



# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

- World Book Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

- No Celebration Assembly

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

- Bridgewater Cross Country Event

### Advance Notice ....

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 1 Inter School Sports Competition

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 5 TAG Rugby Festival

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

- W1SPA Film Night

## DEADLINE DATES

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 1 Inter School Sports Competition – deadline to return permission slip



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

- Years 1 - 5 Easter Trail at Northchurch Baptist Church – deadline to return permission slip
- NSPCC Buddy's Big Workout (Dance-a-thon) – deadline to return sponsorship forms and money

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

<b>Year 6</b>	90.33%	<b>Year 5</b>	95.33%	<b>Year 4</b>	98.28%	<b>Year 3</b>	98.97%
<b>Year 2</b>	94%	<b>Year 1</b>	89.33%	<b>Reception</b>	98.88%	<b>Nursery</b>	96.97%

During the week of 11<sup>th</sup> February – 10 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive no later than 8.40am each day. Thank you.**

### NSPCC Dance-a-thon

Reminder: To support the valuable work of the NSPCC, we are taking part in Buddy's Big Workout next week. Each class will be taking part in a Dance-a-thon to help raise money for the NSPCC's vital work. Each child was given a sponsorship form before half-term for family and friends to sponsor them for as much or as little as you can in aid of the NSPCC. **Please return completed sponsorship forms and monies by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.** Thank you for your support.

### World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Reminder: On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This year 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, no superheroes please.

### Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be supporting Comic Relief once again and helping to raise money for this fantastic charity. We are selling red noses in school for £1 each and if you would like your child to purchase one, please send them into school with some money. Children will be able to bring in and wear their Red Noses to school on Red Nose Day. Thank you.

### Nursery Applications – September 2019

Reminder: If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and would like them to start Nursery in September 2019, please apply online via our school website:

<http://westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk/admissions> The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### Writing Instrument Recycling Programme

Please bring in your old pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, correction fluid bottles and mice, fountain pens and cartridges! From Wednesday we will have a new collection box outside the office for parents and carers to put them in (please don't send your old writing instruments in to the classrooms with your children). When we have collected enough, they will be sent away for recycling. Unfortunately the scheme can't take glue sticks, rubbers, rulers, wooden pencils or scissors/sharp objects. We are launching this as part of Waste Week, when we will be reminding children to reduce their use of plastics and recycle where possible. Thank you, From the Eco Team.

### Online Safety Tips

Talk to your children about how you can't believe everything you see on the internet. Use this link to help your child see what the internet is used for and why. <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/critical-thinking-online-parents-guide>

### SEND Online Feedback Group

The SEND transformation team are looking for volunteers in Hertfordshire to sign up to their SEND online feedback group at: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/sendonlinefeedbackgroup> They would like to hear from:

- Young people with SEND (ages 16 – 25)
- Parents/carers of children with SEND (they don't need to have a diagnosis)

The feedback group gives service users a way to influence the future of services quickly and from the comfort of their own home. They will email out short surveys and tasks, and use what they learn to make improvements. They are also looking for volunteers to do a phone interview with them. These take up to 45 minutes, and they will ask volunteers about their family and experiences of SEND services. To find out more and sign up, please go to: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/sendphoneinterview>

### Storm Basketball

Hemel Storm take on Barking Abbey this Saturday in a crucial league game:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Barking Abbey Crusaders  
7pm tip off  
Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre

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

**Wine Night** made a lovely £208, thanks so much to parent Paul Banham, aka for donating his professional services to raise money for our pupils in such an enjoyable way!

**Film Night, Friday 15th March.** Booking letters should be in book bags, or spares are by the office, and it's attached to the newsletter. Hotel Transylvania 3 is suitable for all ages and hilarious. Tickets are £5 to cover food, popcorn and drinks, and please stick to the deadline Tuesday 12th March. We need helpers - you can either sit in with the children and enjoy the film, or work in the kitchen. This is a non-noisy, easy event to help on so please contact Bex on [bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.

**Pamper Night, Thursday 4th April.** Again, letters should be in book bags but spares are by the office, and it's attached to the newsletter. Pamper Night is a really lovely evening for women, and you can bring external friends, with a wide range of treatments at pocket-friendly prices. So, even if you're not the kind of mum who treats herself, treat yourself at Pamper Night! Or just come for the shopping (there'll be lots of great stalls) and friendship - it's a social evening, very chatty. If you have anything to swish please set aside (swishing is basically a quality clothes, accessories and shoes swap) and await further instruction. Tickets are £5 and include a free bubbles or soft alternative.

**Disco** - numbers were significantly down on today's disco, so if you have any helpful feedback to help us improve your child's experience at the discos, please let us know via your class reps. We have already addressed the issue of sound levels following constructive advice. We are pleased to announce that our favourite ever DJ is able to

return to Westfield and will be running the next disco - previously, the children have loved his enthusiastic banter and games so we hope this will entice your children back to discos, which are great fun and a fab Fund-raiser.

**W1SPA need more help!** We appreciate when you're newer to school, it's a lot to take in, so we're wondering if anyone who's vaguely interested in W1SPA would like to come to an informal coffee morning/afternoon and we can chat about what we do, how stuff works... no commitment, just a chat, pinky promise. If you're interested please email Bex on [bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bexplendy@hotmail.co.uk). Thanks xx

**Next Bags2School is 22nd March**, collection bags in book bags and spares with the office.

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

- *Easter Trail at Northchurch Baptist Church – Years 1 – 5*
- *Year 1 Inter School Sports Competition*
- *W1SPA Film Night*

*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 ..... Caring / Love**