevant teacher. Thank you.

Musical Instrument Lessons

If your child wishes to stop musical instrument lessons after Christmas we must receive written notice by Friday 20th October. If this is not received we will request payment for the Spring Term from you as usual.

Firework Display – Berkhamsted Cricket Club

As in previous years, discounted tickets are available to purchase from the school office for the Berkhamsted Fireworks Display taking place on Saturday 4th November. Discounted ticket prices are:

- **Family tickets - £20.00, Adult tickets - £7.00, Under 16 tickets - £5.00**

Please note family tickets are not available to purchase on the night.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who drank coffee, ate, baked or bought cakes at our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We raised an amazing £315.01. We would also like to say a very BIG thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers who helped on the day. THANK YOU!

Recorder Day – Thursday 16th November

Dacorum Music School is holding a Recorder Day for players in Year 3 and above on Thursday 16th November at St John's Church, Boxmoor. If you wish to apply for a place please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. Please note, application forms need to be signed by Mrs Stace to authorise the absence. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 25th September 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	98.62%	Year 3	99.33%
Year 6 Riley	94.14%	Year 2	93%
Year 5 Picasso	83.00%	Year 1	96.21%
Year 4	98.33%	Reception	95.67%

During the week of 25th September – 1 hour 29 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

On Thursday we welcomed Mr Reg Cornthwaite from the Rotary Club to explain their Shoebox Appeal to the children. We have been asked to fill the boxes that they provide with small items of toys, clothing and toiletries, suitable for children. The box will be labelled for a girl, a boy or a household, and can be marked with an age range as well. The items can be new or nearly new, but must be in good condition. If you think that you will be able to fill a box, please collect one (or more!) from the school office asap. Filled boxes should be returned to school by **Tuesday 31st October** so you will have half-term to fill them. A donation of £2 taped onto the top of the box lid helps towards transport costs. The boxes will be sent to deprived children in Eastern Europe. More information can be found at: <http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

As you will see from the above dates we will be celebrating Harvest on 20th October. If you are able to volunteer to walk to and from the Church with us (weather permitting!), could you please let the school office know. As usual we are supporting DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) and The Salvation Army and would be very grateful if you could consult the list of suggested items attached and send in your donated items by Wednesday 18th October. Thank you.

STORM Basketball

It's an early tip-off this Saturday for Storm! Storm welcome the "best in the country" to Sportspace this Saturday. Leicester Riders are the reigning BBL champions and take on the "mighty" Storm in a challenge match. The game is an hour earlier than usual, so please don't be late!

Saturday 7th October
Hemel Storm vs BBL Leicester Riders
6pm tip off
Hemel Sportspace

Simply mention our School name on the door to get discounted entrance (£6.50 per adult, £2 per u18).

W1SPA News

Quiz Night Tonight, from 7pm

It's our biggest ever turn-out for this event – 90! So, thank you for coming. The amazing Fat Buddha buffet opens at 7pm and the Quiz will begin at 7.45pm. If you're having the buffet, please bring your own cutlery (plates provided). You can bring your own food and drink, and there'll be a paying bar. Please also bring pound coins for Heads or Tails, and money for raffle tickets. We'd like to thank Paul and Fred Reynolds and Paul Collins for their many years hosting Westfield's Quiz Nights – it's been a hugely popular event, and raised lots of money for Westfield pupils.

Facebook is an easy way to keep up to date with W1SPA news, deadlines and reminders. Just search for us on Facebook – it's a number one, not an I.

Giving Machine – if you're forgetful, you'll make 2.5 times more money if you download the Shop & Give Reminder on your Laptop or Desktop (works best on google chrome). So, it's worth downloading this handy tool here: www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/shop-and-give It's quick to install and it shows a TGM pop-up window every time you're on a participating website. The little purple heart also gives you access to your account details, messages and favourite retailers. There are over 2,000 shops and services, so if you're making an online purchase, chances are you can use TGM!

If you're new to TGM and have any questions, please ask our new TGM Rep, Sarah Bracken on sarahbracken@hotmail.co.uk

Supermarket Vouchers – could you give it a try? It doesn't cost you anything, but we could raise thousands more, if more families joined in. Tesco, Sainsbury's or Waitrose vouchers are available, please email Jo Harding on jo.c.harding@hotmail.co.uk

Match-funding – if you work for any of the companies below, we could raise a lot of extra money! They'll match the sum of money you can help raise at an event. Please let Bex know on bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Companies that we know operate match-funding schemes include:

Aviva	Ernst and Young	Royal Dutch Shell
Bank of America	Experian	RWE nPower
Barclays Bank	HSBC	Santander
Benfield Group	Ipsos Mori	Schroders
BP	JP Morgan Chase	Sky
British Telecom	Kingfisher PLC	Tarmac
British Gas	Legal and General	Tesco
Camelot	Lloyds TSB / HBOS	Texaco
Costcutter	Microsoft	UBS
Co-op	Northern Rock	Unilever
Daryl Industries	O2	Yorkshire Bank
Deloitte	PwC	Whitbread
Diageo	RBS Group	

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme*
- *Year 6 Young Voices Concert*

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 Respect