



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

19th November 2021

Edition 11

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26th November

- INSET Day – School Closed

Monday 29th November

- Shoe Sale in aid of Kenya – 3 to 3:30pm

Tuesday 30th November

- Shoe Sale in aid of Kenya – 3 to 3:30pm

Friday 3rd December

- Bags2School Collection

Attendance

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 8th November 2021.

Year 6	93.70%	Year 5	95.45%	Year 4	97.98%	Year 3	85.86%
Year 2	99.31%	Year 1	92.33%	Reception	95%	Nursery	95.92%

During the week of 8th November – 11 children were late arriving for school. **Since returning from half-term, we have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late for school so please can we remind you that children should arrive no later than 8:50am each day.** Thank you.

Dr Kathy Weston Weekly Wisdom

This week's edition of the Dr Kathy Weston Wednesday Wisdom is now available and this week focuses on parental aspiration-anxiety and fear of missing out.

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/let-me-be-me/>

Previous articles are also available via the tooled up education website:

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/tooled-up/wednesday-wisdom/>

Emergency School Closure Notification System (Everbridge)

As detailed in our letter sent home this week, we are asking parents and carers to register with Hertfordshire County Council's Schools Closure Notification System – "Everbridge". The system will notify parents and carers if the school closes in an emergency (e.g. bad weather). By signing up to the system (which is free of charge) you will receive notifications via text or email of any closures. If you have not previously signed up to the system, please go to:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

Please note, this system **only** applies to school emergency closures and does not replace our usual text and email messaging system via Teachers2Parents.

COVID – Face Coverings

Due to the number of COVID cases across Dacorum please can we remind all parents and carers that if you are entering school grounds or coming into the school that you please wear a face covering unless you are exempt. Thank you.

Share Kindness Online

The theme of this week's Anti-Bullying week has been 'One Kind Word' and National Online Safety have been supporting this event by bringing together 10 top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness. Please see the attached poster for 10 ways you can share kindness online.

Place2Be – Parenting Smart Website

As shared with you this week, here is a reminder of the link to access the new free online resource from Place2Be which has lots of practical tips and advice for parents and carers of primary age children to support their wellbeing and manage behaviour. Please visit: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Bounce Forward – Compassion and Resilience Online Parent Programme

DSPL8 have commissioned Bounce Forward to deliver a series of three, 60-minute online sessions in January and February 2022 that will explore compassion in a way that is practical, thought provoking and in the context of helping children to develop resilience, enabling them to thrive now and in the future. To register for your FREE place, please visit: <https://bounceforward.com/compassion-and-resilience/>

DSPL8 (Delivering Special Provision Locally) Newsletter

The latest newsletter from DSPL8 is now available – copy attached. Further information about Parent/Carer Courses and Support can also be downloaded from their website, via the following link: <http://www.dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

Local events and Information

Please find below details of local events, activities and information for:

- **Christmas Performing Arts Club** – 2 action packed days of fun, creative, physical and musical activities for children aged 5-14 years here at Westfield on 22nd and 23rd December. Please see flyer and booking form attached.
- **Game On Multi Sports Christmas Course** – Multi sports course including basketball, dodgeball, football and indoor cricket at Thomas Coram C of E School on 22nd and 23rd December. For more information and to book, please visit: www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses
- **Mighty Netball** - fun, dynamic, non-competitive netball for school children aged 3-11 at Tring School. For more information, please visit: www.mightyball.co.uk/tring
- **Next Thing Education Christmas Tech & Crafts Camp** - Christmas Technology Camp for children aged 5 - 11 at Swing Gate School from 22nd – 23rd December 2021. Spaces are limited due to social distancing and work on a first come first serve basis. To check availability or to book please visit: <https://bit.ly/3ctljtz>
- **Open Door Christmas Clothes Swap** – After the success of their previous Swap Shop in September, Open Door are running another one for Christmas. Grab your Christmas outfits/dresses/jumpers and join Transition Town Berkhamsted and Open Door on Thursday 25th November to swap them for fabulous 'new' ones. For full information on how the swap works, and to book your tickets please visit: <http://www.opendoorberkhamsted.co.uk>

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We're excited to announce our Christmas celebrations. We are busily organising our Christmas market and thank you to those who have already offered support. We will be hosting it on **Friday 17th December**. There will be stalls to purchase food and drink, some games to play, gifts to purchase and of course our very own Santa's workshop.

We are hoping to offer our very popular Christmas present room at the fair. This is where children can choose and wrap a secret present for mum and dad for £1 per gift. To run this we will need donations of small gifts like toiletries, candles, aftershaves etc. We will have boxes outside of classrooms starting 6th December so please bring in your donations.

Tickets for the present room and Santa's grotto will go on sale in December.

On **Tuesday 14th** the children can bring in a christmas cake for a £1 donation.

On **Friday 17th** we will also be inviting the children to wear something festive for a bottle donation. The festive wear can be a jumper, some tinsel in their hair, a full on Christmas onesie! However they would like to celebrate. The bottle can be something red, white or sparkling or some fizz for the bath.

BLACK FRIDAY

I'm sure many of you will be snapping up some bargains in the upcoming Black Friday sales. Please consider purchasing some supermarket vouchers to make the purchases and also sign up for Amazon smile. SHope through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and choose

Westfield First School Parent Staff Association as your chosen charity. You can also set it up really easily on the app as well. It costs you nothing, but means Amazon donates part of your spend back to us!

W1SPA LOTTERY CLUB

We need more people to sign up! The more people involved, the bigger the prizes. Invite friends, family members, co-workers!

Here's how it works... Tickets cost £2 each for one draw (that month) or sign up for the rest of the academic year for £18 (9-month November 2021 - JULY 2021).

You can buy as many tickets as you wish, and share with family and friends.

All participants must be over 16. The prize money will be 45% of the membership fee taken that month. (1st place - 25%, 2nd place - 12.5%, 3rd place - 7.5%) The remaining 55% goes to the W1SPA fundraising to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for all pupils.

Draw takes place on the first Friday of each month (unless in school holidays) and tickets must be purchased by Wednesday before. Keep an eye out on social media for our big prize draws! Sign up at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa>

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

We would like to thank you all for using this for end of school year teacher presents, remember to use us for any new big purchases and please consider signing up if you haven't already.

We have taken the **supermarket vouchers** and given it a good shake up to make it **user friendly, easy and clear**. If **ONLY** 60 parents/ families signed up to only **£100** per month W1SPA would make around **£2500** per year, **FREE MONEY**.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS - https://1drv.ms/w/s!AiYNTGX2XbGLfE_gBWlbejoAF9Q?e=hO7jIC

NEW FORMS

One off - <https://forms.gle/StLMGNm5vaSzcG38>

Monthly - <https://forms.gle/Hqv39xyTbngrdptq7>

Savers Club - <https://forms.gle/HHuNpJaMMtuW6Ait8>

Any questions please contact us for further information!!!

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Everbridge Closure Notification System

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