



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Edition 5

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

- Y3 – 6 Cross Country event at Ashlyns School

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- W1SPA Quiz Night

### Advance Notice ....

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 3 Parents Evening – Late appointments
- Year 5 & 6 Boys Football (Cup League) match at Hammond Academy

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 3 Parents Evening – Early appointments

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 5 Class Assembly – 9am
- No Gymnastics club
- W1SPA Disco

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**Congratulations to Year 5 for achieving 100% attendance for the second week this term.**

Year 6	97.67%	Year 5	100%	Year 4	99.32%	Year 3	97.67%
Year 2	99.31%	Year 1	97.67%	Reception	89.29%		

During the week of 24<sup>th</sup> September – 7 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

### Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please can we remind parents to telephone the school and leave a message, **clearly stating the reason for absence e.g. temperature, cold etc and not just 'ill' or 'unwell'**, before 9am. **Please telephone every day** unless you have notified the school that your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea and the 48 hour rule applies. Please note that the 48 hours starts from the time the child has finished vomiting or has diarrhoea.

A child not attending school is considered a safeguarding matter. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required and we will endeavour to contact you if your child is absent and we have not heard from you.

**PLEASE NOTE: If the absence is for more than 1 day you must send a letter into school, on your child's return, to confirm their absence. You must do this even if you have already telephoned us. Without this letter, the absence cannot be authorised. We will contact you and request completion of an absence letter if we do not hear from you.**

Thank you for your continued support.

### Reminder: The school has a 'no dogs' policy

Please remember that our school has a 'no dogs' policy and even though we now have Milo with us, this policy still applies and **no other dogs are allowed on school grounds**. Thank you for your understanding.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who drank coffee, ate, baked or bought cakes at our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We raised an amazing £164.14. Special thanks also to one of our parents, Mrs Harding, for all her support and help on the day. Thank you.

### Year 3 Parents Evening

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to bring forward the Year 3 Parents evenings to:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October (late appointments)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (early appointments)

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Parents' Evening Consultations

Parents' Evening Consultations for all other year groups will take place as originally planned on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (late appointments) and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (early appointments). Parents' Evening is an opportunity for all parents to meet with their child's class teacher to find out how they are settling into their new year group.

Please call into the main school entrance and sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher. 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.



### Reminder: Musical Instrument Lessons

If your child wishes to stop musical instrument lessons after Christmas we must receive written notice by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If this is not received we will request payment for the Spring Term from you as usual.

### School Photographs

School photographs were sent home this week in book bags. **If you would like to place an order through school, please ensure the order form and payment is returned to the school office by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October.** Orders made after this date will need to be placed directly with Tempest Photography and will incur an additional postage charge. Thank you.

### School Meal Pattern

A new lunch menu comes into effect after half-term (week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November) 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 Thursday 25<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 2018.**

### Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain at Watford Colosseum

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain is performing at the Watford Colosseum on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children who play ukulele at school can bring their ukes and play along whilst being in the audience! It's a great opportunity to hear the best players around and enjoy a great fun night out. Please refer to the Watford Colosseum website for ticket information.

### Hemel Storm Basketball

Hemel Storm are back in action this weekend:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Hemel Storm vs Worthing Thunder  
7pm tip off  
Hemel Leisure Centre, Park Road, HP1 1JS

Simply mention our school name on the door to get discounted entrance (£7 per adult, £2 per u18).

### **DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)**

DSPL are pleased to offer the following workshops this term:

- **HCP new application workshop** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10am-2pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- **Magnificent Munchers workshop** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7-9pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

Please see the attached flyers for further information and details on how to book.

### **W1SPA News**

**Quiz Night, Friday 12th October, from 7pm.** It'll be a hoot, so please come along, and support our new Quiz Hosts Paul and Kyle. There'll be Nursery and Reception tables for newer parents, and a general mingle table, if you're not in a team of 8. You can also enjoy an unlimited buffet, kindly provided by the Fat Buddha for £10 a head. Booking forms for the yummy meal deal are by the office, attached to this newsletter, or available to print from our Facebook page, or watch out for our booking table early next week. Please don't delay booking tickets or meal, we have stuff to organise, thank you!

**Elves Posting House** - we need volunteers for Sunday 29th November, 3.30-6pm. It'll be so much fun and rewarding to contribute to the wider Berkhamsted community by ensuring this town tradition carries on. We're delighted to announce that, in keeping with the Rotary's wishes to donate money raised to a local children's charity, we have chosen Keech Hospice as this year's recipient. If you can help, please contact Bex on [Bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk)

**Disco is Friday 19th October** - spare forms are by the office and please don't miss the deadline. We need to complete risk assessments and provide school with necessary info before the event, thanks.

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) - with Halloween coming up, if you're buying costumes and goodies online, please remember to use The Giving Machine. They'll give our school free money, it takes less than a minute to register, and costs you nothing! There are thousands of shops and services on this site - please join in! Thanks  
**Supermarket vouchers** - give them a try! It's easy, you just swop money (cash/cheque/direct debit) for Tesco, Sainsbury's or Waitrose/John Lewis and these shops give us free money. Last year it raised £2272, if more families joined this scheme, we could treble this! Please contact Jo Harding on [jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk) to get started. Thanks.

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

- *Year 6 Young Voices*

*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 ..... Co-operation**