



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

25th September 2020

Edition 4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Advance Notice

Monday 28th September

- Day of Languages

Wednesday 30th September

- Tempest Photography – Individual Photos

Monday 5th October

- INSET Day – School Closed

Wednesday 7th October

- Year 1 Health Screening



Bike to School Week – 28th September to 2nd October

Next week should be Bike to School week. However, we have decided that we do not wish to increase the congestion at the meeting place with extra time needed to lock bikes, etc. and so, would ask that children don't cycle, sorry about that.

We would like to see children enjoying their bikes though (or scooter, or skateboard if you don't have a bike) and would love to see pictures of this. Please bring in photographs by Friday 2 October, and we will display these for all to see.

There is a family competition being run by Sustrans - more details here <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/uk-wide/bike-to-school-week-family-competition/>. All you need to do is:

- During Bike to School Week, take a short video or post a photo and message telling us why you love to or would like to cycle to school
- Follow and tag @Sustrans on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#)
- Share your entry with #SustransWin.

The competition closes at 9 am on Monday 5 October 2020

We won't be able to send the entries from school, so please don't send them to us, but do let us know if you enter the competition. We would love to know if we have a winner.

School Photos

On Wednesday 30th September, Tempest Photography are coming into school to take individual photos of all the children. Please be reassured that the photograph session will follow COVID-19 risk assessment guidelines with social distancing, the children being taken to the hall in their class bubbles, and strict hygiene practices will be in place. We regret, however, that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and for the health and safety of us all, we will not be able to do family photos at this time. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause but having assessed the timeframe, logistics of keeping children from different class/phase bubbles socially distanced and the additional hygiene procedures needed, it will not be possible to take family photos at this time. We hope to be able to offer sibling photographs at a later point in the year when Tempest Photography return in the Spring term to take our class photos.

Your child's individual photo will be available to order online through Tempest Photography and details of how to do this will be forwarded to you with the proof of your child's photograph. Our preference this year will be for all photographs to be ordered directly online with Tempest Photography to minimise payments and order forms coming into school. Thank you for your support and understanding.

2020 The Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon

On Sunday 4th October, the Virgin Money London Marathon will take place featuring the world's best athletes racing in St James's Park, live on the BBC while 45,000 adults across the UK and all over the globe take part in a virtual event running 26.2 miles.

For this year only, schools can also be part of the world's greatest marathon by joining the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon and running 2.6 miles between **Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October**.

Children need to complete 2.6 miles between Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October during the school day. Participation certificates or medals will be awarded after the event.

As we have been unable to raise funds through W1SPA organised events for the last six months we will be raising funds for the school by taking part in this event. We hope you can support your child by encouraging them to take part and if possible, make a small donation through the W1SPA fundraising account via this link :

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8sRVVFrt8h>

Secondary School Applications

Reminder, for children in Year 6, you can now apply for a Secondary school place to start in September 2021.

Parents/carers can apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and the deadline date for applications is 31st October 2020. Please refer to the 'Moving On' Leaflet for full details about the application process.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Did you know that by registering your child for free school meals, we can claim extra money to support your child's education? Registering for Free School Meals could mean an extra £1,300 to enhance your child's education. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal but unless you register with us, the school will not receive the funding.

We ask **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to register their child to receive a meal. It's quick and easy and only has to be done once and if all families register, the school will not miss out on additional funding entitlement. To register, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals Thank you.

Dacorum's Virtual Fun Palace – Free online activities for families

Dacorum Borough Council and Hemel Hempstead Library are hosting a free Virtual Fun Palace on Saturday 3rd October as part of Herts Year of Culture. Dacorum's Virtual Fun Palace is a day of creative and cultural activities for all ages including storytelling, songs and drama, dance, art, a talk about frogs and toads, hedgehog cookie baking and more, which are all delivered by local artists and organisations. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

W1SPA News

W1SPA LOTTERY CLUB

Welcome to our LOTTERY CLUB – a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

You sign up at www.pta-events.co.uk/W1SPA where you can either purchase a £2 ticket for one draw (that month) or sign up for the rest of the academic year for £20 (10-month Oct-July).

This buys you one membership number (we will allocate you), which enters you into the monthly draw. You can purchase more than one number, there is no limit. All participants must be over 16. The draw will take place on the first Friday of each month and monthly tickets must be purchased by the Wednesday before.

If you win, a cheque will be sent to the school office and the name of the winner published in the school's newsletter and on the W1SPA Facebook and Instagram pages. The prize money will be 45% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 55% goes to the W1SPA fundraising to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for ALL pupils.

Any queries, please contact Angharad Harrison or Sianne Plenderleith on email wispawestfield@gmail.com
https://1drv.ms/w/s!An8zHj0F-YDvgS8IBLE3gINbJJj_?e=6HPM2q

JOIN OUR LOTTERY CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!

VOLUNTARY DONATION

W1SPA has set up a voluntary PayPal pool which will be open throughout this academic school year. Please feel free to donate freely into this pool and no amount is ever too little, e.g If every parent/carer donated as little as **£13.33 per child this year**, this would cover the £2800 W1SPA has just donated.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8gktGRRaep>

DATES TO REMEMBER

W1SPA LOTTERY CLUB - deadline 30th September to enter for both the monthly / academic year draw

BAGS 2 SCHOOL Tuesday 20th October morning drop off

More information to follow next week about how to help with fundraising!!!

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week:

- *Healthy Packed Lunches*
- *Music Lessons*
- *Public Health England Letters*
- *5 Ways to Wellbeing Seminar*
- *DSPL Autumn Term Newsletter*
- *Dr Kathy Weston Wednesday Wisdom*
- *Bag2School Leaflet*
- *BeeZee Bodies Webinars*

***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 is Co-operation