



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

7th June 2024

Edition 33

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12th June

- Parent Forum
- Reception visit to Berkhamsted Library

Friday 14th June

- Year 3 & 4 Cinema Trip
- 9am - Open Learning Morning for Reception, Year 1, 2, 5 and 6
- 2:30pm - Open Learning 'Afternoon' for Year 3 & 4

Advance Notice

Friday 21st June

- 2:30pm – Year 5 Assembly

Diary Date Updates

Friday 21st June – Year 5 Assembly – New time 2:30pm

The Year 5 Assembly on 21st June, will now be held at 2.30pm, where the class will perform what they have learnt during their Ukulele lessons. Your child may leave with you at the end of the assembly.

Friday 28th June – Year 1 Assembly – New Date

We're pleased to share that the Year 1 assembly has been arranged for 9am on Friday 28th June.

Thursday 4th July – Year 6 Production

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the Year 6 Production on the evening of Thursday 4th July. The performance will start at 6:15pm.

Wednesday 10th July – Year 2 Production

Parents and carers are also warmly invited to attend the Year 2 Production which will take place on Wednesday 10th July at 9:15am.



W1SPA News

SAVE THE DATE - Westfield Summer Fair! FRI 5th July 3pm to 6pm!

More information coming soon - we will request donations in the coming weeks for sweets and bottles for the very popular tombolas.

Please please consider joining us as a volunteer - we can't run school events without your help!

We will send out the PTA Event link next week to buy tokens and sign up to volunteer.

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.

A message from Miss Leach...



Welcome back!

The diary is filling up for the summer term and we have lots of activities, events, trips and visits planned for all year groups!

Our value this half term is curiosity. The children have already started to explore what this looks like at school and at home, and how they can be more curious about their surroundings.

We have also focused this week on World environment day, and thought about how we can make small changes in school to have a wider impact on the local community in the first instance.

Have a good weekend,
Miss Leach

Attendance – Every day at school counts!

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 20 th – 24 th May 2024						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.78%	95.86%	93.93%	89.92%	94.81%	81.94%	93.96%
7	15	2	8	4	9	10

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

Next Week's Learning

	Maths	English
Reception	Consolidation of numbers to 10 – review and assess	Writing speech bubbles
Year 1	Fractions – Equal or unequal parts of shapes	Poetry
Year 2	Problem Solving	Narrative Writing
Year 3	Shape	Writing Instructions
Year 4	Negative numbers	Character descriptions and inverted commas
Year 5	Regular and irregular shapes	Plan, write and perform own free-verse poem
Year 6	Financial Maths and Enterprise	Creating a radio advert for their advocacy campaign

Change of Menu Choice

The kitchen has had to amend one of the choices on the week 3 menu. The Thursday 'green' choice will now be Quorn Hot Dog in place of the Chipolata sausages with gravy.

LEADERSHIP CORNER

CONSULTATION WITH YOU

From September 2024, the length of the school day must equate to 32.5 hours a week (6.5 hours a day).

"The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end of the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes lunch times and other breaks as well as teaching time and any enrichment activities that all pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional before or after school provision."

In response to this, we plan to make alter our official start and finish times.

PROPOSAL:

From September 2024, school for all children will officially start at 8:45am. School will be open from 8:35 with a soft start for children to arrive and get themselves settled ready of morning registration at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late.

From September 2024, the school day will end at 3:15pm for all classes except Reception which will end at 3:10pm.

The change in these hours ensures we are meeting the expectation of 6.5 hours a day.

Further information

Further information about the change in schooling hours can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64a2f21fbb13dc000cb2e5e1/Minimum_School_Week_Non-Statutory_Guidance.pdf

Next steps

Please respond to the google form share with you on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ya5PzDiBq2GgKzcp7>

If you have further comments and would like to discuss anything in person, we invite you to an SLT drop in on Friday 14th June where Miss Leach will be available.

Consultation on School Hours

As detailed in the Leadership Corner this week, please complete the Google form on the link below re: consultation on school hours by Friday 21st June 2024 – thank you.

<https://forms.gle/ya5PzDiBq2GgKzcp7>

Open Learning Morning – Friday 14th June

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next Friday (14th June) for our next Open Learning Morning

Please drop your children off following our normal morning routine and join them in class where you will have the opportunity to engage with your child in some reading / reading comprehension activities. If you have more than one child in the school, we suggest that you start by visiting your youngest child's class and then move from one class to the other within the time available. Open Learning Morning will finish at 9:15am.

For parents and carers of Year 3 and 4 children, please come to the main school entrance for 2:30pm where you will be able to join your child in class.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday.

Measles Update from Public Health

Public Health have asked that Parents and Carers are alert to the signs and symptoms of measles and that you check your children are fully vaccinated. If your child has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, you can contact your GP surgery to book an appointment. Further advice and guidance can be found here:

[MEASLES - Protect yourself, protect others \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121212/measles-protect-yourself-protect-others.pdf)

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

Wellbeing and Parenting Information

Dr Kathy Weston Newsletter

Dr Kathy Weston's Wednesday Wisdom this week, 'SuperKind Social Action' looks at the importance of community in our children's upbringings and how we can contribute positively to the wider community:

[Wednesday Wisdom | SuperKind Social Action | Tooled Up Education](#)

Confident Happy Me!

Are you wanting help and support for your child's wellbeing? Suzanne Stace would love to support you and your child to feel more emotionally secure and resilient by helping them understand their emotions and equipping them with self-help tools to help them manage their emotions. She is offering a special Summer Holiday Saver of 4 x 1:1 sessions (during the 6 week school holiday) plus a parent support session. Please visit her website: www.unlockingchildrenspotential.co.uk to book using the code: SUMSAVER24 or contact Suzanne on 0785 299 5184.

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

The Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre takes place on Thursday 20th June from 2-4:30pm at Bennetts End Community Centre, HP3 9LZ. The event is free to attend and there will be lots of valuable resources and support for families with special educational needs and disabilities who may be seeking advice, information, or just a friendly face to talk to. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Bounce Forward Navigating Transitions

A four-session online course for parents is starting on 11th June to explore how to support your child to face change and uncertainty with mental resilience. Whether a child is moving from primary to secondary, to a new school or setting, or to a new teacher or class. It can be an anxious time for parents. Bounce Forward will support parents to consider unhelpful habits of thinking in relation to transition, change and uncertainty and come away with practical evidence-based strategies to help your child. To find out more or book a place, please visit:

[Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward](#)

Hertfordshire Family Support Service – School Transitions

Hertfordshire Family Support Service are offering a range of events and activities focused on creating a supportive network that empowers families and children to navigate school transitions with confidence and ease. These include:

Five Week Series on Facebook: They will be sharing a series of informative posts. These will cover various aspects of transitions and offer practical tips and strategies for parents

Week 1 - Promoting independence

Week 2 - Toilet Training and hand washing ready for school

Week 3 - Loving Learning

Week 4 - Turn taking and asking for help

Week 5 - Talking about School

'Ready for School' Drop-Ins: They are running drop-in sessions in **weeks commencing July 8th & July 15th**. These drop-ins will provide an opportunity for families to connect with their team and discuss any concerns or questions they may have about transitions to school or childcare settings.

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Reception Library Visit
- Music Recital
- PSHE Information
- Year 6 First Aid Training
- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Home Learning Questionnaire
- Year 5 Update

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 Curiosity

****SUMMER HOLIDAY SAVER****

4 x 1-1 sessions

(during the 6 week school holiday)

+ Parent support session

BOOK USING CODE- SUMSAVER24

CONFIDENT HAPPY ME!

Are you wanting help and support for your child's wellbeing ?

Do you want to help them to feel happier, more confident and resilient to cope with the day to day pressures of life ?

Is your child...

- Struggling with those BIG EMOTIONS?
- Struggling with their relationships ?
- ANXIOUS ?
- Finding it difficult to sleep ?

I would love to support you and your child to feel more emotionally secure and resilient by helping them understand their emotions and equipping them with self-help tools to help them manage their emotions.

CONTACT SUZANNE ON 0785 299 5184

'Suzanne demonstrates a unique ability to connect with children on a personal level . Through tailored coaching sessions my daughter not only developed practical strategies to help manage anxious thoughts but also gained a greater sense of self assurance and resilience. Suzanne's approach is professional yet compassionate, creating a safe and supportive environment that allowed my daughter to feel comfortable to express herself. Thank you Suzanne'

'Suzanne bonded very quickly with our son and the weekly sessions have had an immense impact on his ability to regulate his emotions. Not only has Suzanne supported our son , but she has also been an amazing source of guidance for the whole family and equipped us with parenting' tools''

'Suzanne is very kind and passionate about children's well being and I would highly recommend her'

School Starters

Ready for School



School Transition Events Free - drop in

Join us at one of our drop in events this July to speak with our knowledgeable team about how to support your child to be ready for nursery or school.

Can't make it? Join us at Family Fun or SEND Chat and Play throughout the summer, visit www.hertsfamilycentres.org for details.

Thursday 11th July
10:00 - 11:30

Cedar Tree Family Centre,
Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7JX

Tuesday 16th July
13:00 - 14:30

Windmill Family Centre,
Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4DW

Let's get ready for this exciting new chapter together!



www.hertsfamilycentres.org

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SEND 0-25 years
Hertfordshire's Local Offer

DACORUM FAMILY SERVICES
NORTH & EAST

DSPL8 Delivering Special Provision Locally

Gade Schools Family Support
Contributing to Life's Journey

HCT Public Health Nursing NHS

HCT CYP Therapies Service NHS

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre
Thursday 20th June 2024
2-4.30pm
Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatescroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ

Join us for a free afternoon filled with valuable resources and support for families with special educational needs and disabilities. Discover local services, chat with experts and connect with other families, facing similar challenges. Whether you're seeking advice, information, or just a friendly face—this event is for you. Free cafe on site & a prize draw, for those attending. If you need any support to attend, the fayre will have an accessible period from 1.30pm please indicate on your booking.

ADD-vance
The SEND and Autism Trust

mind Hertfordshire Network

LTR

Woodfield School

ISL Integrated Services for Learning

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

DSAACHIEVE

Carers in Hertfordshire

Services for Young People

MHST

PLAY SKILL Skills for play, skills for life

SPACE Autism | ADHD Neurodiverse Conditions

Herts Parent Carer Involvement www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk