



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

1st March 2024

Edition 22

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th March

- Travelling Book Fair

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day

Advance Notice

Wednesday 13th March

- Nursery Parent Tour

Thursday 14th March

- Year 3 & 4 Chorister Project – St Albans Cathedral

Friday 15th March

- RockSteady Concert – 9am

A message from Miss Leach...



From today, the days are going to only get longer, lighter and brighter- great news!

Our roof is nearly finished and I would like to say thanks again for being so understanding with the upheaval around the school.

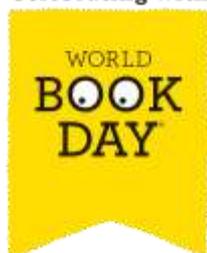
Hopefully by now you would have had sight of our OFSTED report. Please do take a moment to read it when you have a moment. We found it to be a rigorous and positive experience that will help us move forward as a school and ensure the best next steps for our children.

We have lots of events over the rest of the school year starting next week with World Book Day. Look out for the book voucher coming home next week. We will be dressing up for this day - recycled and homemade costumes encouraged!

Have a great weekend everyone,
Miss Leach

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Celebrating with



It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and we are asking for all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Each child will receive a World Book Day £1 token, which can be redeemed between 5-8th March at our Travelling Books Book Fair or any bookshop.

Travelling Book Fair – Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th March



The **Travelling Book Fair** will be in school from **Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th February** and there will be hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. As in previous years, every book purchased helps to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library. The Book Fair will be held in the Dining room at drop off and pick up time. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 12 th – 16 th February 2024						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.33%	95.45%	93.46%	79.24%	98.57%	86.97%	90.69%
3	8	0	4	2	3	6

Our target is 95%. Being in school each day, if well, gives your child the best chance of learning and making good progress both educationally and socially. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time. Thank you

Nursery Admissions for September 2024

Applications for Nursery admissions starting in September 2024 opened on Monday 26th February 2024.

If you have a child who is born from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 or know of someone who has a child of this age, applications can be made to join our Nursery in September 2024 via our school website <https://westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/> The deadline for applications is 28th March 2024.

We will also have a tour taking place on Wednesday 13th March if you would like to come and find out all about our Early Years provision from September 2024. All tours start at 9am and please contact the school office at admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk or 01442 862729 to book.

Wellbeing and Parenting Information

Anxiety and Attendance (Part 2) Workshop

Dacorum Family Services are running a free workshop for parents/carers to support families with children struggling to come to school. The workshop is being held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 from 10-11:30am via Microsoft Teams. For more details and to book, please email: jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk They will also be holding further workshops later in the year on Managing Worries and Anxieties (15th May) and Moving onto Secondary School (20th June).

Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

FACE Family Advice are running a 2-hour talk for parents on Monday 11th March from 7-9pm explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it. Cost £24. To book, please visit: www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

It is National Eating Disorder Week here in the UK and Dr Kathy Weston's Wednesday Wisdom, 'Every Bite is a Battle' looks at what we can do to prevent children developing disordered eating thoughts and behaviours and the support available should eating disorders arise.

[Wednesday Wisdom](#) | [Every Bite is a Battle](#) | [Tooled Up Education](#)

Local Events and Information

Hemel Storm Junior Weekly Skills Academy

Hemel Storm run a weekly skills academy on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Laureate Academy. Please see flyer below for more details and booking information.

Hemel Storm Basketball

Storm are back at Hemel Leisure Centre for a home match this Saturday (2nd March) at 7pm vs Thames Valley Cavalliers. Tickets available online at www.stormbasketball.net or on the night.

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Ofsted Letter and Report
- Travelling Book Fair
- Year 5 Staff Update Letter
- Slapped Cheek Information
- Bridgewater Cross Country Event Y3-6

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 this half term is Honesty



Anxiety and Attendance Workshop – Part 2	
Date	Wednesday 13 th March 2024
Time	10.00-11.30 am <small>The session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams</small>
Is your child struggling to come into school?	
<small>A free</small> workshop for parents/carers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand your child, their responses and behaviour• Understanding the escalation cycle and strategies to help deescalate your child's behaviour	

For more details and to book, please email:

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Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking
Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5



HEMEL STORM BASKETBALL ACADEMY

PRIMARY & SECONDARY
Laureate Academy, HP1 3DW

THIS YEAR'S ACADEMY:

***Days/Time:**
Monday Primary: 5pm-5:45pm
Monday Secondary: 6pm-6:45pm
Wednesday Primary: 5pm-5:45pm
Wednesday Secondary: 6pm-6:45pm

Pay to play cost:
£8 per session

Term Payment (Block payment):
Monday: Term 1 (£91), Term 2 (£77), Term 3 (£77)
Wednesday: Term 1 (£91), Term 2 (£77), Term 3 (£84)

*All sessions run in accordance with Hertfordshire school's term dates and Bank Holidays

Booking link: <https://stormbasketball.net/weekly-skills-academy>

For more info:
juniordoaching@stormbasketball.net