



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

22nd March 2024

Edition 25

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 27th March

- Home Learning Celebration – for children in class

Thursday 28th March

- End of Term – School closes at 1:30pm for all children
- Year 2 Cake Sale

Advance Notice

Monday 15th April

- School re-opens for all children

Thursday 18th April

- Forest School sessions start for Year 4
- Dacorum Family Services Coffee Morning 9am

A message from Miss Leach...



I have been so fortunate this week as I visited the Year 6's on their residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset on Tuesday/Wednesday. What a treat to see them in a different environment having such a great time. Thank you to Mrs Trinder, Mr Ogden and Miss May for accompanying them – a lot of memories will have been made this week!

The whole school got to attend the Easter trail that was kindly put on by Northchurch Baptist Church – I was pleased to have such positive comments around the behaviour of our children, well done!

And finally today, Year 2 visited Whipsnade zoo...what a fantastic week!

We really do value your ideas and feedback on trip and visits, so please talk to the class reps with your thoughts and comments.

As always have a great weekend,
Miss Leach

LEADERSHIP CORNER



A message from Miss Leach

I sometimes get asked what the children have access to that is over and above what we offer in the classroom with quality first teaching.

We have a number of interventions that we run with children around their learning which are mainly classroom based and fluid with the children day to day, this might include handwriting, same day catch up, specific maths and English interventions and small group work.

In addition to this, Miss Powell is our SEN TA and is trained to deliver a number of interventions to support with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs across the school. This might be from a light touch conversation to a structured 12 week programme. External agencies and medical professionals often require us to complete these before we make referrals to them due to growing pressure on their services.

Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours



Are you looking for strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

This 8-week term time course can help you to:

Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour

Understand how feelings, thoughts and behaviour link together

Respond to a range of feelings e.g. anger, frustration, anxiety, stress and worry

Improve communication to build better relationships

Build on your own and your child's strengths

Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe

For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please contact:

enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk

Tel: 07850 518216

Please quote the course code and a mobile number



Follow the school Facebook for further updates @WestfieldPrimary



Online courses starting May 2024

Evening Tuesdays
7.00pm – 9.00pm
7 May – 2 July
For mums, dads & carers
Course code: 11/20

Daytime Tuesdays
9.30am – 11.30am
4 June – 9 July
For mums, dads & carers
Course code: 11/20

Evening Thursdays
7.00pm – 9.00pm
9 May – 4 July
For dads & male carers
Course code: 11/20

Some SEMH interventions that we can offer:

- Protective behaviours
- Drawing and talking
- Lego therapy
- Social skills groups
- 1:1 programmes
- Nurture group

This list is always being updated as new training happens!

Get in Touch

We always welcome suggestions and work in a solution focused way.

Please get in touch:

admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk

W1SPA Events for the Diary!

FRI 26th April - Spring Disco!

YR to Y2 - 4.30 to 5.30

Y3 to Y6 - 5.45 to 7pm

All details are listed and Tickets on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa



THURS 28th March - Year 2 Cake Sale at Early Pick Up, 1:30pm

W1SPA is planning events for the Spring - please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas , comments, or suggestions. Together we can do great things for our children!

Email us at wispawestfield@gmail.com. Join our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/wispawestfield or follow us on Instagram www.instagram.com/wispa_pta_group for all the latest.

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 11 th – 15 th March 2024						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.1%	93.79%	98.89%	76.57%	93.91%	83.83%	92.33%
4	12	2	5	3	10	7

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 are now open.

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.**

New Summer Term Lunch Menu

A new summer lunch menu comes into effect after the Easter holidays and the new menu will be emailed home via Arbor next week. Paper copies will also be available from outside the school office. If your child is on a special dietary menu you should have received an updated menu directly from Herts Catering Ltd.

A reminder also, that due to rising costs with our supplier Herts Catering Ltd, the cost of a school lunch will be £3.40 from 1st April 2024.

Reminder: We are a NUT Free School

Can we please remind you we are a **nut free school**.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form so please can we ask that you check all foods and packaging closely before sending them into school either in your child's lunch box, as a snack or brought in as a treat at school pick up time.

Thank you for your support.

Wellbeing and Parenting Information

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Newsletter this week 'Testing Times' looks at how we can support and reduce anxiety around exams for our children: <https://members.tooledupeducation.com/wednesday-wisdom/testing-times>

Dacorum Family Support SEN Cuppa & Catch Up

We're delighted to inform you that Dacorum Family Services will be **here at Westfield on Thursday 18th April from 9-10am** so please join us for a cuppa and chance to speak to a friendly face and find out about the support available to help you and your child – please see the flyer below for more details.

Families Feeling Safe

Protective Behaviours courses for parents and carers including one for dads only will be running in the summer term. Places are fully funded by HCC Targeted Parenting fund for parents who may need some additional support. One of the courses will run in Broxbourne and the others will be online.

Online courses:

- Tuesdays 7 May – 2 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Mums, Dads & carers
- Thursdays 9 May – 4 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Dads and male carers
- Tuesdays 4 June – 9 July 9.30am – 11.30am

For enquiries and to book a place, please email enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or Tel: 07850 518216

BeeZee Families

Starting on Tuesday 23rd April, Beezee Families will be running a FREE, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help families build habits around food and physical activity. Sessions will be held at Hobletts Manor Junior School in Hemel Hempstead from 5:30-7:30pm. Please see the flyer below for more details and booking information.

Local Events and Information

Hemel Hempstead BID Easter Activities

Sunday 31st March - The Easter Bunny's Lost Eggs

Rainbow Stage – children's shows at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm

Join the Magical Story Elves as they embark on this egg-citing, Easter Themed, interactive adventure full of music, fun, games magic and more.

Friday 12th April, Easter Craft day

Rainbow Stage

Craft Activities for Adults and Children

Easter themed arts and crafts, colouring, Easter cards, decorations, and prizes

FREE Easter Holiday Camp for SEND – spaces still available

An exclusive holiday camp, specially designed for SEND children – the perfect place for fun, learning, and adventure, all within a friendly and supportive environment. You will get to enjoy indoor and outdoor fun, cookery, campcraft activities including shelter building, knot tying and foraging. Enrolment is straightforward—all you need is the HAF code provided to you by HCC, and you can join at no cost. Please visit:

<https://outtolearn.co.uk/holiday-camps> to find out more and book your place.

Easter holiday fun at Discover Bucks Museum

This Easter Holiday Bucks Museum have 2 weeks jam-packed full of family fun and excitement including their Egg-cellent Easter Craft Activities, a new exhibition This Fractured Land inspired art classes, celebrate Eid with paper craft, step back in time to Victorian Bucks plus make your own pet for National Pet Day! You can enjoy their Easter Egg Trail on every day over the holidays and a special Family Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 30 March! For more details, please see the flyer below or visit: www.discoverbucksmuseum.org

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Year 3 Swimming Lessons
- Year 5 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 this half term is Honesty



Please come and join us for a
Cuppa & a catch up

Are you a SEND parent/carer?
 What can I do to support my child?
 Who can I go to, to get support?
 How can school and I work together to best support my child?

Come & have a chat with a friendly face from Dacorum Family Support & let's see how we can help.

Westfield Primary School
 Thursday 18th April 2024
 9.00-10.00 am







We're here to help your family
 make healthy habits fun

Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

Date: Tuesdays from 23 April '24 **Time:** 17:30 till 19:30

Venue: Hobbetts Manor Junior School, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 5JT

Or you can join us online

Sign up for your
FREE PLACE today



#Zixio@waxmoustak.co.uk

01707 248 848




Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information. 24-0548

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 11AM-3PM

THE EASTER BUNNY'S LOST EGGS

RAINBOW STAGE, HEMEL TOWN CENTRE

Join the Magical Story Elves team as they embark on this egg-citing, Easter themed, interactive adventure full of music, fun, games, magic and much more.




FRIDAY 12TH APRIL - 11am-3pm

EASTER CRAFT DAY

RAINBOW STAGE, HEMEL TOWN CENTRE

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

Pom Pom Art Scratch-Art Colouring

Easter Cards Decorations Prizes




Easter Holiday Activities

29 March - 14 April 2024

Join us for our Egg-celent Easter Craft Activities, take part in our new exhibition This Fractured Land inspired art classes, celebrate Eid with paper craft, step back in time to Victorian Bucks and make your own paper pet for National Pet Day! Plus enjoy our Easter Egg Trail on every day of the holidays.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Book Now

Y&A

Saturday 30 March - Easter Eggstravaganza! Family Day FREE with standard admission charges, drop in 10am - 4pm. Suitable for ages 3+

Monday 1 April - Hatch An Easter Pompom Chick! £3.50, drop in 10am - 4pm. Suitable for ages 4+

Tuesday 2 April - Make A Fossil! 2 hour workshop £7, 10am - 12pm. Suitable for ages 5+

Wednesday 3 April - A World Of Your Own! £3.50, drop in 10am - 1pm. Suitable for ages 3+

Thursday 4 April - Introduction to Ink Drawing. 2 hour workshop £6, 10am - 12pm. Suitable for ages 11+

Friday 5 April - Eggcellent Experimental! 1 hour workshop £6, 10.15am - 11.15am or 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Suitable for ages 5+

Monday 8 April - Celebrating Eid! £3.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 3+

Tuesday 9 April - Bucks Back In Time: The Victorians £4.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 5+

Wednesday 10 April - Let's Print! £4, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

Thursday 11 April - Make A Pet! £3.50, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

Friday 12 April - Let's Sculpt! £5, drop in 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. Suitable for ages 4+

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and the rest of the Museum while you're here. We're now open Sundays 12pm - 4pm as well.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our Easter Egg Trail on every day Friday 29 March Sunday 14 April