



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

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Edition 40

Key Dates

School reopens for children in Reception to Year 6 on Monday 5th September

Parents of children who are joining Nursery in September should refer to the information they have already received for the relevant start dates for their child.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all the generous and thoughtful gifts and kind wishes that we have received this week and we wish you all a healthy, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Advance Notice – Dates for your Diary

Diary dates will be sent home at the beginning of the new term, however, we wanted to give you some advance notice of a couple of events taking place in September:

Wednesday 7th September – Meet the Teacher Evening (6:30pm - 8pm)

- An opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and learn about class routines and expectations for the year. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend, as lots of useful information is shared on this evening at the start of the new academic year.

Thursday 15th September – EYFS and KS1 Reading and Phonics Coffee Morning (9am)

- An informal event for parents of EYFS and KS1 children where we share details of our approach to reading and phonics plus the opportunity to meet other parents for a chat!

School Clubs – Autumn Term

All the information you need regarding the clubs offered for next term are now available on our website, under the Parents tab, which is located on the menu bar at the top of the site. There is a club timetable as well as a link to all the Club flyers with details on how to sign your child up. All booking enquiries should be made directly with the club providers. Thank you.

Footwear and Uniform in the Autumn Term

In preparation for September, we have reviewed the current situation with regard to footwear and made the decision that children will continue to wear trainers to school (plimsolls are not required). During the winter months, we would suggest that children have a 2nd pair of trainers to change into should they get wet or muddy during the day from doing PE, the Daily Mile etc.

We have also been reviewing our uniform for our Early Years and KS1 children and made the decision that children may wear black joggers if they wish to support them with being able to dress themselves and access the toilet independently.

We have noticed that a number of children have not been wearing the correct PE kit so please can we remind you that all children should wear a royal blue t-shirt (with or without school logo) and plain navy blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms. During the winter months, children may also wear a sweatshirt or hoodie and Westfield hoodies are available to purchase for our KS2 children from our uniform supplier, Essential Schoolwear www.essentialschoolwear.com In order for children to participate in PE they must have a kit to change into. Thank you.

School Uniform Order Deadline

If you need to order more school uniform for next term, please note the deadline for ordering new uniform from Essential Schoolwear with delivery to your home or work address before the start of term is **Friday 12th August**. We would recommend ordering as soon as possible. Please visit: www.essentialschoolwear.com

Reminder: Packed Lunches - Grapes

Grapes are a good healthy fruit snack however if you include grapes in your child's packed lunch, please can we remind you to always cut them lengthwise first as they can be a choking hazard for all age groups. Thank you.

Your School Games – Active Summer Challenge

With a summer of sporting events ahead of us, School Games England have launched an Active Summer Challenge to inspire children to keep active throughout the summer holidays. There are weekly activities suitable for all ages and opportunities to get the whole family involved. Follow the link below to find ideas within the Active Summer Challenge for each Key stage. Complete a record of your activity and celebrate your success with us at the beginning of next term. Certificates will be presented to those who take part. Thank you for choosing to lead an active and healthy lifestyle and good luck - <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/active-summer-challenge/>

DSPL8 Communication for Parents & Carers – Summer Holiday 2022

The latest newsletter from DSPL8 is now available and includes activities, workshops and support taking place during the Summer Holidays. All the following information can be downloaded from the DSPL8 website via the links below:

- Dacorum Online Parenting Course Brochure - Autumn 2022
- Summer Holiday Activities 2022 – Gade Schools Family Support Service and Kings Langley Partnership
- Dacorum Family Services North & East Newsletter 2022
- DSPL8 Parent Carer Support 2022-23

<http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

<https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Dacorum-Parenting-Course-Brochure-Autumn-2022.pdf>

Local events and Information

Please find below details of local events, activities and information for:

Berkhamsted Raiders Girls Summer Football Sessions – Berkhamsted Raiders is running some girls taster sessions for Year 1-3 over the Summer. The sessions will run from Saturday 16th July to Saturday 27th August from 9am-10am at Greenway School. For more information or to sign up, please visit: www.berkhamstedraiders.com/girlsfootball

Summer Holiday Activities for Children – You'll find loads of fun activities to keep your children entertained and active during the summer holidays here: <https://imoves.com/summer-holidays> These include: Mindfulness walks for all the family to enjoy, The Dice Challenge to brush up on those maths skills and Colouring sheets in case of a rainy day!



Summer Holiday Lego Club – We're delighted to share that our Lego Club provider is running two summer holiday lego clubs here at Westfield on Wednesday 10th August and Tuesday 16th August from 10am to 12pm. For further information, please contact Liora on 07952 927064 or to book, please visit: www.bookwhen.com/bricks

Medieval Festival - Berkhamsted and District Chamber of Commerce (BDCC) is organising a 2-day Medieval Festival on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August 2022 for the benefit of the community and local businesses. The event will run from 12 -5pm on each day on Berkhamsted Cricket Club field and the adjacent Kitchener's Field. Acts/attractions will include re-enacted battles and tournaments, spear and axe throwing and encampment activities by an established, historical re-enactment group; ferret-racing and ferret cuddles; falconry, jesters, magicians, face-painting, Tug of War, dancing, singing, activities for children, craft stalls, and a range of food and drink.

The Early-Bird ticket offer can be found on these links: <https://www.berkhamsted-chamber.co.uk/event/medieval-festival-sunday-28th-august/> and <https://www.berkhamsted-chamber.co.uk/event/medieval-festival-monday-29th-august/>

School Felt Tapestries - During the Medieval Festival, the wonderful, individual, felt tapestries that were made by each school and funded by BDCC will be on display. There will also be a formal hand-over of these amazing works of art in the presence of the Mayor - exact time to be confirmed and will be shown on event marketing. The tapestries will initially be displayed in Berkhamsted Town Hall.

New Berkhamsted Events Hub - Just in time for planning school holiday days out, Berkhamsted and District Chamber of Commerce (with funding from Dacorum Council) has been busy putting together a new website – the Event Hub - that lists events in HP4. The site went live on 20th July 2022 and so is ready for you to see what is available in our town. If anyone you know runs events in the HP4 area, you can list FREE by going to the EVENTS HUB, registering and following the instructions to upload your event. In this way, the website will continue growing to become ever more useful. Follow this link to either search for events or to list an event: <https://www.eventhub.org.uk/>

Storm Basketball Summer Camp – Storm Basketball have a new 3 day Junior Basketball Summer Camp (age 7-18 years) running from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th August 9am-3pm. For more information and to book online, please visit: www.stormbasketball.net/summer2021-2

Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

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