



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

18th January 2019

Edition 17

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd January

- Parent Forum – 7.30pm
- Year 5 Jazz Concert at Thomas Coram School

Friday 25th January

- Year 3 Class Assembly
- **W1SPA Film Night – POSTPONED (New date to follow shortly)**

Advance Notice

Thursday 31st January

- Year 6 Young Voices Concert

ADDITIONAL DIARY DATES

Please note we have added 2 additional dates to our diary dates:

- African Drumming Assembly (Years 2 to 6) – Monday 4th February – 2.45pm – all parents welcome
- Summer Music Concert – Thursday 20th June – 7pm

Please see below for further information on these events

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 8th January 2019.

Congratulations to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 for all achieving 100% attendance in our first week of the Spring term.

Year 6	93.33%	Year 5	100%	Year 4	98.21%	Year 3	100%
Year 2	98.33%	Year 1	100%	Reception	97.22%	Nursery	92.5%

During the week of 8th January – 11 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. CHILDREN START THEIR LEARNING BY 8:45AM AND ARRIVING LATE IS EXTREMELY UNSETTLING FOR YOUR CHILD. Thank you.**

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As part of our celebrations, children may come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. Characters should be from a book, rather than a comic, film or television programme, so no superheroes please. Please look out for further information nearer the time.



African Drumming Workshop

As part of 'Feel Good Week', our Year 2 to Year 6 children will be taking part in an African Drumming Workshop on Monday 4th February linking with our cultural links this year with Kenya. All parents and carers are welcome to attend a performance at 2.45pm to enjoy the instruments, sounds and rhythms of Africa!

Summer Music Concert

As in previous years, we are delighted to inform you that we will be holding our annual Music Recital on Thursday 20th June. All children who learn a musical instrument in school (excluding Ukulele) or sing in the choir will be performing. All children who also learn an instrument outside of school are invited to perform. Further information and ticket details will be sent out nearer the time. Please put the date on your calendar!

For our Year 5 & 6 children who play the ukulele, there will be a separate performance for parents and carers at a later date. We will inform you of the date as soon as possible.

Healthy Snacks

Children in Foundation and in Key Stage 1 classes do not need to bring in snacks for the morning break as fruit or vegetables are provided free of charge. Key Stage 2 pupils can bring in a healthy snack for break time. This could be vegetable sticks or dried or fresh fruit. Please do not send in any nuts or food containing nuts, sweets or chocolate. We also ask that grapes are cut in half, lengthways, for health and safety reasons. Snacks should be sent in their school book bag (not in their lunch box) so that the children can access them easily. Thank you.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

As part of our ongoing work to support children, staff and parents' wellbeing, this term we have introduced the children to the concept of the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. Please see electronic copy attached and paper copies are available on request from the office.

In assembly we have discussed how these everyday activities can actively support their own wellbeing, helping them to feel good about themselves, which in turn will support them to be in a positive place to learn and achieve their very best.

What are the Five Ways to Wellbeing?

- **Connect** – connecting with others
- **Give** - giving- looking outward as well as inward
- **Be active** – doing something active
- **Take notice** – taking notice of the world around you
- **Keep learning** – learning new things

At Westfield our culture and value ethos strongly supports the above ways through delivering the Daily Mile, Skip2bfit, sporting activities, mindfulness, carrying out random acts of kindness, bucket filling and much more..... In 2019, we would like you to help support us by engaging in the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' at home with your children, helping us all to feel happier and healthier this year and beat the January blues by engaging in Red January! Thank you for your continued support

Hemel Storm Basketball

Hemel Storm return to action this Saturday:

Saturday 19th January
Thames Valley Cavaliers
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, £18 family ticket – 2 adults & 2 children).

W1SPA News

Rotary Santa's Sleigh - thank you so much to Clare Fennessy for organising the sleigh collection, and her helpers Kyle, Suzanne, Paul, Dawn, Rob, Richard and Paul. They raised an amazing £1040 for school! Please help on this year's Sleigh (planning in advance!) - it's a lovely and easy way to raise money for our pupils.

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk is also an incredibly easy way to raise money. Just register - it's free, then thousands of online shops and services will give our pupils free money when you shop online. If you're currently doing home improvements, buy goods online and raise heaps! Thank you.

Supermarket Vouchers - we probably all use supermarkets so please consider joining this scheme. It's free and easy - all you do is swop money (cash/cheque/debit) for vouchers and use at Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose/John Lewis. Please contact Jo on jo.c.harding36@hotmail.co.uk

Wine Night, Friday 8th February, 8-10pm ish - please book early please so The Wine Hooligan, aka parent sommelier Paul Banham has sufficient time to hunt for great wines for you to drink. Attendees last year raved about it afterwards, and at £10 a head its incredible value for a night out having a tipples!

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Five Ways to Wellbeing*
- *Storm Basketball Match flyer*

*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 Perseverance