



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

27th January 2023

Edition 18

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 31st January

- Years 5&6 Football match vs Broadfield Academy – depart 2:30pm

Wednesday 1st February

- Nursery Tour for September 2023 intake – 9am

Online Safety

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school this morning to join us for our Open Learning morning and be able to share some important Online safety messages with you to help our children access the digital world safely.

As highlighted, please see listed below a number of website links that provide further useful Online safety tips and advice:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/tips-to-keep-your-child-safe-online>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://pegi.info/>

The Spring edition of the Herts for Learning Online Safety News is also now available (copy attached) and features articles on:

- Live Streaming
- Jessie and Friends: Online Safety Education for 4-7 year old Children
- Reporting to Social Media Sites
- Lucy Faithfull Foundation
- Conversations with your child about online / technology-assisted harm

National Online Safety have also produced an information sheet (copy attached) with top tips to help us become more 'cyber resilient' in relation to the devices and digital services that we use in our homes.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact the school if you have any queries or comments.

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

This week's edition of the Dr Kathy Weston Wednesday Wisdom is now available and this week focuses on the importance of empathy and kindness: <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/elevating-empathy/>

Previous articles are also available via the tooled up website: <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/tooled-up/wednesday-wisdom/>

Home to School Transport Consultation

Hertfordshire County Council is consulting on its home-school transport policies and are seeking feedback from schools, parents and other stakeholders.

The proposals include:

- A policy to clarify the role of passenger assistants on contracted transport
- An amended policy for transport for 19-25 year olds
- Amending the charging structure for 16-18 year olds
- Removing the 16+ railcard

They are also seeking views of:

- Personal Travel Budgets
- Transport for those on Part-Time Timetables
- Spare seats on vehicles to special schools in Hertfordshire

Full details and an online response form are available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

The consultation will run between 24 January and 26 March 2023.

Local Events and Information

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

The Hospice of St Francis Bubble Rush – New Year, New You, New Venue and a whole lot of Bubbly FUN at The Hospice of St Francis Bubble Rush! The bubbles are bubblier and better than ever in 2023. Anyone from tots to teens, grown-ups to grandparents, will have fun running 5km through masses of multi-coloured bubbles at their new venue for 2023, **Drift Limits Racetrack HP1 2RR**, whilst raising money for our local Hospice. Get all your friends and family together and join in on Sunday 14th May 2023 for a fun, foamy, family fundraiser! A perfect chance to create lasting memories for everyone. Bubble Rush is the ONLY event that has foam cannons pumping out masses of coloured bubbles! What's not to like?! As much as the kids will love running through the bubbly fun, you really don't have to as it's not a race! So go at your own pace.....run, dance, skip or walk through the bubbly route in your own time. Be sure to get lots of colourful, bubbly photos. The bubblier the better! For further information and to book tickets, please visit: www.stfrancis.org.uk/bubblerrush

Storm Basketball – Storm won the National Cup Final on Sunday and return to home league action this Sunday (29th January) vs Westminster Warriors. Tip off 5pm at Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre. Tickets available online at www.stormbasketball.net

Everyone Active Half Term Swimming Crash Courses – Lessons will be running from Monday 13th – Thursday 16th February for 3 – 4 days depending on the stage you book. Prices start from just £23.40. For further information and booking details, please see flyer below.

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Message from Mrs Stace
- Strike Action 1st February 2023
- Young Voices Final Reminders
- Choir – Service for the Coronation of the King
- Year 6 The Lancaster Model
- Missed Flu Vaccination

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 will be Perseverance



FAMILY FUN RUN

**SUNDAY
14
MAY**

BUBBLE RUSH

NEW LOCATION FOR 2023
Drift Limits Racetrack
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

The **FUN** run through coloured bubbles!

Book Tickets &
Support Your Local Hospice
stfrancis.org.uk/bubblerrush

**The Hospice
of st francis**

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QR code and social media icons (YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

The poster features three circular images: a family of four (father, mother, and two children) smiling, two women running through a field of pink bubbles, and a woman holding a young child who is also smiling. The background is a vibrant mix of green, orange, and purple, with large, colorful bubbles in shades of blue, yellow, and pink.



February Half Term Crash Courses

Take advantage of the holiday 'crash' courses that are open to everyone from complete beginners who want to make rapid progress, to those already on our swim lesson programme.

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th February 2023

Stage 1 – 10am (3 day course Mon, Tue, Thu)

Stage 2 – 10:30am (3 day course Mon, Tue, Thu)

Stage 3 – 11am (4 day course Mon – Thu)

Stage 4 Breaststroke – 11:30am (4 day course Mon – Thu)

These courses are a great way for your children to develop swimming skills, focus on a specific stroke that they may find harder than others, a new technique, or even learn a completely new discipline.

Call **01442 507100** or ask at reception for further details on how to book.

Ask a member of staff
to find out more!

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