



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Edition 15

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

- INSET Day – School Closed

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

- School re-opens for all children
- Ross & Andy Football – Years 1 & 2 (3.20pm)

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

- Ross & Andy Football – Years 5 & 6 (lunchtime club)

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

- Ross & Andy Football – Years 3 to 6 (8am)
- Ross & Andy Girls Football – Years 3 to 6 (lunchtime club)

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

- Year 5 trip to Lincolnsfield
- RockSteady re-starts

## Advance Notice ...

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

- School Clubs and Music Lessons start this week (excluding Storm Basketball)

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

- Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 7pm

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

- W1SPA Year 4 Cake Sale
- Open Maths Morning for Parents – 9am to 9.45am (look out for more details in the New Year)
- No Celebration Assembly

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Year 6	97%	Year 5	93.33%	Year 4	91%	Year 3	96.67%
Year 2	98.97%	Year 1	97.33%	Reception	92.86%		

During the week of 10<sup>th</sup> December – 17 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

## Farewell ...

Today we said farewell to Mr. Jones and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for the children at Westfield and wish him all the very best for the future.

## Reminder: Primary School Applications

The application process for a Reception school place for September 2019 opened on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, you can now apply for a Primary school place to start in September 2019. Parents/carers can apply online at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and the **deadline date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

## RED January

Westfield has signed up to a campaign promoted by Mind Hertfordshire - RED January, which encourages everyone to be active every day to beat the January blues. Being active every day can improve mood and overall feelings of wellbeing. It doesn't matter how much activity people do, it could be just 10 minutes a day or a skipping challenge. If it's running 5k, or walking to work a new way, a morning swim or just taking the bike for a spin, every achievement is celebrated no matter how big or small. Why not get the whole family involved and complete a diary of your activity for a healthy start to your new year.

## Message from the Eco Team – Christmas Tree Recycling

The 1<sup>st</sup> Berkhamsted Scout Group will once again be collecting Christmas trees from around the town and taking them to the council's recycling facility to be shredded and reused as mulch.

The volunteers from 1st Berkhamsted, 1st Gossoms End & 1st Northchurch Scout Groups are once again offering to collect your Christmas tree from your doorstep and take it to the Dacorum Council shredding facility, where it will be turned into chippings to be used on the council's flower beds. In return they ask for a minimum donation of £3 per tree, which they will use to fund all three Scout groups across the town.

This year they will be collecting the trees on 6th January 2019. Please leave your tree outside your property in a location that is visible from the road by 8:00am. If you think you might be out when they call, please leave your donation or prepaid tag attached to your tree.

To acquire a pre-paid tag please go to the market on Saturday 5th January and visit the Scouts stall, just outside Tesco, to pick up your personalised tag. These tags are non-transferable and will only be valid for your tree.

If you would like the Scouts to collect your tree (Berkhamsted only), please register your collection request on their website: <http://www.1stberkhamsted.org.uk/trees> or leave a message on 07910 937497 or email: [trees@1stberkhamsted.org.uk](mailto:trees@1stberkhamsted.org.uk)

Dacorum Borough Council will also be operating their Christmas tree Recycling Service again this year on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at Water Lane car park (behind Tesco Store), Berkhamsted, HP4 3AP from 8.30am to 3pm.

If you are unable to bring your Christmas tree on this date, you can cut your tree up to fit it into your green bin ready for when garden waste collections begin again in the spring.

Christmas cards, wrapping paper, plastic and metal biscuit and sweet tins/containers can be recycled in the blue-lidded bin. You can recycle Christmas cards and greeting cards all year round at Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted, HP4 1TL. Unfortunately, glittery wrapping paper and embellished Christmas cards cannot be recycled. Please reuse or dispose of these in your grey wheeled bin. Thank you for looking after our environment.

## DSPL Spring 2019 Courses and Siblings Group

Please find below a reminder of the Spring Term 2019 Courses, sibling group and support for Parent/Carers:

- Education programme for Parent/Carers of Secondary school aged young people who are using CAMHS clinic, Step2 or counselling Service - Wednesdays 23/01/19 – 06/03/19, 7-9pm (excluding Half Term) at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School  
**\*Please note\* this is only for parent/carers of Secondary School aged children.**
- Managing Anxiety – 05/02/2019, 7-9pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- Why do they do that – 26/02/2019, 10am-12noon at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- Understanding the needs and experiences of siblings – 12/03/2019, 7-9pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- **Sibling Group (for children aged 5-12)** - 06/02/2019 – 20/03/2019, 4-6pm (excluding Half Term) plus parents meetings on 06/02/2019 & 20/03/2019, 1:30-3:30. Parent/Carers must complete a referral form and return to Vicky McKirgan: [mckirganv@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mckirganv@kls.herts.sch.uk), once received places will be confirmed.
- **Dyslexia Support Group** – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 1:15-2:45pm at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School – no booking required
- **ADD-vance Mini drop-in consultations for parent/carers of children with Autism/ADHD** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 9:30-11:30am at Dundale Primary School, Tring – no booking required.

Please contact the school for further information / booking forms.



**On behalf of all the staff a very big thank you for all the cards and gifts we have received. We hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2019.**

## **W1SPA News**

**Christmas Fair** - we all made £3462.65! Hip hip hooray. And we still have proceeds to add from the parties, so there'll be approximately another £400 on top. Thank you all for donating, volunteering and spending at the fair - all this money will be used to enhance our pupils' education.

**Santa visited** - he very much enjoyed giving the children a wee treat at the Xmas Lunch on Tuesday!

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) - if you're doing any internet Christmas shopping over the holidays and in the New Year sales, please use this site - they'll give us free money for school!

**Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone** - thank you for supporting our fund-raising efforts this term, we know it's been a busy one! Enjoy the holiday rest!

*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 in the New Year will be .... Determination**