



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

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COVID-19
Let's take this next step, safely.



Message on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of the end of term.

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the efforts and sacrifices you have made to keep your nursery and school communities safe over the past 16 months. As we head into the summer holidays, we'd like to remind you of some of the ways we can all enjoy a safe summer together.

While people will be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted on 19 July, others will be fearful or apprehensive. Remember, rules around self-isolation of close contacts for under 18's do not change until 16 August 2021. We all need to be kind to each other as we move into this next phase.

Covid-19 won't end when the rules change, in fact cases are rising and we need to keep being sensible. It's important to recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and what feels comfortable to one person might not feel that way to another. Let's keep looking out for one another and recognise that we're all going to be moving forward at our own pace.

What you can do to keep yourself and others safe

Get vaccinated

Vaccinations are now available for everyone aged over 18 who is eligible, you don't need a GP and often don't even need to book an appointment. Visit <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/> for local sites and regular pop ups. If you or children have medical conditions, please speak to your GP about your Covid-19 vaccination.

Keep testing

Regular rapid testing, including for those who are vaccinated, for everyone in year 7 and above (tests are not designed for use on children younger than this) can make a big difference, as most people don't know they're infected until they have infected others. You can order or collect free rapid tests locally, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest for more information. If you have symptoms get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Look out for one another

Give people space, wear face coverings in crowded indoor areas, keep your windows and doors open when you have people round, wash and/or sanitise hands. These measures have kept us safe and will keep us safe still.

By looking out for one another we can help us keep infections low. There are many people needing healthcare for non Covid-19 reasons who have been waiting for some time. If Covid-19 cases continue to rise, people will have to wait longer for hospital and health care so let's try to stop that by working together.

We hope you all enjoy a safe and happy summer!

Hertfordshire County Council

Key Dates

Monday 19th July

- Year 6 Leavers Evening - 6pm

Wednesday 21st July

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am
- End of Term – School closes 1:30pm (please see staggered leaving times below)

Government ease of COVID restrictions from 19th July

As you are all aware the Government have made the decision to remove COVID restrictions from Monday. However, due to the increased number of cases in the town, the Governors and I have made the decision with only 2 ½ days left before the summer term that for the health and safety of our whole school community we will not be changing our COVID protocols around Bubble groups and have requested staff continue to wear face masks in communal areas around school. We would like to strongly request that parents continue to support us by wearing masks when on site as well as respecting social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support in advance - we very much hope that when we return from the Summer holidays that we will be able to return to 'normal' however we will review the COVID situation and government guidance at the end of August and will communicate out to parents as required.

End of Term – Collection Arrangements

School closes early on Wednesday 21st June and we will continue with staggered pick up times to maintain social distancing. **The collection times for each class will be as follows:**

- Nursery – normal pick up time of 11:45am
- Reception – 1:10pm
- Years 1 and 2 – 1:20pm
- Years 5 and 6 – 1:25pm
- Years 3 and 4 – 1:30pm

Years 1 to 6 Climbing Wall – Tuesday 20th July

On Tuesday 20th July, all children in Years 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to take on the challenge of scaling the 'climbing wall'. For the children to be able to take part, please can they bring trainers, long trousers and a long-sleeved t-shirt/top suitable for climbing. Long hair must also be tied back. Thank you.

School Dinners – Autumn Term

Thank you to everyone that has completed the school dinners form for your child to change their meal pattern from September. The google form has now closed, however, if you have not had the opportunity and wish to change your child's meal pattern, please email the school office at admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk before the end of term. Thank you.

Uniform – Ordering Deadline 13th August

Just a reminder that if you need to order school uniform for next year, **the deadline for ordering new uniform from Essential Schoolwear is 13th August**. Please follow this link to the Essential Schoolwear website: www.essentialschoolwear.com

Home Start Hertfordshire – Could You Be a Family Mentor?

Home-Start mentors provide valuable emotional and practical support to families, so that parents can help their children thrive and give them the best start possible in life. Home-Start Herts is now recruiting for more Volunteer Mentors in order to support more families. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a family mentor, please visit: <http://www.home-startherts.org.uk/> or contact admin@home-startherts.org.uk

The Ollie Foundation – Wellbeing and Mental Health Workshops

The Ollie Foundation are offering students and their parents and carers fully funded access to their online training programme of workshops and talks designed to support wellbeing and mental health. Workshops include:

- Goal Setting for Year 6 - Transition to Secondary School
- Zentangle Mindful Art Sessions

For further information, please go to: www.theolliefoundation.org or contact contactus@theolliefoundation.org

Hertfordshire Family Centre – Would you like to help set up a Parent & Toddler Group?

Hertfordshire family centre are trying to encourage new parent and toddler groups within the area as so many have closed, changed or are struggling within this difficult last year. The Family Centre would be delighted to hear from any local parents who would be interested in setting up a parent and toddler group in the local area. Free training, support and guidance will be provided along with help with venue costs and resources. For more information, please contact Giovanna Goodier (Volunteer Coordinator) at family.learning@inspireall.com

Mayors Photography Contest

The Mayors Office at Dacorum Borough Council have partnered with Diverse Print to produce a calendar for 2022, showcasing the best parts of our Borough, with a photo for each month.

Residents are invited to go out and take photos of spots within the Borough, which are beautiful and should be recognised. This could be pictures of natural spots of beauty, from the parks and canals to the wildlife; or it could be built areas such as the High Streets and Walled Gardens. So we invite you to get creative over the next few months and get your cameras/phones out to submit your pictures for the Dacorum Borough Council 2022 calendar.

To participate in this event, please submit your pictures to mayors.secretary@dacorum.gov.uk by midnight on Sunday 19th September. Please submit your image along with your name and a title for your piece of work. All images will be reviewed by the Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr. Stewart Riddick, who will select twelve images for the calendar and one for the front cover.

Calendars will be sold from the end of September and be available online via the Mayors page, on the Dacorum Borough Council website. All winners will have their pictures printed and be invited, as guests, to the Forum for a Gallery Viewing on Friday 1st April, 2022. The event will be open to members of the public, with tickets being sold online for any additional guests.

All proceeds are being donated to DENs; a charity aiming to help people within Dacorum facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

Summer Activities and Events

Cascade Multi Activity Camps at Longdean School – Special Discounted offer for pupils of Westfield Primary

Cascade Camps will be running a number of activity camps throughout the summer and **Westfield pupils can receive a special 20% discount for all bookings made by 25 July (use code WF20)**. You can choose from a variety of activities including giant inflatables, archery and zorbs to games, team sports, art and crafts, performing arts, football and water fights ... something for everyone! For further information and bookings please visit: www.cascadecamps.com

Futsal HAPpy Camps for children in receipt of free school meals

Please see below information about HAPpy camps at Ashlyns School during the holidays for pupils who receive free school meals. There are two camps - one primary and one secondary

Futsal Fiesta

8-13 year olds

Ashlyn's School, Berkhamsted

MON 02 to THU 26 AUGUST

Mondays to Thursday for the 4 weeks of August

10:00 to 14:00

Daily Futsal Leagues

12-15 year olds

Ashlyn's School, Berkhamsted

MON 26 to FRI 30 JULY

12.00 to 16.00

Booking link: <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/>

Next Thing Education Summer Technology Camp at Ashlyns School

Next Thing Education are running a Technology Club for children aged 5-12 at Ashlyns School from 9am to 4pm each day on the following dates: 26-30 July, 2-5 August, 9-13 August, 16-20 August and 23-27 August. Children can learn how to program *artificial intelligence robots*, *modify madness with Minecraft* and even create their own *digital app!* To check availability or to enrol simply visit: www.nextthing.education

Storm's Summer Junior Basketball Camp

Storm Basketball are running a week long summer camp from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July at The Laureate Academy. The camp will include a wide range of skills, stations, competitions and circuits on top of a FULL DAY Tournament on the last day of camp. Please visit: www.stormbasketball.net/summer2021 for full details.

W1SPA News

VIRTUAL BALLOON EVENT - Saturday 17th July

W1SPA has organised a 'virtual balloon race' that is **100% eco-friendly** computer simulation race where everything is real except the balloon!

A virtual balloon costs just **£3** and you can buy as many balloons as you like, decorate and name them, then track their progress via Google Maps after the race begins on 17th July on the Ecoracing website. <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1822>

We will be amongst other schools, organisations and charities taking part in the race.

- First prize for the balloon that travels the farthest is **£500 cash**
- second prize is an **Apple iPad**
- 10 lucky winners of £10 book tokens.

Our fundraising target is **£500** for this event with all money raised going directly to exciting new project for our Early Years (age 3-5) pupils! The project is to build an all-weather outdoor learning area which will be used for focused Maths, English and other curriculum tasks and an outdoor road track with an underground tunnel. This area will enable Westfield to provide more outdoor learning, free flow from the classroom and a wider variety of activities in all weather conditions. The learning area will have a 'den-like' feel but with a robust polycarbonate roof and steel legs and new drainage will be installed in the area so the equipment will be protected even in the rain.

We have been applying for grants to assist with this fundraising but have a lot more to raise in order to proceed with this project.

W1SPA hopes you can assist generously as it is for such a good cause.

Every virtual balloon purchased will help us towards this goal!



Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- School Meal Information for Year 2 moving to Year 3
- Scarlet Fever Information
- Year 2 Dog Walking Club
- Supermarket Voucher for children entitled to Free School Meals
- Year 4 Pedestrian Training

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

We are now celebrating all our School Values