



WESTON NEWS

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Dates for your diary (new dates in red):

Tuesday 13 December – Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 14 December – Choir performing at Shavington Academy concert

Thursday 15 December – Reception and KS1 trip to Tatton Park

Friday 16 December – Weston's Got Talent

Friday 16 December – Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 3 January – INSET day (school open for staff training and The Hive)

Wednesday 4 January – School reopens for all pupils

Wednesday 25 January – Blue Class assembly (arrive from 9.50am for a 10am start)

Wednesday 1 February – Choir to Young Voices in Manchester

Monday 6 February – Children's mental health week

Tuesday 7 February – Parish Council presentation to parents plus choir performance at school (details to follow)

Tuesday 7 February – Safer Internet day

Thursday 9 February – Class and leavers photographs

Friday 10 February – Dress to Express day (details to follow)

Monday 13 February – Year 6 residential all week

Wednesday 15 February – Green class assembly

Friday 17 February – School closes for half term

Monday 27 February – School reopens

Thursday 2 March – World Book Day (costumes – details to follow)

A message from Mr Cutts

We have enjoyed another packed fortnight in school with so much going on in addition to our broad and rich curriculum. With visitors, trips, sports and performances, there has been plenty of opportunities for the children to push themselves out of their comfort zones and develop their character. We still have a week to go until we break for Christmas with plenty still to look forward to.

As we approach the end of term 1, I would like to extend my gratitude to you all on behalf of the staff team. We prioritise our home school relationship, working hard to ensure the highest quality of communication and proactiveness. As such, we very much value your input and your support. The children thrive when we work closely together. I look forward to building on our strong relationships in the new year.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Parking and Drop-Off/Pick-Up

This is a regular but absolutely necessary reminder to all parents to ensure that anyone coming to drop-off and collect does not arrive early and observes all of the following protocol. If you happen to approach Weston early then please pull in at the pub car park and wait.

The times to arrive are not a minute earlier than 8.30am in the morning, 2.55pm for Reception and KS1 and 3.10pm for KS2 (and KS1 children with KS2 siblings). Please don't arrive early and wait in a queue outside the gates. You will effectively be illegally parked on zig-zags and will obstruct traffic to Poppy Close.

Please trust the system and avoid pulling around cars as much as possible. In the morning, please allow staff to open doors and help children out of cars rather than getting out yourself. You are always welcome to park up at The White Lion and walk children to or from school but the turning circle system

should be quick and transient. Please help us to keep our systems efficient for the benefit of everyone by observing the strict timings and the above protocol.

Junior Sports Hall Athletics

Last week a team of Key Stage Two children represented Weston at Sports Hall Athletics. They competed at Shavington Academy against teams from Shavington Primary, Wistaston Church Lane and The Berkeley. Although they didn't win, they pushed themselves and didn't give up throughout the series of events which included a variety of running and obstacle type races and throwing/jumping events. Well done Weston!



English Schools FA Competition

Having won their group 2 weeks ago, a Weston football team represented the school in the final Cheshire East round of the FA Schools competition. Although the team played well, they didn't progress to the next stage (the winners represent Cheshire East in the North West competition). They had a great experience and pushed themselves to the final whistle in every game. We are proud of them all.

New Vic Theatre Trip

We took all of KS2 to the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle last week to watch a performance of Alice in Wonderland. If you have been before, you will know that it is a theatre in the round, and it gave children a different perspective on a performance from their previous visits to the Regent Theatre. The show was fantastic and as well as developing their understanding of performance and culture, the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Choir

The choir have completed half of their Christmas programme with excellent and well-received performances at the Wychwood Village Christmas lights switch-on and the Wychwood Village Christmas Fayre. They really got everyone in the Christmas spirit and now look forward to a performance on the stage next Wednesday evening at the Shavington Community Christmas Concert. Tickets are still available!

Ambassador Update

The ambassadors are hard at work writing Christmas cards for local residents in Weston. They will be delivered next week.

Last week, the safeguarding ambassadors delivered some games and workshop sessions to each class to help introduce a child friendly version of our safeguarding policy. The policy will be uploaded to the website soon.





Friends of Weston – Christmas Activities

The Friends of Weston ran a fantastic Christmas film night for all children last Friday. They also helped a special visitor make all his deliveries during the day. It turns out that every child is on the nice list!

Christmas Crafts

Reverend Rachael and other volunteers from the church came into school this week to complete some Christmas themed craft activities with children in Reception and KS1. They also shared some festive stories.

Exciting Baby News

I am delighted to announce the newest arrival to the Weston family. Slightly earlier than planned, Miss Wright welcomed her son into the world at the weekend. Oscar Elliott was born on Sunday night to the delight of his proud parents. We wish Oscar and his mummy and daddy all the very best.



Coming Up

You will have seen from the dates for your diary section that we have a few things happening over the last week of term. Our caterers are running some Christmas competitions in school and decorating biscuits with the children. It's Christmas dinner day too. All of the younger children are going on a trip to Tatton Park. The choir are singing in a concert and at Wychwood Hotel and we wrap up the term with Weston's Got Talent. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.

Lost Property

This item is in the newsletter every week because it is always relevant. I looked for a child's hoodie yesterday and there are so many items in lost property including coats. When they are unnamed, they are almost impossible to match to a child. **Please ensure that all pupil property is named.** We STILL have a large quantity of unnamed lost property, including jumpers and cardigans, bottles and even coats. Being responsible for your own property is a life skill and we ask that you reinforce this at home in order to keep lost property to a minimum.

Reception 2023

The 15 January deadline for applications is now very close and prospective parents are looking around our school all the time. Other than looked after children and those with an EHCP, siblings is right up at the top of the admissions criteria, but only if you apply on time. Don't forget that even if you already have children at Weston, you **must** apply for a Reception place if your child is due to start school next September. You could risk missing out on a place. [Apply via the Cheshire East school admissions website.](#)



Stars of the Week

In Celebration assembly we celebrate lots of achievements and successes and reinforce our understanding of the Secrets of Success. We also celebrate a star of the week from every class who has demonstrated the Secrets of Success in different ways. Here are most of the most recent stars.



ParentPay – Have You Missed Anything?

Here are the ParentMail communications since the last newsletter:

28 November – Friends of Weston non-uniform day

29 November – Reception Christmas performance

29 November – FAO Gold class parents

30 November – FAO parents who use The Hive

1 December – Term dates 2023/24

6 December – FOW Christmas quiz

6 December – Strep A and scarlet fever

7 December – Scarlet fever (UKHSA letter)

7 December – Christmas jumper and party day

Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Thomas Cutts

