



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

20th October 2017

Edition 7

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30th October

- School re-opens to all pupils

Tuesday 31st October

- Deadline to apply for Secondary School places – Year 6 parents
- Deadline to order tickets for The Young Voices Concert – Year 6 parents

Advance Notice

Thursday 2nd November

- Theme Day Lunch – Bonfire Bash

Friday 3rd November

- W1SPA Cake Sale – Year 5

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Child Protection and Safeguarding – Assemblies

In line with our Safeguarding procedures and to ensure the safety of our children at all times, all parents/carers attending school assemblies will now be asked to wait in the dining hall until a member of staff is available to accompany you to the hall. Thank you for your continued support.

Scooters in School

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention once again that children are riding their scooters in the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. **Please may I remind parents that all 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.** We have a lot of people on site at drop off and pick up time and we have had a few near misses so please can you ensure **children DO NOT ride scooters around the school grounds for health and safety reasons.** Thank you for your support.

Fashion Hairstyles

Please can I remind you that hair styles with lines and patterns shaved into the hair are unsuitable for school and against our uniform policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent View

Thank you to all those parents who have already taken the time to fill in the questionnaire on the Parent View website. If you've not yet had a chance to complete the questionnaire, it's a very simple online questionnaire which gives you the chance to tell us and Ofsted what you think about Westfield and will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. We very much welcome your feedback. Please follow this link to access the questionnaire: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views>. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications 2018

For children in Year 6, please be aware that the **deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is Tuesday 31st October 2017.** We would recommend that parents/carers apply by Friday 27th October, as there will be limited support available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying. Applications can be made online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Herts County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Year 6 Young Voices Concert – Important Information

Please can I remind you that the deadline to order tickets and return permission slips for the Young Voices Concert is **TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER**. Tickets sell out very quickly and in order for us to try and book tickets for you that are seated together, we must place our order by this date. **We will be unable to accept any further ticket orders after this date**. If you miss this deadline, tickets will be available on general release via the Arena Box Office from November but these will be more expensive and most likely towards the back of the arena and unsuitable for you to see our school choir.

At the bottom of the ticket order form there is a permission slip that must be completed for all children in order for them to take part in the concert – this part of the form must also be returned to us by the above date. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

****CONGRATULATIONS TO RECEPTION, YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6 NEVELSON FOR ACHIEVING
100% ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK****

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 9th October 2017

Year 6 Nevelson	100%	Year 3	99%
Year 6 Riley	92.41%	Year 2	99.33%
Year 5 Picasso	94%	Year 1	93.79%
Year 4	100%	Reception	100%

During the week of 9th October –24 minutes of learning were lost due to late arrivals. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

Notification of Pupil Absence From School

We are happy to receive e-mails advising of your child's absence from school due to illness etc. This would act as written confirmation of their absence and you wouldn't need to provide further written confirmation on their return. Please e-mail the school office at: admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk by 9am on the first and any subsequent days of absence. You can of course still leave a message on our answerphone if this is preferable.

Theme Day Lunch – Bonfire Night

Reminder: There will be a special Theme Day lunch when we return after half term. The lunch choices on Thursday 2nd 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 30th October** if your child wishes to take part in our Bonfire Night theme lunch. Thank you.

Firework Display – Berkhamsted Cricket Club

Reminder: 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.

HR/Cover Officer at Ashlyns School

Ashlyns School currently have a vacancy for a HR/Cover Officer. If you are interested in applying, full details can be found at www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/news/vacancies/ or on the Teach in Herts website.

Storming Basketball Action at Sportspace this Saturday

Storm are at home again this Saturday:

Saturday 21st October
Hemel Storm vs Team Newcastle University
7pm tip off
Hemel Sportspace

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

Rotary Shoeboxes

We have been asked to share the following message with you from Mr Craddock from the Berkhamsted Rotary Club:

"I wish to apologise to all recipients on behalf of Berkhamsted Rotary Club for the confusion which has arisen because of the boxes which we have distributed. Some of which have a circle for a £1 coin and some of the later boxes have spaces for two £1 coins. The position is that we have paid out of our funds £1 for each box and all we seek to recover is that £1. Any money received over and above this, due to the confusion will be used by our charitable fund for local and international charities. We were not informed of the change on the new boxes and once again apologise to you, our supporters for any confusion caused. Thank you for your support of the scheme."

Please remember to return filled Rotary Shoeboxes to school by 9am on Tuesday 31st October. Thank you.

W1SPA News

Great disco result! You helped raise £539.60!! Thank you, and many thanks to Clair Horsfield and team for organising the event, and achieving this impressive total!

Film Night is Friday 17th November! Booking form attached to Christmas Fair fliers ...

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm

In book bags, you should receive Grotto booking forms (please don't miss the deadline orders can't be taken after it!), colouring competition for the fair programme front cover competition, collection calendar and descriptions, and sweet bags for Kids Tombola (fliers are going in eldest child bags, so if you have siblings, please collect extra bags from by the office). Forms are also attached to newsletter, and being sent via class reps.

Raffle – our raffles raise huge amounts so if you can source any prizes from our workplace or someone you know whose arm you gently twist, please so. Please let Bex Plenderleith know on bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk if you can help. Thanks.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who is using TheGivingMachine to shop online. So far this month we've already had 34 donations and it didn't cost anyone a penny! If, like us, you're already missing the sunshine and planning your Winter getaway, you can raise money for Westfield just by booking – on average you can generate £60 per holiday booking! See poster attached for more details.

Please please please get involved, it is so easy to do and such a simple way for us to raise much needed funds for our school ... <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/westfield-primary-school-and-nursery>

Find W1SPA on Facebook – it's number one, not an 'I'.

Christmas Adult Disco – it's Friday 8th December! Letters after half-term. Start sharpening up those moves!

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 after Half-Term is Co-operation