

# WESTFIELD WEEKLY

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Edition 37

#### **Key Dates**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### Monday 8th to Friday 12th July

Art Week

#### Tuesday 9th July

• Year 4 Assembly 9am

#### Wednesday 10th July

• Year 2 Production 9:15am

#### Thursday 11th July

- Secondary School Transition Day / Class Swap Morning
- Year 3 Forest School

#### Friday 12th July

- RockSteady Concert 9am
- Sports Day 10am for all children and 1:15-3:15pm Years 3 to 6

#### Advance Notice ....

#### Monday 15th to Thursday 18th July

Sports Week

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• Reserve Sports Day

#### Tuesday 16th July

Sports for Champions Visit

#### Thursday 18th July

- Year 6 Leavers Party 4-5:30pm
- Home Learning Celebration in class (children only)

#### Friday 19th July

- Rainbow Raffle Non Uniform Day Please see W1SPA News for more details
- Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- End of Term School Closes at 1:30pm



What a week!



I would like to express just how proud I am of all the children this week as it has been "different" for almost every class.

Year 6 really did us proud with their production of "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits" on Thursday evening. The whole school got to watch the dress rehearsal and enjoyed the singing and jokes – it really was a joy to be part of.

We are hoping that the weather will be kind for Sports day on Friday – we will keep you updated should we need to rearrange.

Have a good weekend, Miss Leach

#### **W1SPA News**

Thank you for all of your support at the summer fair today!

#### **RAINBOW RAFFLE**

Did you spot the raffle tickets in your child's bag this week? Enter the raffle to win a coloured food hamper!

- Return your stubs and money by Friday 19th July
- bring in a coloured food items 19th July
- on the same day, children are to also come to school wearing an item of their class colour e.g. t shirt / trousers etc no uniform needed.
- The raffle will be drawn during the day on Friday 19th for you to collect and enjoy during the summer!

See poster for full details!



A chance to win a coloured food bundle!

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# LEADERSHIP CORNER

## **Staffing for 2024-2025**

We are excited to be able to share with you our staffing team for the next academic year. We will be welcoming Mrs Slater as Deputy Head and Miss Taylor as our Year 5 teacher. Mrs Crossley will be with us until Christmas covering Mrs Edwards whilst on maternity leave. Mrs Jones, who has been teaching in Reception, will be teaching further up the school.

# Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Miss Leach

Mrs Slater

#### **Extended SLT**

Mrs Rance

Mrs Nicholls

Mrs Trinder

Mrs Edwards (from January)

#### **Teaching Staff**

**EYFS Unit** – Mrs Nichols

Year I - Mrs Crossley/ Mrs Edwards (3days) and Mrs

Lamb (2days). Mrs Edwards will return at Christmas

**Year 2** – Mrs Rance

**Year 3** – Mrs Jones (3days) and Miss Roe (2days)

Year 4 - Mrs Freemantle

Year 5 - Miss Taylor

Year 6 - Mrs Trinder

#### **Teaching Assistants**

EYFS Unit – Mrs Su (4days) & Mrs Bray (1day)

**Year I** – Mrs Sharman (3days) & Mrs Bray (2days)

**Year 2** – Miss Jordan and Miss May

**Year 3** – Mr Ogden and Mrs Waheed (AM)

**Year 4** – Mrs Young and Mrs Waheed (PM)

Year 5 - To be confirmed

Year 6 - Miss Lane

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Mrs Powell will continue in her role as SEN TA, providing support where needed across the whole school

#### Office Team

Mrs Walker Mrs Cole

#### **Cleaning Team**

Mrs Bray Mr Bray Mrs Glass

Site Manager

Mr Bray

Transition morning for the whole school will be on Thursday I Ith July. This will give all children the opportunity to meet their teaching team for next year.

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## Goodbyes

As you will see, we will be saying goodbye to some wonderful members of our Westfield Team this summer.

Miss Grace is leaving us to go travelling.

Mrs Saunders will be taking on a new role at a school in Buckinghamshire.

**Mrs Edwardson** is retiring (for sure this time!) and looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

After almost 20 years as part of the Westfield Team, **Mrs Wortley-Taylor** will be leaving us to pursue ventures

Mrs Arnold is taking early retirement and looking forward to a well deserved rest.

Mrs Goodchild is relocating with her family to Edinburgh over the summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thankyou for all the incredible work these members of staff have done at Westfield over the years and wish them all luck in the next chapter of their lives.

#### **Attendance - Every day at school counts!**

Attendance & Number of Late Arrivals: 24th - 28th June 2024							
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
93.67%	94.83%	81.54%	94.58%	98.87%	90.04%	90.97%	
2	5	1	8	2	5	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

#### **Next Week's Learning**

	Maths	English		
Reception	Continuing to look at comparison	Town Mouse & Country Mouse		
Year 1	Place value	Writing to inform		
Year 2	Revisiting shapes and their properties	New topic on The Lost Homework		
Year 3	Adding and subtracting decimals	The Iron Man Narrative		
Year 4	Geometry – position and direction	Non-chronological report writing		
Year 5	Continuation of fractions	Continuation of writing explanation text		
Year 6	Application of Skills (based around time in	Positive Minds (a mental health project)		
	preparation for Sports Day)			

#### Sports Day – Friday 12th July

Sports Day is taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July and the timetable for the day is as follows:

• Reception - Year 6 Multi-skills carousel - 10am to 12pm

Parents to arrive no earlier than 9:50am please and wait at the meeting place until collected by a member of staff.

Year 3 – 6 Competitive sports – 1.15pm to 3.15pm

Parents to arrive no earlier than 1:05pm please and wait at the meeting place until collected by a member of staff.

Please can you ensure your child comes to school in their Westfield PE kit and trainers and ensure that suncream is applied before school (hopefully the sun will be shining!) and your child brings a water bottle and sunhat with them.

The reserve Sports Day is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers**

A librarian from Berkhamsted Library visited us this week to promote 'The Marvellous Makers' the FREE national Summer Reading Challenge, administered by the Reading Agency.

The Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge begins at all Hertfordshire Libraries from Saturday 6 July, and continues until Saturday 7 September. This year's Challenge is an open invitation for children to explore books and stories, while taking part in free activities. From poetry and music to arts and crafts, there's something for every young creator.

Children are encouraged to read six library books and collect exclusive stickers along the way. And that's not all—finishers of the Challenge will receive a medal and certificate, and a chance to win tickets to an interactive poetry workshop with the celebrated poet, Joshua Seigal. To find out more, please visit: <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge</a>

#### Wellbeing and Parenting Information

#### **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: <a href="https://www.unlockingchildrenspotential.co.uk">www.unlockingchildrenspotential.co.uk</a> to book using the code: SUMSAVER24 or contact Suzanne on 0785 299 5184.

#### **Local Events and Information**

#### **Disability Cricket Sessions**

Starting on 5<sup>th</sup> July, Berkhamsted Cricket Club are running disability cricket sessions from 4:30-5:30pm for children with any disability and aged 8-16 years. There will be a total of 5 sessions and all free of charge. To find out more or to book, please contact <a href="mailto:iamesbellcricket@gmail.com">iamesbellcricket@gmail.com</a>

#### **Learn to Balance and Ride Courses**

Herts Balance & Ride will be running more Learn to Balance and Ride (L2BR) and Developing Better Bike Control (DBBC) courses at Tudor Primary School in Hemel Hempstead on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>. Courses are also running in Welwyn Garden City (July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and ) and in Watford (July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>)

Suitable for children from three and a half to teenage the courses are an ideal opportunity to learn to ride a bike in a safe and supportive environment.

Prices are £34 for the recommended two sessions and £21 for one. The price includes provision of a balance bike, quality lightweight pedal bike and a helmet for each child. Sessions are one hour in duration with a maximum of 5 children per session.

The full schedule, registration and online payment are available at Public Schedule & Booking – Hertsbalance.

#### Free Children's Summer Events in Berkhamsted

Berkhamsted Town Council is delighted to offer FREE children's events which will take place over the summer in Berkhamsted:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July \* 08:30 to 15:30 \* <u>Multi-sports with Game On</u> at Sacred Heart RC Church Hall. For children entering Y1-7 in Sept 2024.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August \* 08:30 to 15:30 \* <u>Multi-sports with Game On</u> at **Sacred Heart RC Church Hall**. For children entering Y1-7 in Sept 2024.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August \* 10:00 to 11:00 \* <u>Simon Says Magic</u> at <u>Berkhamsted Civic Centre</u>. For children aged 4 to 8 but all ages welcome.

Please book on <a href="https://www.berkhamsted-tc.gov.uk/council\_events/">https://www.berkhamsted-tc.gov.uk/council\_events/</a>

#### Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- School Meals for Year 2 children moving to Year 3
- Year 5 Secondary School Moving On Leaflet
- Years 1 & 2 Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis Festival

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

# RAINBOW RAFFLE & non uniform day 19th July

# A chance to win a coloured food bundle!

- Did you spot the raffle tickets in your child's bag?
- Raffle tickets have been sent home with children, and more are available through the office if you wish-buy as many as you like - £1 per ticket, return raffle stubs (with names/phone written on the back) and money to the W1SPA postbox in the office by 8:45am Friday 19th July
- Friday 19th July (last day of term) bring in donations of food / drink with packaging in your class colour (no alcohol or perishables please)
- On the same day, children are to also come to school wearing an item of their class colour e.g. t shirt / trousers etc - no uniform needed
- The raffle will be drawn during the day on Friday 19th
   & the winners will be notified one winner per colour!
- Winners can take their bundle at early pickup on Friday 19th July to enjoy over the summer!

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W1SPA is Westfield Primary
School's Parents Association, and every
Westfield parent is a member
wispawestfield@gmail.com
www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa



#### LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE AND DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL COURSES (JULY)



One of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime.

#### LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)

- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 11
- 85% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
  1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and lightweight pedal bike for each child included in price

#### **DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)**

- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £4.00)
- 1 hour sessions

#### Full course details at: www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions

Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> Venue: Tudor Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9ER

Thursday July 25th and Friday July 26th Venue: The Ridgeway Academy, Welwyn Garden City, HP3 9ER

Monday July 29th and Tuesday July 30th

Venue: Cassiobury Junior School, Watford, WD17 3PD

Cost: £34 for two sessions. £21 for one session.

For more information and to book, go to www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking email phil@hertsbalance.uk or call Phil on 07941 061717. Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults and families. Details at www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions



#### \*\*SUMMER HOLIDAY SAVER\*\*

#### 4 x 1-1 sessions

( during the 6 week school holiday )

+ Parent support session £150 \*SAVE £60\*

BOOK USING CODE- SUMSAVER24



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'

## **DISABILITY CRICKET SESSIONS**

BERKHAMSTED CC **CASTLE HILL** BERKHAMSTED HP3 1HE

### STARTING **5TH JULY**

- BERKHAMPSTED CRICKET CLUB
- THURSDAYS 4.30PM 5.30PM
- 5 SESSIONS
- FREE OF CHARGE





- FOR AGES 8 16 YEARS
- NO PREVIOUS CRICKET EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- ANY DISABILITY WELCOME



To sign up please contact jamesbellcricket@gmail.com

