



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

17th March 2023

Edition 24

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th to Friday 24th March

- Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay

Friday 24th March

- Year 2 Cake Sale
- Home Learning Celebration

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 6 th – 10 th March 2023							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94%	96%	96%	91%	93%	91%	96%	93%
0	4	4	5	0	2	5	21

Punctuality Reminders

Children can enter the classroom between 8:35-8:50am – this is the time you should arrive at school for.

Gates shut at 8:50am – we expect all children to be in school by this time.

It is really important that pupils arrive to school on time. The school doors open at 8.35am to ensure children have time to say good morning to their friends and teachers and put their belongings away. This is a positive and cheerful way to start the day and be ready to learn. When children arrive in class they will have the opportunity to read their books or complete a focused learning task. This is a great way to get children's brains warmed up and ready for registration and their lessons which will start at 8:50am.

Children that are late to their lessons will miss out on all of these valuable experiences which can leave children feeling rushed, flustered and having to catch up on what everyone else is doing. Research tells us that this puts our brains into a high alert state which can impact on our ability to learn effectively. Being on time is so important for our children.

5 minutes late every day for a year is the same as 3 days absent!

Reporting Absences

Please can we also remind you that if your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please can you provide a specific reason for absence. For example, earache, stomach bug, cold, chicken pox etc. rather than "unwell" or "poorly" as this helps us keep track of any bugs which may be going around school.

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.

Holiday Requests in Term Time

Can we please remind all parents and carers that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school to receive a full time education.

Current government legislation makes it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. A family holiday does not constitute exceptional circumstances. It is therefore very unlikely that a request for leave of absence during term time will be granted.

A legal penalty notice may also be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised leave of absence during term time.

Requests for leave must be made to the school in advance. To do this please come into the school office to complete the necessary 'Leave of Absence' application.

We appreciate the challenges that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during the school holidays. However, by taking family holidays during the designated holiday period you will be supporting your child's full school attendance, learning and development.

Thank you for your support.

Staff Goodbye

Today we are saying a sad goodbye, good luck and a big thank you to Miss Padmore, Our Nursery Teaching Assistant. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in supporting our Nursery children over the last 3 years and take this opportunity to wish her all the very best of luck for the future.

International Day of Happiness

This coming Monday 20th March is International Day of Happiness, a yearly occasion recognised by the United Nations since 2013, stating that happiness is a fundamental human right. This year's theme is 'be mindful, be grateful, be kind'. It's no secret that the more acts of kindness you carry out, the happier you become. It doesn't matter if they're for loved ones or complete strangers, the effect of those acts on happiness is the same. But perhaps the most magical quality of kindness is the way it ripples out into the world. Kindness breeds kindness. If you help someone out, the chances are they will then be kinder to the people they next meet, and those people kinder in the next interactions they have. Before you know it, that first single act of kindness has spread to over a hundred people.

So remember the next time you have the opportunity to be kind, you're the start of a wave of happiness that will travel far and wide, and impact many other lives for the better.

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.**

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Time to Shine' celebrates neurodiversity week and how we can all learn to understand, value and celebrate the talents of neurodiverse minds.

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/time-to-shine/>

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

Local Events and Information

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

Sunnyside 'Grab & Grow' Event – On Saturday 22nd April from 10am-2pm, Sunnyside Rural Trust are holding a 'Grab & Grow' event where they will have a selection of peat free, Sunnyside grown, veggie plug plants and herbs available to buy. You will also be able to take a tour of their market garden and they will have refreshments available, free parking, music and a vegetable trail (£3 per map).

Old Town Hall Show 'Animals' – Fun, interactive and featuring original songs, Animals! is an empowering and uplifting performance about animals, humans and nature. It celebrates the amazing wildlife around us and makes big things feel possible. There will also be nature tables, before and after the performance, and information for children (and their parents) to know where and how they can engage with nature during the Easter break.

Information about the show can be found here on their website:

<https://oldtownhall.co.uk/events/animals>

Storm Basketball Easter Camp – Storm Basketball are running a 1-day basketball camp for children aged 7-11 years at JFK School in Hemel Hempstead on 5th April from 9am – 3pm. A 1-day camp for secondary school children is also available on 6th April 2023. For more information and to book, please visit:

www.stormbasketball.net/junior-camps

JP Pro Football – An Easter Mega Camp is being held at Laureate Academy in Hemel Hempstead over the 2 week Easter holidays for children aged 5-14 years. For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://jpprofootball.pembee.app>

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Ross & Andy's Girls Football – Reception to Year 2

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 Hope

W I S P A P R E S E N T S :

Easter disco

Thursday 30th March

4:30-5:15pm - younger disco for Years N-2
(parents MUST stay with nursery children)



5:30-6:30pm - older disco for Years 3-6

£5 per child (siblings £3)
Includes DJ & crafts
Best dressed competition
Face glitter £1 extra
Bring your own water bottle



SCAN ME

Book at www.pta-events.co.uk/wispa or
scan the QR code



WISPA is Westfield Primary
School's Parents Association, and
every Westfield parent is a member

wispawestfield@gmail.com



Tennis Olympics

16th of April 2023 2-4pm



The Tennis Olympics at Berkhamsted Tennis & Fitness has been established to encourage participation in all sports for children 8 & Under which we hope will foster long lasting habits of health and wellbeing.

Book at:
<https://berkhamstedtennisfit.as.me/tennisolympicsapril>




Sunnyside Rural Trust

'Grab & Grow'

Sunnyside Northchurch veg growing event

Saturday 22nd April 10 to 2pm
Upper Allotments, New Road, Northchurch. HP4 1NJ.

Grow your own veg at home & join the seed sowing demos!

Buy a selection of peat free, Sunnyside grown, veggie plug plants & herbs, take a tour of our market garden, refreshments available, free parking, music & vegetable trail (£3.00 per map)

Note: this is an agricultural site and parts have uneven ground away from the main buildings. So, do wear appropriate footwear and clothing, depending on the forecast

www.sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk



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**PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE JUNIORS
FOR 7-11 YEAR OLDS
5TH APRIL 2023 9AM - 3PM**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE JUNIORS
FOR 11+ YEAR OLDS
6TH APRIL 2023 9AM - 3PM**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

RUSSELLHOOPS

JP PRO & TEDDY BEAR NANNIES

ARTS, CRAFTS AND SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 3RD - THURSDAY 6TH APRIL
TUESDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

LAUREATE ACADEMY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

£25 PER DAY
9.30AM - 3PM
8.30AM EARLY DROP

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
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