



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Edition 2

HM Government

CORONAVIRUS  
**STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE**  
Go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**NHS**

STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Advance Notice ....

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

- MacMillan Coffee Morning for children in class

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

- Day of Languages

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

- Tempest Photography – Individual Photos

## **Parent Communications**

Due to the current situation, we are no longer sending out paper copies of letters but all letters emailed home will be available to view on our website in the 'Letters Home' section.

## **Payments**

Please can we also request that any payments to the school are made online via Wisepay. Please follow the link to WisePay from the homepage of our school website [www.westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk](http://www.westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk). Please contact the school office by phone or email if you need any help accessing WisePay. Thank you.

## **Parent Contact Details**

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details for you should we need to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed your phone or email contact details over the summer, please can you inform the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **Messages from School**

We appreciate that we are sending out a number of communications at the moment but we feel that it is important that we share with you as soon as possible any changes or updates to both our systems or in response to any changes to guidelines implemented by the Government.

**We are also aware that there may be situations whereby we need to contact you before school starts should we need to notify you if a class bubble needs to close or we need to make any changes to class provision due to the coronavirus. We will endeavour to send a text message by 8.15am if we need to change class provision or a class bubble needed to close so please can we ask that you check your phone messages each morning before leaving home for school. Thank you.**

## **Late Items**

Please can we remind you that outside of drop off and pick up times, parents will only be allowed onto the school site with prior arrangement by the school office/staff. We will also not be accepting late items such as water bottles/coats etc, so please ensure the children check they have everything that they need each day. If you wish to leave a message or hand in forms to the school office, please leave them in the plastic box inside the main entrance door. Thank you.

## Regular Collection Arrangements

If you have not already done so, please can you confirm any regular collection arrangements for your child by emailing [admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk) so that teaching staff can be informed.

For children in Year 5, this also includes whether you give your permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied. Thank you.

## Secondary School Applications

For children in Year 6, you can now apply for a Secondary school place to start in September 2021. Parents/carers can apply online at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and the deadline date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Please refer to the 'Moving On' Leaflet sent home last week for full details about the application process.

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

**Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, we can claim extra money to support your child's education?** Registering for Free School Meals could mean an extra £1,300 to enhance your child's education. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal but unless you register with us, the school will not receive the funding.

We ask **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's quick and easy and only has to be done once and if all families register, the school will not miss out on additional funding entitlement. To register, please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) Thank you.

## Celebration Assemblies

We will continue to celebrate outside achievements by the children in class assemblies every Friday. This could be anything that your child does as part of a club or by participating in a competition or event. If your child has received a certificate, medal, badge or trophy then please let us know as we would love to celebrate this with your child and their class.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Due to the current situation, unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents and carers as we have done in previous years. We do, however, want to be able to support and raise as much money as we can for this wonderful charity and enjoy some delicious cake! We are therefore inviting all the children to bring in their own individual cake to enjoy on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September with a donation for MacMillan nurses. Cakes are to be brought into school in a plastic container with your child's name clearly labelled. Please can we also remind you that we are a nut free school so please check that the cake provided does not contain any type of nut or icing/spread containing nuts (e.g. Nutella / peanut butter). Thank you.

## W1SPA News

Welcome back and Welcome to Westfield's PTA committee, otherwise known as W1SPA. For all NEW parents to the school please follow the below social media pages in order to keep updated on news and events.

### FACEBOOK - W1SPA - Westfield Primary School

For all news on fund-raising events, communication updates etc, questions related only to PTA should be discussed on this forum and it is a private account.

### FACEBOOK - W1SPA - PTA Buy/Sell/Swap

New facebook page for parents of the school only, to buy/sell/swap school uniforms, sporting kit and accessories, seasonal costumes etc. Donation is to be made to W1SPA via the PayPal link on the account page.

### INSTAGRAM - @wispa\_pta\_group

We launched last year the W1SPA instagram account, which has been very successful with us keeping in touch with parents and providing a platform that's easy and visual. Only W1SPA related information will be added and it is a private account.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Any questions about school uniform, if you are in need of sizes, styles etc please contact Emily Perks (Parent and W1SPA secretary) via our facebook page/s.

We are now accepting your unwanted school uniform donations, these should be washed following the government guidelines on a high wash cycle, bagged and handed into the school office for a 14 day quarantine period before Emily collects them. For parents wanting to help W1SPA, please take photos and upload them to the new facebook page and sell on our behalf, with donations to be made to our PayPal account.

## SPORTING ITEMS

If you have any football boots astro/studs that your children have outgrown or any other items of sporting equipment and accessories (shin pads), kits etc we are also looking at selling these items on our new

facebook page. Gemma Stickley (Parent) has kindly offered to facilitate this on behalf of W1SPA so please contact her via our W1SPA facebook page. I must stress these items are to be cleaned thoroughly too and handed into the office as above.

### **BAGS 2 SCHOOL**

Tuesday 20th October 2020, please bring bags at morning drop off, where a drop point will be clearly labelled.

<https://bag2school.com>

This is the easiest way for W1SPA to raise money by bagging up all unwanted "good quality" items from the below list to be donated and weighed in return for money.

- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

### **FUNDRAISING OVER LOCKDOWN**

- Waitrose community matter tokens - raised £393.00 and has been assigned to buying new books for the library.
- Character book hunt - raised £91.00 and has also been assigned to buying new books for the library.
- Summer virtual Fair - raised £159.00
- W1SPA Voluntary donation pool - raised £800.00 and is still open, this was set up due to us unable to proceed with fundraising events this year.

More information to follow next week about how we intend to manage the new normal after our first committee meeting today!!!

### ***Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week:***

- *Autumn Term Class Newsletters*
- *Meet the Teacher Powerpoint / Video*
- *What to do if your child is unwell*
- *Year 6 Film Permission*
- *Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip*
- *Online Safety TikTok Viral Video*
- *Letter from the Director of Public Health*

***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 ..... Friendship**