



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

10th March 2023

Edition 23

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 11th March

- Bridgewater Cross Country Event

Tuesday 14th March

- Child Shows Parent 8:35-9:15am

Wednesday 15th March

- Industrial Action – Years 1, 5 and 6 Closed

Thursday 16th March

- Industrial Action – Reception and Years 1, 5 and 6 Closed

Friday 17th March

- Year 5 Assembly

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 27 th February – 3 rd March 2023							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	95%	96%	91%	93%	92%	90%	92%
0	3	0	4	0	3	3	6

At Westfield our attendance target is 95% for each child.

Ensuring that your child is in school regularly and on time allows them to fully access all learning opportunities and social interactions with their friends. This is one of the best ways to ensure that they meet their full potential. We understand that children get poorly from time to time and that some medical appointments during the school day are unavoidable, but we have an expectation that all children attend school regularly and on time.

If you are struggling with any aspect of attendance or punctuality, please do reach out to us. There are many ways that we can work together to improve the situation. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nursery Admissions – September 2023

Applications for Nursery admissions starting in September 2023 are now open. If you have a child who is born from 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 or know of someone who has a child of this age, applications can be made to join our Nursery in September 2023 via our school website <https://westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/> The deadline for applications is 24th March 2023.

Industrial Action – 15th and 16th March

	Wednesday 15 th March	Thursday 16 th March
Nursery	Open	Open
Reception	Open	Closed
Year 1	Closed	Closed
Year 2	Open	Open
Year 3	Open	Open
Year 4	Open	Open
Year 5	Closed	Closed
Year 6	Closed	Closed

At the time of writing the teaching unions are planning for the strike action to go ahead on the above dates and as detailed in our letter to you yesterday, school will be partially closed as detailed above. However, if an agreement between the Government and the teaching unions is reached and they are called off then we will of course notify you as soon as possible and school will be open as normal.

Helping Your Child Manage Their Anger – FREE Parent Workshop

Dacorum Family Services are running a free workshop for parents to help provide strategies and tips to help children manage their anger. The online workshop will be held on Wednesday 15th March from 1:30-3pm. Please see the flyer below for more information and to book, please email: jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter – Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Spring Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from their website via the following link: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

This fortnights newsletter includes:

- ADD-vance Mini Consultations - April 2023
- DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support: Summer 2023
- Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers:
- SEND Parent Café
- Health Visiting Service
- Mental Health First Aid Training for Parent/Carers
- Online Intermediate ESOL class
- Potential Kids—March Activities
- World Down Syndrome Day 2023 - 21st March
- Supporting Links Summer 2023 Term Course
- Families in Focus Summer 2023 Term Course
- Updated Educational Psychology Service Contact Line
- HAPpy Camps
- Parent Support Group at Woodfield Coffee Shop

Please also follow their social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Alleviating Eco-Angst' talks about how we can support children with feelings of eco-anxiety and being responsible consumers as well as encouraging our children to engage with their environment and nature to support their wellbeing.

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/alleviating-eco-angst/>

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

W1SPA News

W1SPA Easter Disco

Thursday 30th March

Nursery - Year 2 4.30 - 5.15pm (Nursery aged children must be accompanied by an adult)

Y3 -Y6 5:30-6:30pm

Tickets will go on sale through the <http://Pta-events.co.uk/w1spa> from 3pm on Friday 10th March until 7pm on Tuesday 28th March.
£5 per child, £3 for siblings.

We will have a crafts area in the dining room for anyone that needs to take a short break from throwing shapes. There will also be a few Easter prizes for some of the best dressed, so please wear your best fancy dress, fanciest dress or sharpest suit!

We will need some parent helpers for each disco, to supervise each room, so if you could message your class reps, they can pass your name on to us to add to the list.

If you are on pupil premium or require a little help please contact the school Office.

If your child goes to Home from Home, we can arrange for your children to be escorted to the disco and escorted back to Home from Home, please make this clear on your booking.

All children will be dismissed from the Y1/2 playground (blue gated area) and if you can line up as we do for regular pick up it will make dismissing the children much smoother. No child will be allowed to walk home alone, please ensure a nominated adult is there to collect (please could you note who this will be on booking).

There is currently no plan to serve refreshments so please ensure your child brings a topped up water bottle!

Any questions, please email us at wispawestfield@gmail.com or find one of us in and around school.

Amazon Smile

Thank you to everyone that has made purchases using Amazon smile and chose Westfield as their nominated charity. Over the Christmas period we raised £35.92 through this scheme. Unfortunately, Amazon smile is no

Local Events and Information

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

Girlguiding in Berkhamsted – Would your daughter like to join Brownies? Brownies introduces girls aged 7-10 to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun, whilst offering excellent value for money. They can make new friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop life skills and have outdoor adventures. To find out about units in and around Berkhamsted, please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

The Event Hub Dacorum – The Event Hub Dacorum is a website created to help local people discover what's on in Berkhamsted and the surrounding villages under the postcode HP4. They list events for free with the aim to celebrate our local area and display all that's on in one helpful website www.eventhubdacorum.com

Ashridge Vintage Fayre – This Easter, Ashridge House is holding a Vintage Fayre with traditional rides such as the Helter Skelter, Dodgems and a Big Wheel. Admission is £12 and includes access to all the rides plus their beautiful gardens. The fayre will be open from 10am-6pm between 1st-10th April. For further information and to book, please visit: <https://www.ashridgehouse.org.uk/whats-on/ashridge-vintage-fayre>

BeeZee Bodies Family Courses– Working with Hertfordshire County Council, BeeZee Bodies provide FREE healthy lifestyles support for families. They run courses after school, across Hertfordshire, or you can join online courses instead. New groups will be starting in May. Please see the flyer below for more information or visit their website: www.beezeebodies.com

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Industrial Action 15th/16th March
- Easter Egg Competition
- Milk Order – Summer Term

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 Happiness



Helping Your Child Manage Their Anger	
Date	Wednesday 15 th March
Time	1.30-3.00 pm <i>Session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams</i>
Does your child display challenging behaviour?	
<p>A free workshop for parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do children display challenging behaviour? • Understand your child and their responses and behaviour when they're angry • Strategies and tips to help your child manage their anger 	

For more details and to book, please email:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

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Hello, parents & guardians!

We are **BeeZee Bodies**, and we work with Hertfordshire County Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyles support for families.

We run **BeeZee Families** courses after school, across Herts, or you could join our online courses instead. We have new groups beginning in May. Click below to sign up for your family's FREE place!*



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SMARTPHONE CAMERA OR
CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child aged 5 - 15 who is above their ideal healthy weight



Roll into Spring

Each year, 20th March marks the first day of SPRING! As we look forward to longer days and warmer weather, try these tasty **Rainbow Spring Rolls** to get you excited for all the yummy vegetables to come over the season.

Ingredients:

For the roll:

- 1 Spring Roll Wrapper (Rice Paper OR Small Tortilla Wrap)
- Red & Yellow Bell Pepper
- Cucumber
- Carrot
- Purple Cabbage

Any other veggies you like or have in the fridge (it doesn't have to be a rainbow!)

For the dip:

- 2 tbsp Soy sauce
- 1 tsp Hoisin
- 1/2 tsp Rice Vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Maple Syrup
- 1/2 tsp Sriracha

What to do:

1. Choose which veggies you'd like in your roll and chop them all into thin matchstick-size strips
2. If using rice paper, soak in warm water until it softens and becomes flexible. If using a tortilla wrap, skip steps 2 & 3
3. Remove the wrapper from the water and place it on your chopping board - pat it dry with a paper towel
4. Add your assortment of colourful veggies to the centre of the wrapper
5. Fold the sides in towards the centre, and roll it up tight from the bottom
6. For the dip: measure all ingredients into a small bowl and stir to combine
7. With a sharp knife, carefully cut your rainbow spring roll in half, dip and enjoy!

Top Tip

If you don't have the ingredients for the dip on hand, soy sauce by itself tastes great too! You can also experiment with other ingredients you have to create your own sauce!