



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

1st February 2019

Edition 19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feel Good Week – Monday 4th to Friday 8th February

Monday 4th February

- African Drumming Assembly – 2.45pm (all parents welcome)

Tuesday 5th February

- Safer Internet Day

Friday 8th February

- Year 6 Class Assembly – 9am
- W1SPA – Year 3 Cake Sale
- W1SPA Wine Night

Advance Notice

Monday 11th February

- Parents Evening – Late Appointments

Wednesday 13th February

- Parents Evening – Early Appointments

Friday 15th February

- School closes for half-term at usual time

DEADLINE DATES

Friday 1st February - Please return permission/reply slips for the following events:

- Year 5 Dance Competition
- Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival
- Year 5 Ukulele Festival
- Y5/6 Boys Football Match (Cup League) vs St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School
- Girls Netball Match vs Lime Walk Primary School

Friday 15th February

- Music Lessons – deadline to provide written notice if your child wishes to stop musical instrument tuition at the end of the Spring term
- School Meals – deadline to change meal pattern for after half-term

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 21st January 2019.

Year 6	98.33%	Year 5	98.67%	Year 4	96.21%	Year 3	99.31%
Year 2	99.33%	Year 1	95.67%	Reception	92.94%	Nursery	89%

During the week of 21st January, 15 children were late arriving for school. Sadly, since the start of the term, our records indicate that more children are arriving late. This not only impacts on your child missing lesson time but disrupts the class and both office and teaching staff. We urge parents who struggle with getting to school on time to make every effort to help us reduce the number of late arrivals on our register. Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.40am each day. Thank you.

Nursery Applications – September 2019

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and would like them to start Nursery in September 2019? Applications for Nursery places will open on Monday 4th February 2019 and close on 15th March 2019. Please refer to the attached for the full timeline for applications and please apply online via our school website: <http://westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk/admissions>

Little Westies Children's Club

Little Westies provides a wrap around after school club for Nursery children here at Westfield. The club runs from 11.45am until 3.15pm and children may also attend during the term prior to starting Nursery. Please refer to the attached flyer for further information or email littlewesties@yahoo.co.uk to find out more.

Music Lessons

Please note, Friday 15th February, is the final day to submit notice in writing for children to end musical instrument tuition at the end of the Spring term. If we do not receive this in writing by this date we will assume that your child will continue in the Summer term and will charge you accordingly. Unfortunately even if your child does not wish attend tuition in the Summer term we will still have to request payment as the school will be charged. Thank you.

Online Safety Tips

It is important to talk to your children about what they are doing online, if they are unhappy or upset about something they have seen online they will be much more likely to tell you about it. The following link will take you to some useful tips and advice from NSPCC – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

School Meal Pattern

If your child wishes to change their meal pattern after half-term please complete the form at the end of this letter and return it to school by Friday 15th February. Please note that there is no need to return the form if your child is not changing from their current requirements.

Parents' Evening Consultations

Parents' Evening Consultations take place on Monday 11th February (late appointments) and Wednesday 13th February (early appointments). These will be the last parent consultations for this academic year and is an opportunity for all parents to meet with their child's class teacher to find out what progress they are making and also have an opportunity to view their English and Maths books. Please pop in to 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.

Storm Basketball take on Newcastle this Saturday

Team Newcastle make the long journey to the "StormDome" this Saturday. It is a vital clash for the Storm team. Storm have the best fans in the country and they need you more than ever at the moment!

**Saturday 2nd February
Hemel Storm vs Team Newcastle
Tip off 7pm
Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre**

Storm Basketball Match Night Experience

On Saturday, Storm Basketball are holding a match night experience for Primary School age children. An hour's coaching before the game, entrance for the participant into the senior game and the opportunity to "run out" with a player when the teams are announced before the game. Just £10 per participant.

Visit www.stormbasketball.net/mne for more information and to book.

Dacorum Family Services "Drop in" Surgery

Please find attached details of the next "Drop in Surgery" being held at Ashlyns School on Tuesday 12th February with our School Family Support Worker, Lisa MacGovern. Please contact Lisa on 07780 114079 for more information or just drop in on the 12th February for an informal chat.

W1SPA News

Year 4 cake sale - well done everyone who baked, bought and ate - you raised a lovely £119.04 for school. Thank you.

Disco date for your diary - Friday 1st March, letters home shortly.

Film Night - the new date is Friday 15th March, booking forms will be sent home shortly.

Pamper Night Friday 29th March - put it in your diary. It's a lovely way to spend an evening, and very friendly, great for mixing.

Helpers needed please - we're still looking for more people to support events. We know everyone is time-strapped so we really can tailor jobs according to your time available. We wouldn't over-load anyone with responsibility either. We really do need a wider pool of volunteers for disco and film night - we have a legal minimum number of helpers required. For disco, you can help patrol the disco floor, or work in the dining room/kitchen. For film night, we need help in the kitchen preparing food, or sit and watch the film! Easy peasy. Pretty please contact Bex on bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk, or Clair (discos) on clairhorsfield@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Letters/Flyers sent home this week:

- *Berkhamsted Ukulele Festival – Year 5*
- *Years 3-6 Bridgewater School Cross Country Event*

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 Resilience

School Dinners – Change to Meal Pattern – Spring Term – Second Half

Please complete and return this form **by Friday 15th February**

Child's Name

Class

My child would like the following: *(please tick as appropriate)*

- School provided meal Monday to Friday
- Home provided meal Monday to Friday
- School provided meal Friday only (home meal provided Monday to Thursday)
- School provided meal Wednesday and Friday (home meal provided Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)