



WESTFIELD WEEKLY

15th October 2021

Edition 7

Key Dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th October

- Parents Evening (Late appointments)

Wednesday 20th October

- Parents Evening (Early appointments)

Thursday 21st October

- Virtual Harvest Festival

Friday 22nd October

- School Closed – INSET Day

Attendance

Attendance figures for each class for the week beginning 4th October 2021.

Year 6	96.67%	Year 5	99.3%	Year 4	97.95%	Year 3	93.10%
Year 2	97.67%	Year 1	95%	Reception	97.33%	Nursery	71.7%

During the week of 4th October – 5 children were late arriving for school. **Please can parents/carers ensure that they arrive by 8.50am each day. Thank you.**

Parents Evening

A reminder that our first Parents' Evening Consultations of the year take place on Tuesday 19th October (late appointments) and Wednesday 20th October (early appointments). This is an opportunity for all parents to meet with their child's class teacher to find out how they are settling in to their new year group.

Please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher by the end of today. All appointments last 10 minutes so if you need longer to discuss any particular concerns please arrange a further date with the relevant teacher. Please can we also remind you that due to COVID measures, we ask that all parents wear face coverings and it will not be possible for children to attend with you. Thank you.

'Squid Game'

We have noticed in the playground, and also around school that some children are making reference to a Netflix programme called Squid Game. Below is some information and helpful advice from National Online Safety aimed at parents to talk to their children. The programme is rated as 15 and contains gory and explicit scenes and is therefore unsuitable for primary aged children.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

WE STRONGLY REQUEST THAT ALL PARENTS ENSURE THAT NONE OF OUR WESTFIELD CHILDREN ARE WATCHING THIS PROGRAMME in order to protect your child's mental health and well-being.

School Menu

A reminder that the new lunch menu starts after half-term (week commencing 1st November). **If your child wishes to change their meal pattern after half-term please notify the school office by Thursday 21st October.** Thank you.

School Photos

Reminder, the deadline date to order your child's school photograph with **free postage and delivery to school is Friday 22nd October.** All orders can be made online with Tempest Photography at www.tempest-orders.co.uk Please use the 10 digit reference number on your order form to place your order. Thank you.

Harvest Donations

For our annual Harvest celebration we are supporting HOPE Food Bank and would be grateful to receive donations to help support them provide food parcels for local families. Please refer to the list sent home last week for suggested items and please send donations into the school office by Thursday 21st October. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Road Safety - 'Be Bright, Be Seen' Campaign

As the darker evenings are approaching, Hertfordshire County Council Active and Safer Travel Team are promoting their 'Be Bright, Be Seen' campaign again this year. In support of this, please can we remind everyone of the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make yourselves more visible to traffic. We also ask that parents and carers remind their children about crossing the road safely, namely finding a safe place to cross the road and remind them about parked cars. Thank you for your support.

Lost Property & Missing Coat

The staff try their absolute hardest to make sure that children do not lose their belongings but sometimes things still go missing.

We would ask for your support in the following ways:

1. Please make sure **all clothing is clearly labelled** with permanent marker.
2. Please check that your child has not taken home a coat or other item of clothing that does not belong to them by accident. If they have, please bring it back in. We know that sometimes children go home after school with different family members or family friends – please check with them too.

With the above in mind, a new long black coat belonging to one of our Reception children has gone missing – please can you check that your child has not accidentally brought the wrong coat home. Thank you.

DSPL8 (Delivering Special Provision Locally) Newsletter

The latest newsletter from DSPL8 is now available – copy attached. Further information about Parent/Carer Courses and Support including half-term activities can also be downloaded from their website, via the following link: <http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

Dr Kathy Weston Weekly Wisdom

This week's edition of the Dr Kathy Weston Wednesday Wisdom is now available and this week focuses on the value of research and research evidence – <https://www.tooledupeducation.com/wisdom/trick-or-truth/>

Previous articles are also available via the tooled up education website:

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/tooled-up/wednesday-wisdom/>

Poppy Appeal

To support this years' Poppy Appeal, we have poppies and a selection of 'poppy' themed items available to buy in aid of the Royal British Legion. Suggested donations are between 50p and £1.50 and the children will be able to buy items each day in school after half term. Thank you for supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Secondary School Applications

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. **Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of Sunday 31st October 2021.** However, we would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 22nd October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application from the Admissions and Transport Team.

Rotary Club Firework Display – Discounted Tickets

The Rotary firework display takes place on Saturday 6th November and discounted tickets are available from the school office. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children and £22 for a family ticket. Please pay with the correct cash or cheques made payable to RCBB.

Local events and Information

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

- **Storm Basketball** – next home game vs Team Newcastle University on Saturday 16th October at 7pm. Tickets available online at www.stormbasketball.net or on the night.
- **Dacorum Music School Guitar Groove** – Herts Music Service are starting a new ensemble at Dacorum Music School for beginner guitarists. For more information and booking details please see the flyer attached.
- **Sapphire Gymnastics** – FREE taster session for Nursery and Reception children. Please see flyer attached for further information.
- **Ross & Andy Girls Half-Term Football Camp** – Every school holiday, Ross & Andy Soccer Camps run girls only camps for girls aged 5-11 years and this half-term their camp will be held at Haslam Playing Fields, Berkhamsted. To find out more, please visit: www.rasocccamps.com

W1SPA News

Hi!

We have had a slight change in the organisation of W1SPA this academic year and I have replaced Sianne Plenderleith as Chair. My name is Angharad Harrison and I have Jack in Y3. I've been helping alongside Sianne since she took over so some of you may already know me. Sianne is putting all her creative skills into taking on the amazing challenge of training to be a primary school teacher. She will still be in the background but all of us at W1SPA would like to thank her for everything she has done in the particularly challenging times of fundraising during a global pandemic!

I do pick and drop off on Fridays so do come and say hello, otherwise I'm available on the W1SPA email at w1spawestfield@gmail.com or through any of our social media accounts.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

We're looking forward to seeing many of you this afternoon at the Halloween disco.

4pm-5pm - YN, YR, Y1 and Y2

Cost: £6

What's included: DJ and disco with fun and games, craft activity, temporary tattoos, face paints and a treat bag to take away.

5.15pm-6.15pm - Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Cost: £5

What's included: DJ and disco with fun and games, temporary tattoos and face paints.

Additional extras: Tuck shop (£1 maximum spend) and Creepy corridor (50p a go)

Children to be dropped off and collected from their classroom doors.

Costumes are encouraged but optional and please keep them age appropriate.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have offered their help with decorating, supervision or running activities. We couldn't do this without you!

W1SPA LOTTERY CLUB

It's back again for the second year– a great way for you to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter!

Here's how it works... Tickets cost £2 each for one draw (that month) or sign up for the rest of the academic year for £20 (10-month OCTOBER 2021 - JULY 2021). <https://1drv.ms/w/s!An8zHj0F-YDvgS8IBLE3gINbJj?e=RF8WMF>

You can buy as many tickets as you wish, and share with family and friends.

All participants must be over 16. The prize money will be 45% of the membership fee taken that month. (1st place - 25%, 2nd place - 12.5%, 3rd place - 7.5%) The remaining 55% goes to the W1SPA fundraising to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for all pupils.



Draw takes place on the first Friday of each month (unless in school holidays) and tickets must be purchased by Wednesday before. Keep an eye out on social media for our big prize draws!

Sign up at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/w1spa>

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

We would like to thank you all for using this for end of school year teacher presents, remember to use us for any new big purchases and please consider signing up if you haven't already.

We have taken the *supermarket vouchers* and given it a good shake up to make it **user friendly, easy and clear**. If **ONLY** 60 parents/ families signed up to only **£100** per month W1SPA would make around **£2500** per year, **FREE MONEY**.

We have had only 18 NEW people sign up to this scheme, W1SPA would love to see more parents benefit from this scheme and help support W1SPA.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS - https://1drv.ms/w/s!AiYNTGX2XbGLfE_gBWlbejoAF9Q?e=hO7jIC

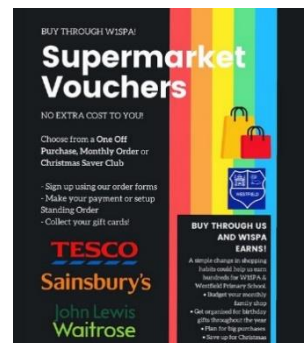
NEW FORMS

One off - <https://forms.gle/StLMGNm5vaSzcG38>

Monthly - <https://forms.gle/Hqv39xyTbngrdptq7>

Savers Club - <https://forms.gle/HHuNpJaMMtuW6Ait8>

Any questions please contact us for further information!!!



Letters/Flyers/Information sent home this week

- Year 5 Trip to Lincoln's Field
- Parent Letter – Anti-Social Behaviour

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 Honesty