



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Edition 6

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

- Parents Evening – Late appointments

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Match at Greenway Primary School - 3:30pm

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

- Parents Evening – Early appointments
- Deadline to return Tempest photograph orders – 9.00am

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 2 Visit to Mountfitchet Castle
- Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at Ashlyns School

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### Advance Notice ....

**Half-term break – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed**

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

- School re-opens to all pupils

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

- Deadline to apply for secondary school places – Year 6 parents

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### e-Safety – Online Gaming

It has been brought to our attention by a Year 2 parent that some of our children are playing an online game called 'Charlie Charlie' which is a game modelled on ouija boards. Please can we remind you to be vigilant about what your children are viewing online and ensure any games/apps are age-appropriate. Please refer to the following websites for more information on keeping your child safe online: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

### Child Protection and Safeguarding – Visitor Procedures

At Westfield School we take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. As advised last term, to ensure the safety of our children at all times, all visitors/parents without DBS clearance will need to be escorted around the school and will not be able to move around the school unaccompanied. For this reason, please may I remind you that if your child attends an after-school club and your child needs to use the toilet, please can we ask that if you need to accompany your child that you walk around the school and use the toilet in the office reception area. Thank you.

I would also like to make you aware that in the mornings at drop off time, once the bell has rung at 8.45am, the gates will be pulled closed (but not locked) to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Scooters

Unfortunately, we have been informed again that children are riding their scooters in the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. **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 lovely to see the children riding to and from school but please, once through the gate, **children must not ride scooters around the school grounds for health and safety reasons.** Thank you for your support.

## **School Meal Pattern**

A new lunch menu comes into effect after half-term (week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October) and a copy is attached. If your child wishes to change their meal pattern after half-term please complete the form below and return it to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. **Please note that there is no need to return the form if your child is not changing from their current requirements.**

## **Reminder: Secondary School Applications 2018**

For children in Year 6, please be aware that the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is fast approaching. Parents/carers can apply online at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) by the **closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.**

## **Musical Instrument Lessons**

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

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	98.62%	Year 3	98.67%
Year 6 Riley	95.17%	Year 2	98.00%
Year 5 Picasso	89.67%	Year 1	96.21%
Year 4	97.67%	Reception	92.67%

During the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 2 hours 1 minute of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

## **Parent View**

We would, once again, like to ask parents and carers to go online to the Ofsted website and complete the Parent View questionnaire about the school. Although many of you completed it last year, Ofsted will look at the information received in each academic year so we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to take part in the survey, which can be accessed here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views>. Thank you.

## **Theme Day Lunch – Bonfire Night**

There will be a special Theme Day lunch when we return after half term. The lunch choices on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be:

Red Choice: Pizza Posh Dog (Pork Sausages)  
Green Choice: Beany Banger Bake  
Yellow Choice: Ham Roll

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 **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** if your child wishes to take part in our Bonfire Night theme lunch. Thank you.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Parent Governor**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Debbie Hawkins as a new Parent Governor at our school. Debbie is the parent of Charlie Evans in Year 1. As we previously informed you, we had one vacancy on the governing board; as only one candidate came forward she has been automatically appointed without an election. We warmly welcome Debbie to the team and are grateful to her for standing and being willing to give her time to the school as a governor.

### **STORM Basketball**

Hemel Storm Basketball are at Sportspace this SUNDAY in a 3<sup>rd</sup> round National cup match.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Hemel Storm vs Ipswich  
5pm 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 Success!** It was our busiest and most successful Quiz yet – we raised £1,086! Thank you to the 100 people who came ... we hope to see you all next year!

**Second-hand uniform sale** Thank you for donating to, and buying from this week's sale – it raised an impressive £90. Thank you to Brooke Donabie for organising.

**NEW EVENT – CHRISTMAS ADULT DISCO!** It's Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Put the date in your diary! We'll send more details shortly – we thought you'd like extra notice to dust the cobwebs off your glad rags and practise your moves!

**Disco times** In case you need a times refresher! YN, 1 & 2 disco is 4-5pm, collection from outside courtyard. Y3-6 is 5.15-6.15pm, courtyard collection between Y1&2. If your child wants to wear Halloween costumes, please do. Thank you.

**Nature Reserve** Can you please help with the Nature Reserve? Mr Bray really needs volunteers on Saturday 21 October, from 10am. Jobs range from shed demolishing to painting, and whatever time you can spare is hugely appreciated. Please let the office know if you can help (thank you to the Facebook volunteers).

**Supermarket vouchers** It's the easiest way to raise money for school. If you shop at Tesco, Sainsbury's, Waitrose or John Lewis, they'll donate free money. Please just try it – you can exchange money/cash from £10 a month, but more can raise huge amounts! Please contact Jo Harding on [jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk)

More free money we're missing out on! Please remember to use [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) In the run up to Halloween (buying costumes), Bonfire Night (stocking up on fireworks) and toy buying for Christmas, we're probably all shopping on the internet more. With 2000+ shops and services on The Giving Machine, we could raise *so much money*. And if you're buying panto tickets or holidays, there are many ticket providers and travel providers on The Giving Machine.

Find W1SPA on Facebook – search for W1SPA with a number one, not an i. It's a great way to get news and stay connected to the school community.

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

- *Year 2 Mountfitchet Visit*
- *Home School Agreement*
- *Year 5 & 6 Football Matches*

*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 ..... Honesty**

**School Dinners – Change to Meal Pattern – Autumn Term – Second Half**

Please complete and return this form **by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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)